



May 1, 2023

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 2023 Wayne County Junior Fair

1. Upload all possible animals into 4-HOnline by **June 1st**
2. Complete Skillathon Interviews on **June 15th** or **June 19th**
3. Complete Quality Assurance Training **before July 26th**
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**.

Quality Assurance Training will take place from 6pm – 7pm in the Event Center on Tuesday, June 6, 2023. If you are attending the QA session, please RSVP at go.osu.edu/2023wcqa.

How else can Quality Assurance be completed?

- May 9th at Fisher Auditorium
- May 20th at the Hammer Time Clinic (\$10 entry fee)
- July 19th at the last chance QA (a \$20 fee will be charged)
- At any of the clinics (exhibitors only need to attend one QA session)

Market Goat rate of gain check-in will be June 6th at 6:30pm. This year's 4-H / FFA Goat Clinic will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 from 7pm – 8:30pm in the Coliseum at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Pack Goat Course practice, and information about health, showmanship, and much more will be presented during the clinic.

Skillathon Interviews will be held on June 15th and 19th from 6:30pm-9:00pm at the Event Center, Wayne County Fairgrounds (Exhibitors only need to attend one night).

What to expect on the night of Skillathon judging?

- One-one interview
- Matching parts of a medicine label (see resource book for study materials or advisor)
- Thank You note activity (more information to come)

What's New for 2023

- Wayne County Fair Goat Check in time changes:
 - Thursday, September 7, 2023, check-in **5:00pm-8:00pm** and Friday, September 8, 2023, check-in **9:00am-8:00pm**
- Weight changes for the following
 - For Wayne County Bred, Born & Raised, regular show and carcass contest for **Meat Market and Dairy Market Goats**
 - Meat market goats must weigh a minimum of **60 pounds** and **not exceed 120 pounds**
 - Dairy market goats must weigh a minimum of **60 pounds** and **not exceed 140 pounds**
- Utility Goat Classes Revamped (no goats older than 5 years old may participate in Pack Classes I & II):
 - Pet Wether – 1st year with wether
 - Harness Class – must harness goat & navigate through cones
 - Cart Class – must harness goat to a cart & navigate through cones
 - Pack Class I – 1st year in Pack Goat; pack required, but no weights added to pack; navigate obstacle course
 - Pack Class II – 2nd year or more – pack required; Committee will add 10% of the goat's body weight to the pack. Must weigh in at check-in.
 - Pack Class III – All goats over 5 years old – will only carry a pack (no weight) through course
- Age changes for Meat Breeding Boer Doe & Specialty Doe Classes, Pygmy Doe and Wether Classes
 - Section 70 Class 1 Boer Doe **3-5 months birthdate 4/1/23 to 6/1/23**
 - Section 81 Class 1 Pygmy Doe **3-5 months birthdate 3/1/23 to 6/1/23**
 - Section 82 Class 1 Pygmy Wether **3-5 months birthdate 3/1/23 to 6/1/23**
- For animals whose official identification is with a tattoo
 - If your tattoo becomes illegible, you must contact the breeder, a committee member, or OSU Extension Staff for assistance retattooing.
 - Tattoos cannot have wet ink at check in and must be completed in time for when animal ID is due on June 1.

Other important dates:

- **Goat Butterfat Collection** will be held on August 1 from 6:00pm-7:00pm at the Goat / Sheep Arena, Wayne County Fairgrounds
- **Goat Carcass Live Show:** August 26th @ 9 am – Goat / Sheep Arena, Wayne County Fairgrounds
- **Goat Carcass Results Show:** August 30st 6:00 pm 3D Meats, Dalton, Ohio
- **Pre-Fair Goat Youth, Parent's, and Advisor's Informational Meeting:** Wednesday, September 6 – 6:00pm Fairgrounds Goat/Sheep Arena
- **Wayne County Fair Goat Check In:** Thursday, September 7, 2023, check-in 5:00pm-8:00pm
- and Friday, September 8, 2023, check-in 9:00am-8:00pm
- **Market Goat Show:** Saturday September 9th 10:00 am
- **Dairy Goat Show (including Dairy Market):** Tuesday September 12th 8:00 am
- **Pygmy Goat Obstacle Course Classes:** Tuesday September 12th 1:00 pm (no earlier)
- **Pygmy Goat Show:** Wednesday September 13th 8:00 am
- **Market Goat Auction:** Wednesday September 13th 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