



April 23, 2024

Dear 4-H and FFA Goat Exhibitors;

Congratulations on enrolling in a goat project this year! This letter contains very important information about your project, so please read it carefully. ***Also, be sure to read the project guideline sheet found in your 4-H project record book.***

To be eligible for the 2024 Wayne County Junior Fair

1. Upload all possible animals you could take to the fair into 4-HOnline by **June 1st**
2. Complete Skillathon Interviews on **July 10th or August 7th**
3. Complete Quality Assurance Training **before July 24th**
4. Entries must be submitted by **August 1st** using FairEntry

Due to Scrapie Eradication Program, **all** goats including breeding, market, pygmy and pet must have a premise I.D. ear tag/tattoo/microchip (please see project guideline sheet for list of approved Scrapie identification). All goats exhibited at the Wayne County Fair must have their Scrapie tag/tattoo/microchip in place by **June 1st**. If your goat does not have a Scrapie tag/tattoo/microchip, see your breeder or vet before **June 1st**.

How can Quality Assurance be completed?

- April 11th at Fisher Auditorium starting at 6:00PM
- May 7th at Fisher Auditorium starting at 6:00PM
- June 4th at the Event Center starting at 6:00PM
- July 23rd at Fisher Auditorium starting at 6:00PM (a \$25 fee will be charged) (last chance to complete QA)

Market Goat rate of gain check-in will be June 4th at 6:30pm. This year's 4-H / FFA Goat Clinic will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 from 7pm – 8:30pm in the Coliseum at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Information about health, showmanship, and much more will be presented during the clinic.

What to expect on the night of Skillathon judging?

- One-one interview
- Hands-on activity: completing a Drug Use Notification Form and treatment record sheet from a given scenario
- Project books will be graded please visit go.osu.edu/livestockrecordbooks for the list of pages that need to be completed

What's New for 2024

- Utility Goat Classes Revamped (new rules)
 - **Class 01 - Pet Wether** - Will not do obstacle course – will only show in a pet class.
 - **Class 02 - Harness Wether** - Wether in harness but not hitched to cart. Member has to have trained the wether.
 - **Class 03 Cart Class** - Wether in harness and cart. Member has to have trained the wether. Goat must be at least 3 years old.
 - **Class 04 - Pack Goat Class I** - Goat must be halter broke & a pack is required. Goat will be led with a lead on a halter through a short obstacle course.

- **Class 05 - Pack Goat Class II** - Goats in this class must weigh in upon arrival at the fair. The committee will add 10% of the goat's body weight to the pack & the goat and member will navigate the obstacle course. Goat must be at least 3 years old.
- **Class 06 – Pack Goat Class III** - all goats older than 5 years old. Goat will carry a pack through the obstacle course, but there will be no weight in the pack.

Other important dates:

- **Goat Butterfat Collection** will be held on August 1st from 6:00pm-7:00pm at the Goat / Sheep Arena, Wayne County Fairgrounds
- **Goat Carcass Live Show:** August 24th @ 9 am – Goat / Sheep Arena, Wayne County Fairgrounds
- **Goat Carcass Results Show:** August 28th 6:00 pm 3D Meats, Dalton, Ohio
- **Pre-Fair Goat Youth, Parent's, and Advisor's Informational Meeting:** Wednesday, September 4th – 6:00pm Fairgrounds Goat/Sheep Arena
- **Wayne County Fair Goat Check In:** Thursday, September 5, 2024, check-in 5:00pm-8:00pm
- and Friday, September 6, 2024, check -in 9:00am-8:00pm
- **Market Goat Show:** Saturday September 7th 10:00 am
- **Dairy Goat Show (including Dairy Market):** Tuesday September 10th 8:00 am
- **Pygmy Goat Obstacle Course Classes:** Tuesday September 10th 1:00 pm (no earlier)
- **Pygmy Goat Show:** Wednesday September 11th 8:00 am
- **Market Goat Auction:** Wednesday September 11th 1:00 pm

Good Luck! I hope you enjoy your goat project this year!

Sincerely,

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Ag. TEACHERS: PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO YOUR FFA GOAT MEMBERS