

2009 NJ State 4-H Goat Show

*****CHANGES/IMPORTANT INFO – MUST READ*****

NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE TO RULES #1-4. THERE WILL BE A FORMAL VET CHECK PRIOR TO UNLOADING. ALL ANIMALS MUST HAVE LEGIBLE IDENTIFICATION THAT MATCHES THEIR HEALTH PAPERS. NO ANIMAL WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS WITHOUT LEGIBLE IDENTIFICATION AND MATCHING HEALTH PAPERS!!!! (ELECTRONIC ID IS ACCEPTABLE AS LONG AS YOU BRING THE READER.)

FOR THE THIRD YEAR, THERE WILL BE A SEPARATE JUDGE FOR THE MEAT AND FIBER GOAT CLASSES. MEAT/FIBER ANIMALS MAY BE ENTERED AT 8:00-9:30 AM OR 1:00-2:00 PM. MEAT/FIBER SHOW BEGINS AT 3:00 PM.

FOR THE SECOND YEAR, WE ARE HAVING MEAT/FIBER GOAT SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES. (IN PRIOR YEARS, THESE EXHIBITORS COMPETED IN THE SAME SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES AS THE DAIRY GOAT EXHIBITORS.) THERE WILL BE TWO CLASSES FOR MEAT/FIBER GOAT SHOWMANSHIP – JUNIOR (GRADES 4-8) AND SENIOR (GRADES 9-13). ALL EXHIBITORS MUST ENTER AT LEAST ONE SHOWMANSHIP CLASS. IF THEY HAVE DAIRY AND MEAT/FIBER GOATS, THEY MAY CHOOSE TO ENTER BOTH.

DOES IN THE MEAT GOAT CLASSES MAY BE ENTERED AS BREEDING OR MARKET ANIMALS.

THIS YEAR, MARKET MEAT GOATS WILL BE SHOWED BY WEIGHT. MARKET MEAT GOAT WEIGH-IN WILL BE 2:00-2:30 PM.

2009 NEW JERSEY STATE 4-H GOAT SHOW
Thursday, August 20, 2009
Hunterdon County 4-H and Agricultural Fairgrounds
Route 179 and 202, Ringoes, NJ

Dairy Goat Show

Check-in - 8:00 to 9:30 AM

Dairy Goat Showmanship begins at 10:00 AM

Meat/Fiber Goat Show

Check-in – 8:00 to 9:30 AM OR 1:00 to 2:00 PM (exhibitor's choice)

Market Meat Goat Weigh-In from 2:00 to 2:30 PM

Meat/Fiber Goat Showmanship begins at 3:00 PM

Show Chairperson: Mary Strauss

Show Secretary: Stephanie Foster

4-H Department Liaison: Chad Ripberger, County 4-H Agent

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Health Requirements

1. All goats entering the show must have a valid Certificate of Inspection (CVI) or Animal Health Certificate (AHC). The CVI or AHC must be presented at registration. Certificates should indicate that the animal did not originate from a herd with foot rot, sore mouth or any infectious or contagious disease. This statement must be written on the CVI or AHC. Inspection must take place on the farm where the animal lives.
 - a. Both forms are acceptable at the state show. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) can only be given to a member if the inspection is done on the farm – which is the most effective and recommended method. *Any animal housed outside of New Jersey must have a CVI form.* Otherwise, the Animal Health Certificate (AHC) will need to be used. *AHC's issued for an animal off of the animal's home site must be signed by the owner of the animal under the section entitled "Owner Certification".* The AHC is included with the Animal Health Recommendations recently sent by the NJ Department of Agriculture; a CVI is only available through the veterinarian *and is valid for a maximum of 30 days.* *The AHC may be validated for 30, 60 or 90 days.* Only the vet can determine if the certification is valid for 30, 60, or 90 days based on the condition of the animal
2. Goats shall be identified by USDA approved official identification.

- a. The goat must be identified individually on the CVI/AHC by ear tag or tattoo number.
3. All goats are subject to a visual health inspection by the designated livestock inspector prior to being unloaded. There are no exceptions.
4. Animals suspected of having a health problem must be removed from the show grounds immediately.

Show Rules and Regulations

Member Eligibility

5. This event is open to NJ 4-H members registered in the Goat Project. Youth must have been enrolled in grades 4 - 13 as of September 2008.
6. To be eligible to show at the NJ 4-H Goat Show, the exhibitor must be a 4-H member in "Good Standing" according to the State 4-H Standards as follows. S/he must have:
 - ❖ Attended at least 70% of regular club meetings.
 - ❖ Given a State, County or Club 4-H Presentation following the State 4-H Presentation Guidelines.
 - ❖ Been responsible for the physical care / training of the animal (s) to the fullest extent possible.
 - ❖ Each county is responsible for collecting and reviewing record books prior to their county show. All 4-H participants must have a completed record book prior to attending the state show. This is to be verified by the club leader and County 4-H Agent/Program Associate signatures' on the entry form.
7. Members must be enrolled with a 'Goat' project in some way (e.g. working with a project animal, lease/loaner project, etc.) and complete a project record book.

Animal Eligibility

8. The State Show is for all 4-H Goat project animals owned or leased as of May 1, 2009.
9. All wethers, except fiber breeds, will be judged as market meat animals.
10. In the meat goat classes, does may be shown as breeding or market animals.
11. Project animal must have pre-qualified at their county show with a very good or excellent rating. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member and leader to insure the animals entered fulfill these qualifications at the county level before participating in the State Goat Show.
12. The following breeds will be judged:

Dairy Goats:
Alpine
La Mancha
Nigerian Dwarf
Nubian
Oberhasli

Recorded and Unrecorded Grades

Saanen

Toggenburg

Fiber Goats (does and wethers)

Angora

Cashmere

Meat Goats (market – wethers or does; breeding – does only)

Boer, Boer Cross, Myotonic, Savannah, Kiko, etc.

Pygmy

Dairy wethers and dairy does > 24 months never freshened

13. Horned animals are only permitted in the Fiber and Meat animal classes.
14. 4-Her's whose animals are "Loaner Goat" project animals may show in showmanship and in all breed classes. The "Loaner Goat" project animal cannot be shared with another 4-H member. "Loaner Goat" registration forms should be filed in the county 4-H office by May 1 of the current project year. A copy of the Loaner form needs to accompany the State Goat Show Entry form.

Entering the Show

15. All entry forms must be **postmarked by Monday, August 10, 2009**. Members are to mail their entry form only after County Staff has signed the entry form. No late entries. Mail to:

**Mary Strauss, Show Chairperson
127 Lambertville HQ Road
Stockton, New Jersey 08559**

16. The **entry fee is \$15.00 per exhibitor, payable to Mercer County 4-H**. There is a \$25 returned check fee. No refunds.
17. Telephone entries will not be accepted. Entries cannot be made on the day of show.
18. Show substitutions for a sick animal of the same breed may be made at the discretion of the Show Secretary before the show as long as all other qualifications have been met.
19. The base date for computing animals' age is August 20, 2009.
20. Any doe 24 months or younger, which has never freshened, will compete in the Junior Division.

Preparing for the Show

21. Exhibitors will need to provide their own feed buckets, watering pails, hay, straw and feed.
22. In order to enter the Show Ring, exhibitors should be neat, clean, and appropriately attired. White clothing is standard for dairy goat showing. Dark pants may be worn by those showing fiber and/or meat animals. Name of exhibitor, county, club, or farm on any clothing or banners is not allowed in any case at or in the show ring.
23. All exhibitors are responsible for the care, control, and safety of their animals, as well as clean-up after them before, during, and after the show.

Showing in the State Goat Show

24. Dairy animals arriving the day of the show will be checked in between 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM. Meat and fiber animals may be checked-in from 8:00 – 9:30 AM OR 1:00 – 2:00 PM. No post entries will be accepted in any class including special classes.
25. In order to show, an exhibitor must participate in either a Dairy Goat or Meat/Fiber Goat Showmanship Class. (An exhibitor may compete in both dairy goat and meat/fiber goat showmanship classes if entering and showing both types of animals.)
There are two exceptions to this showmanship requirement:
 - an exhibitor is away at college or has a job and cannot attend.If one of these exceptions occurs, one project animal may be exhibited during a breed class by an eligible 4-H Goat Project member.
26. Dam and daughter do not have to be owned by one person. They must be entered separately and ownership indicated.
27. There will be no pre-show milkout. Over distention of the udders will be discriminated against by the judge.
28. County herds may consist of 2 does in milk, 2 dry does and 1 optional doe. This class need not be entered on entry form. The herd may be made up on the date of the show and may include any breed and type of goats. Any animal that has freshened at least once may be shown as a dry milker in her breed/age class. County herds may consist of fewer total animals, but may not have more than 3 milkers. County herds will be judged by the dairy goat judge in consultation with the meat goat judge.
29. If an exhibitor has more than one animal in the same class, then another 4-H member(s) must show the other animal(s). (Exceptions are those in college or having jobs that prohibit them from attending the show. One animal permitted per absentee exhibitor.)
30. The Danish System of judging will be used with ribbons awarded Excellent, Very Good, Good and Fair.

Ethics/Code of Conduct - incorporates National Code of Show Ring

Ethics

31. All 4-H'ers, parents and leaders are expected to be polite, sportsmanlike and properly attired. Any act of discourtesy, disrespect or disobedience to the judges, show officials, committee member or any other competitors, or failure to follow the rules shall cause the 4-H'er to forfeit participation and dismiss them from the grounds.
32. The NJ4-H Goat Advisory Council and the NJ 4-H Department Liaison will decide any infractions of ethics or Code of Conduct.
33. If requested by show official, be able to show proof of ownership, length of ownership, age of all animals entered, and other required records.
34. Exhibitors will care for and groom their own animals while at the fair or show.
35. Fitting by anyone other than the exhibitor of the animals is not allowed. Failure to abide will result in forfeiture of any awards earned by that exhibitor. If 4-H exhibitor is in need of assistance, he or she may request the help of another 4-H member.

36. Changing the animal's performance, natural contour, confirmation, or appearance through surgery, injection, or application of substances such as irritants, or counterirritants is prohibited. Substances may be used on hoofs or horns for appearance only.
37. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, show management, other exhibitors or breed representatives is prohibited at all times. Problems will be resolved through appropriate channels.
38. No one may conspire, contribute to, or cooperate with others to violate this code, either by their action or inaction.
39. Owner, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and participants are absolutely responsible for an animal's condition whether or not they did something in violation themselves or knew of treatment that violates the code.
40. Exhibitors consent to disciplinary action for violation of the Code of Conduct or the Code of Show Ring Ethics.
41. Exhibitors verify that they have read and understand the Code of Conduct and the Code of Show Ring Ethics, as well as the consequences and penalties for violations. Exhibitors understand that evidence of violation of any law will be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities.

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Dairy Goat Showmanship (10:00 AM)

1. Senior Showmanship- exhibitors in grades 9 to 13 as of September 2008
2. Junior Showmanship- exhibitors in grades 6 to 8 as of September 2008
3. Novice Showmanship- exhibitors in grades 4 and 5 as of September 2008

Meat/Fiber Goat Showmanship (3:00 PM)

4. Senior Showmanship- exhibitors in grades 9 to 13 as of September 2008
5. Junior Showmanship- exhibitors in grades 4 to 8 as of September 2008

Breed Classes

Dairy Breeds: Alpine, LaMancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, Grades (Recorded & Unrecorded), Sannen, Toggenburg.

Junior Classes

1. 0-4 months- born between April 20, 2009 and August 20, 2009
2. 4-8 months- born between December 20, 2008 and April 19, 2009
3. 8 - 12 months- born between August 20, 2008 and December 19, 2008
4. 12 - 24 months- Doelings not in Milk- born between August 20, 2007 and August 20, 2008
5. Miss New Jersey, registration papers required-dry doe under 24 months-born to and continuously owned by exhibitor. Unrecorded does are not eligible for this special class

Senior Classes

6. Under 2 years in milk
7. 2 years and under 3 years

8. 3 years and under 5 years
9. 5 years and over
10. Dam and Daughter (not necessarily owned by one person). If owned by different people, please note and state who owns the other doe. Dam and daughter must be shown in their individual classes.
11. Kohr's Trophy, registration papers required-first freshener only-bred by and born to and continuously owned as a 4-H project. Unrecorded does not eligible.

THIS YEAR, FIBER AND MEAT GOATS WILL HAVE A SEPARATE JUDGE FROM THE ONE WHO EVALUATES THE DAIRY CLASSES.

Fiber Breeds: Angora and Cashmere

Does and Wethers

12. 0-4 months- born between April 20, 2009 and August 20, 2009
13. 4-8 months- born between December 20, 2008 and April 19, 2009
14. over 8 months
15. Best of Two Head (Fiber) Any two animals exhibited in classes 12-14. To be judged on quality and similarity. May be owned separately.

Meat Goats: (DOES MAY BE ENTERED AS BREEDING OR MARKET ANIMALS)

Boer, Boer Cross, Myotonic, Savannah, Kiko, etc.

Breeding – Does Only

16. 0 up to 4 months
17. 4 to 8 months
18. over 8 months

Market – Wethers and Does

19. (will be three classes based on weight)

20. Best of Two Head (Boer, Boer Cross, Myotonic, Savannah, Kiko, etc.) Any two animals exhibited in classes 16-19. To be judged on quality and similarity. May be owned separately.

Pygmy

Breeding – Does Only

21. 0 up to 4 months
22. 4 to 8 months
23. over 8 months

Market – Wethers and Does

24. (will be three classes based on weight)

25. Best of Two Head (Pygmy) Any two animals exhibited in classes 21-24. To be judged on quality and similarity. May be owned separately.

Dairy Wethers & Dairy Does Over 24 Months Never Freshened

26. (will be three classes based on weight)

Entries must be postmarked by August 10, 2009 Date received by show staff _____
 No Late Entries



Send entries to: Mary Strauss, 127 Lambertville HQ Road, Stockton, NJ 08559
 \$15.00 entry fee per exhibitor payable to Mercer County 4-H - \$25 returned check fee.
 No refunds/ No Late Entries

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Please list your animals starting with your youngest animal first to the oldest animal, keeping breeds together in the order listed for the show.

Class Number	Breed of Goat	Name of Animal	Loaner Goat *Yes/ No	Birth date of Animal	REGISTRATION # OR FEDERAL ID TAG# (Required for all animals see rule #2)

* A copy of the Loaner Goat Form must come to the show.
 Ownership may be questioned, be prepared.

Dairy Showmanship: Novice _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

Meat/Fiber Showmanship: Junior _____ Senior _____

Club Leader Verification

- _____ Record Book complete to date
- _____ Presentation (club or county)
- _____ Club attendance
- _____ Project animals owned or leased by May 1st

Leader's Signature _____

Exhibitor's name _____

Address _____

Daytime phone _____ Grade 9/08 _____

County _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____

4-H Agent Approval _____

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