

Wayne County 4-H 2023 Goat Carcass Rules

Live Show Date: August 26th 9:00am

Check In Times: 8:00am-8:45am

Where: Wayne County Fairgrounds
Sheep/Goat Arena

Hanging Results Date: August 30th 6:00pm

Results Show Held at: 3D Meats

1. All the general rules and requirements of the traditional Jr Fair program pertain.
2. Entries in Carcass Classes are limited to 4-H and FFA members enrolled in a local 4-H club or FFA chapter.
3. Carcass goats are to be identified in the 4-H Online system by the June 1 animal ID deadline.
4. Carcass goats must be entered on a Jr. Fair entry and submitted online by August 1 (only 1 goat may compete in Carcass Contest). Make Jr. Fair entry in Goat Department
5. Carcass goats will be shown live Saturday, August 26th at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, immediately following the Sheep carcass live show. Carcass viewing will be Wednesday, August 30th at 3-D Meats in Dalton at the same time as sheep carcass contest viewing.
6. A letter will be emailed to all Market Goat exhibitors in August with further details.
7. All Carcass Contest goats will be processed at 3-D Meats in Dalton. Members must have a buyer or expect to keep the animal unless they are a Champion or Reserve Champion carcass. (Please note Champions will be sold at the fair and will not go back into the family's custody). Any member who does not claim custody of the carcass within 30 days of the contest will not be allowed to participate in the contest the following year.
8. All members enrolled in the goat carcass contest project should complete the 4-H or FFA record book and must complete the Skillathon Interview Judging and Quality Assurance to meet ODA livestock quality assurance and Wayne County Jr Fair rules.
9. This is a terminal contest – no exceptions.
10. Carcass Contest scoring shall be as follows:
 - ❖ Carcass Merit 90%
 - ❖ Handling 10%
11. Then goat with the greatest number of points after the two scores are added will be declared the Grand Champion.
12. Goats must weigh a minimum of 60 pounds at check-in to be eligible to place. If the goat is underweight, it may still be processed and graded but it will not be ranked in the results show.
13. Underweight, under finished goats and overweight, over finished goats in the carcass project will have deductions applied at the judges discretion.



RULES FOR CONDUCT OF CARCASS SHOW (Live Evaluation Part)

1. All goats **must be shown** by the Wayne County 4-H or FFA member who enrolled in the project, unless member submits a medical/school or sports excused absence request.
2. Members must submit an excused absence request and video of members ability to handle and lead the animal. Excused absence request maybe be submitted online at <https://go.osu.edu/goat-sheep-excused-absence-form>. Then a video must be submitted on <https://flip.com/waynecounty>. **Join Code: waynecounty**
3. Excused absence form and video must be submitted no later than **Wednesday, August 23rd**. If member does not submit excused absence request AND video, they will forfeit 10% of final placing, since 10% will be based on your ability to handle and lead the animal.
4. Members must wear clean clothes and solid shoes or boots in the show ring. Goats will be shown in an order determined by the Goat Committee.
5. All goats will be slick shorn at home. Fitting and grooming are not scored and is discouraged.
6. Goats will be scanned at the live show for a backfat thickness score.

RULES FOR CONDUCT OF CARCASS SHOW (Cooler Evaluation Part)

1. All animals judged live will be transported for slaughter by the committee.
2. Judging of carcass will be based on a combination of Backfat Score, USDA Quality and Yield Grades.
3. Goats will be graded, and the appropriate stamp rolled.

SALE OF CARCASS CONTEST GOATS

1. The Champion & Reserve Champion carcasses will be sold at the Wayne County Fair live goat sale.
2. The buyers of the Grand & Reserve Champion carcasses will be responsible to pick up the frozen retail cuts.
3. If you pre-sell your carcass to a buyer and you should receive Grand or Reserve Carcass
you must tell your buyer that they will have to purchase it at the sale or make other arrangements for buying another carcass.
4. All goats will be processed and cut identically.

