

2020 Ashland County 4-H & FFA Goat Project Requirements

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Reminders for 2020

LaMancha goats need to be tail web tattooed

Possession Date

All livestock projects must be in the care and possession of the 4-H/FFA member by **June 1**.

All Market goats must be born AFTER January 1, 2020.

Market goats may be wethers or doelings

Tagging/Weigh In

• Dehorning and banding or castration must be done **prior** to tagging/weigh-in or the goat will be ineligible. Horns are allowed per breed standards on all meat goat breeds, angoras and pygmies. All dairy goats, including market dairy goats, shall not have horns. Some horns may have regrowth. If you are unsure if your goat has a regrowth, please contact a Goat Committee member well **before** fair time.

Scrapies identification:

All goats, no matter what age or breed, including market goats, will be required to have Scrapies identification. This is a ruling from the United States Department of Agriculture. If you purchase a goat, they should already be tagged or tattooed. If not, be sure to read below.

Scrapies identification requirement may be met by:

☆ Registered Goats with registration papers that are microchipped or have a permanent tattoo. **Any goats with tattoos that cannot be read will be turned away and unable to show.** Registration papers **MUST** be present to verify the microchip or tattoo.

☆ Unregistered goats must have a Scrapies ear tag. If your goat does not have a Scrapies tag, you can call 1-866-USDATAG and they will assign you a premise number and tell you the approved vendors to buy scrapies tags from. [https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/sheep-and-goat-health/national-scrapie-eradication-program/CT To Order Ear Tags](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/sheep-and-goat-health/national-scrapie-eradication-program/CT>To%20Order%20Ear%20Tags)

Required to Complete Project/Show/Sell at Fair

1. **Member must belong to a 4-H Club/FFA Chapter and be enrolled in a Goat project.**
2. All members are encouraged to attend a goat clinic. Members will be notified as they are scheduled.
3. **Must complete Quality Assurance Training by August 14, 2020 and turn in a Drug Use Notification form at fair weigh-in.** This training is offered through your 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Other QA trainings may be accepted but contact the Extension office to find out for sure if they qualify. Proof of QA attendance must be provided to the Extension Office by August 19, 2020.
4. **Must complete Interview Judging.** Members will be evaluated by their 4-H Club/FFA advisor using a rubric grade sheet and earn a superior, excellent, good or needs improvement grade as their performance dictates. Satisfactory completion of the project record book will be a large part of this grade. These evaluations will take place at the 4-H Club/FFA Chapter level in July/early August. Advisors are to turn in the rubric grade sheets at the Extension Office by 4pm on Tuesday, August 25.
5. **Members must participate in the Goat Skill-a-thon virtually.**

6. **Must complete an accurate Junior Fair Entry by August 14, 2020. These will be done on-line this year and members will receive an email with instructions.**

Junior Fair Exhibit Rules

Ashland County Fair goat registration and weigh in for market goats for the will be Sat. Sept. 19, 2020 in the goat barn from 8 am-8 pm. Goats will not be penned until all required paperwork is turned in and tags and identification are checked. All stall assignments are final.

1. Members may bring up to two Dairy market and one Meat market goat or one Dairy market and two Meat market goats. No more than three market animals may be brought to the fair, regardless of species.
Exhibitors may only sell one Dairy market and one Meat market goat. Each Junior Fair member may only sell two market animals total, regardless of species.
2. Boards will be provided above each pen for tack. All feed and tack must be in a lidded container.
3. Exhibitors are responsible to ensure their animals are registered in the proper lot for show day on Sat. September 19 at check in. Each exhibitor will initial their final entry form.
4. All decorations shall be attached only to the existing barn or to you own pen. They cannot interfere with another exhibitor's pen.
5. No buck goats will be allowed on the fairgrounds. Bucklings under 10 weeks of age on lactating does are the only exception.
6. Only animals listed on the Junior Fair entry form may be brought to the fair.
7. Health papers are not required for goats. However, animals appearing to have a contagious ailment, as determined by a veterinarian, must immediately be removed from the fairgrounds with the vet's permission. The examination fee will be paid by the goat's owner.
8. Animals must be kept clean, fed and watered for the duration of the fair. Pens should have the manure cleaned out regularly and fresh bedding added as needed. In order to keep a clean barn, the committee will have a daily check. If the cleanliness of your pen is determined to be not acceptable, it will be bedded at \$5 per goat. It will be documented and deducted from your check. Non-market goat members will be billed by the goat committee.
9. Each exhibitor must clean all of their own pens at the time of release. Any exhibitor who fails to clean their pen will be billed \$25 per pen by the goat committee.
10. You must show your own animal. If the exhibitor is showing other species that day, the exhibitor must be present to show at the proper time. If you have only one animal in a class, you must show it yourself. If you have 2 goats in the same class, another Junior Fair exhibitor may show one for you. For back to back classes, have someone bring your second goat to the show ring and trade animals.
11. Livestock that has not been sold through the Jr. Fair auction or turned may not be removed from the fairgrounds before the release time stated in the Jr. Fair Book. Doing so will result in forfeiture of all premiums and the possibility of being banned from exhibiting at the Ashland County Fair.

Pygmy and Angora Notes

- ❖ Pygmy and Angora breeds may have horns as breed characteristics.
- ❖ Recommended show ring apparel for all pygmy and Angora members is neat and clean casual attire. Pants and button down shirt is recommended. No bare midriffs.
- ❖ Show Equipment required for pygmies is collars and short leads, preferably black or brown.
- ❖ Angoras are shown by the horns. Angora kids may be shown in halters.

Meat Breeds, Dairy Breeds and Meat or Dairy Market Goat Requirements

- It is required that all Dairy, Dairy market and Meat market goats, with the exception of harness goats and meat does, be given a full body clip prior to coming to the fair. No body clips should be done on the fairgrounds.
- Members entering the Born and Raised Market Goat Class must turn in the Born and Raised entry form by August 10.
- Pinch collars are not permitted at the fair.
- Members with market goats or lactating goats please see Quality Assurance requirements.
- Members with milking does will have a milking stall in the goat barn. Each family will get one stall.
- Meat does may have horns as breed characteristics.
- Show ring apparel is clean and neat with button down, collared shirts that are tucked in to long pants. No bare midriffs. Ringmaster may ask the exhibitor to leave if dress is not acceptable.
- **All market goats must be weighed in on Saturday, September 19, 2020 from 8 am to 8 pm** in the goat barn to be eligible to show in the sale class.
- During weigh in registration at the fair, each market goat exhibitor will be given a **sale card**. **This card must be completed and turned in to a Goat Committee member by Wednesday,** September 23 at 5pm even if you only have one goat. On the card, the member must indicate which goat is selling in the sale and what will be done with the second goat (going home or turn). No goat will be turned without being identified on the card. Both the member's and a parent's signature will be required. If an exhibitor fails to turn in a sale card, the Goat Committee will decide which goat sells.
- **Market goats must weigh a minimum of 50# at the fair weigh in with a maximum weight of 110#.** Any underweight or overweight market goats may show in their respective class but will not be eligible to sell. These animals must be turned or taken home at the end of the fair.
- Dairy market and Meat market goat will be broken down into classes by weight.
- Any goat with any percentage of any meat breed must show in the Meat breed classes.
- Rate of Gain winners will be named for Dairy market and Meat market classes.
- Classes will be offered for does and wether market goats.
- Commission will be taken from each member's check by the Sale Committee for sold and turned goats to help pay for the sale expenses and building improvements.

For additional Ashland County Fair information, requirements, and rules, refer to the 2020 Ashland County Junior Fair Book and State Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules.

Please contact a Goat Committee member if you need assistance or have questions.

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2020 Pack and Harness Goat Requirements—Revised 1/20

All Pack and Harness Goats must also adhere to the Possession Date, Scrapies, Required to Complete Project/Show/Sell at Fair and Jr. Fair Exhibit Rules listed on general goat requirements.

Pack--Training a goat to carry a pack for you can be fun along with hiking outdoors. A well trained pack goat provides companionship on the trail and carries items for you.

Equipment: a pack, collar halter, and a lead for your goat

There are 2 types of packs:

- **Soft Pack:** such as a dog backpack
- **Cross Buck Pack:** a goat saddle pack
- The amount of weight a goat can pack depends on it's age and condition.
 - ★ Goats 6-12 months of age can carry 10% of their body weight.
 - ★ Goats 2 years and older in good body condition can carry a full load cross buck pack.
 - ★ Remember to include the weight of the pack when you weigh the load your goat is carrying and distribute the weight of the pack so the weight is equal on both side.

Training:

- **Basic voice commands** such as Whoa or Stop, Walk or Go, Wait, Over, Under, Up, Down
- Teach goat to jump over low objects, climb steps, walk over bridges, cross water, etc.

Showing:

Beginner Pack: Goat's first and second year in pack class, carries soft or cross buck pack with 10-20% of it's body weight in pack.

Advanced Pack: Goat's third year and beyond in pack class, cross buck pack with 30-40% of it's body weight in pack.

All years will lead the goat with it's pack through an obstacle course. Scoring is based on: Appearance of animal and exhibitor, pack and weight, performance, and time.

Harness--A goat that is trained to pull a cart is called a harness goat.

- **Beginner Harness:** Goat's first year or two in training. Goats are to have a working or training harness or a halter modified to accommodate driving reins. Goat will respond to voice commands such as Whoa/Stop, Walk/Go/Forward, Back, Left, and Right.
- **Intermediate Harness:** Goat's third and fourth year in training. Goats must be harnessed and pull an empty cart or wagon with the exhibitor walking behind the cart using the reins and voice commands to direct the animal.

Advanced Harness: Goat's fifth year and beyond of training. Goats must be harnessed and pull a person driven cart or wagon.

All years will be asked to demonstrate maneuvers. Scoring is based on the appearance of the animal and the exhibitor, cart and harness, and performance.