2024 Ashland County 4-H & FFA Goat Project Requirements
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Reminders for 2024

- **NEW: Member AND parent/guardian must attend at least one of the two goat clinics.**
- **ALL goats must have official Scrapies identification-a Scrapies tag or tattoo with registration papers. This will also serve as their Fair tag and be used to identify them in 4Honline.**
- **NEW: ALL goats must be identified under the member's 4Honline profile by June 1.**
- **Quality Assurance training is mandatory for anyone taking a living, breathing animal project to the fair. Must complete QA by June 1.**
- **Any leased animal must have a lease form uploaded in the member's 4Honline profile under that animal. NO MARKET ANIMAL MAY BE LEASED.**

Possession Date is June 1

- [ ] 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, 2024.**
- [ ] Market goats may be wethers or doelings

Tagging

- If your goat already has an 840 EID ear tag in when purchased, DO NOT REMOVE IT!   It is against the law to remove an 840 EID tag.
- The official USDA Scapies identification tag (or tattoo with registration papers) will be used to identify the goat in 4Honline. A Scrapies tag has the US shield on it and states "unlawful to remove". If you are uncertain if your goat has the correct type of tag in, please contact a Goat Committee member or the Extension Office.

SCRAPIES TAG

- 4-H/FFA Members must enter and identify the animal under the member's profile in 4Honline by June 1. **The entire Scrapies tag number, both lines must be entered. EX: OH-XXXX 1234** . Upload front, left and right side pictures of your animal. Animal Identifier picture must include a view of the 840 EID tag or the Scrapies tag/tattoo and the TAG/TATTOO MUST BE READABLE in the picture.

• Dehorning and banding/castration must be done by June 1.

• 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 and may need to be kept trimmed. If you are unsure if your goat has a regrowth that needs trimmed, please contact a Goat Committee member well **before** fair time.

•Each member may tag and identify in 4Honline/FFA link up to 4 meat market goats and up to 4 dairy market goats.

•Any Identification tag lost must be reported to the Extension Office within 24 hours.

•**Lamancha market goats will need to have the flock ID (OH-####) and the individual animal ID tattooed on the tail area or Scrapies tag on their collar. This adjustable collar must be on the animal and visible for the picture uploaded into 4Honline. The collar must also be on the goat at check in for the fair. If tattooed, the tail tattoo needs to be legible. Each market animal will need to have pictures uploaded that show the tail area tattoos and a separate picture with the animal with the Scrapies tag number uploaded.**

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 since it is unlawful to remove a goat from a premises without Scrapies identification. If your goat does not have a Scrapies tag (or tattoo with matching registration papers), contact the breeder immediately.

Scrapies identification requirement may be met by:

➢ Registered Goats with registration papers may be 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 tag.

Family Market Goat

• Families may tag a "family goat(s)" for the number of exhibitors in the household. A family goat can be used as one of the exhibitor's project animals should that member's original project be unfit to show. Animals unfit to show must be verified by a licensed Veterinarian. There is a maximum of 4 lambs per exhibitor that may be tagged.

• The family situation, if different from mother/father/children living under one roof, must be reviewed and agreed upon by the Committee prior to the registration of the animal. As defined by the ORC 901-19

• When entering your animal(s) tag number online, each child in the approved family must list their primary goat/goats and the "family goat/goats." in their 4Honline profile.

• The clerk of the committee will be notified at the time of unloading at the fair in September, which child, if any, is using a "family goat."

Required to Complete Project/Show/Sell at Fair

1. **Must be a member in good standing in a 4-H Club and be enrolled in a goat project or a FFA member with a goat project. 4-H members may enroll at https://v2.4honline.com/ Deadline to enroll and eligible to show at the fair is April 15.**

2. **All participants bringing a living, breathing animal to the fair must complete Quality Assurance training by June 1.** QA training will be offered by Ashland County on several dates. 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 Ext. Office by June 1.

3. **Must enter and identify your goat(s) in your 4Honline profile.** See more details under tagging above.

4. **Members must participate in the Ashland Goat Skill-a-thon**. Participation at the in person Ohio State Fair Goat Skill-a-thon will complete this requirement. Participation in any other skill-a-thon will not be accepted.

5. **Must complete Interview Judging.** Members will be evaluated 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. You must bring current, up to date records for this year's project to judging.

6. **Must fill out an accurate Jr Fair Entry online through the Jr. Fair office by the August deadline. Fair entries will open in July. Watch the 4-H email newsletter for exact dates.**

7. **Member AND parent/guardian must attend at least one of the two goat clinics. Clinics are scheduled for May 9 and May 21 at 6 pm in Mozelle Hall on the Fairgrounds.**

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

- It is required that all Dairy, Dairy market, and Meat market goats be given a full body clip prior to coming to the fair. No body clips should be done on the fairgrounds.
- Pinch collars are not permitted at the fair.
- Show equipment can include neck chains or halters.
- Each family with a milking doe(s) will have one milking stall in the goat barn.
- Meat does may have horns as breed characteristics.
- Show ring apparel is clean and neat with button down, collared shirts that are tucked into long pants. No bare midriffs. Ringmaster may ask the exhibitor to leave if dress is not acceptable.
- **Market goats must weigh a minimum of 50# at the fair weigh in to sell.** Any underweight 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.

- 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.

Pygmy and Fiber Goat Notes

❖ Pygmy and Fiber Goat breeds may have horns as breed characteristics.

❖ Recommended show ring apparel for all pygmy and Fiber goat members is neat and clean casual attire. Pants and a button-down shirt are recommended. No bare midriffs.

❖ Show Equipment required for pygmies is collars and short leads, preferably black or brown.

❖ Fiber goats are shown by the horns. Fiber Goat kids may be shown in halters.

For additional Ashland County Fair information, requirements, and rules, refer to:
•**2024 Ashland County Junior Fair Book**
•**State Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules at: https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901-19**

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

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2024 Pack Goat Requirements
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All Pack 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

A well-trained pack goat provides companionship on the trail and carries items for you. Training your goat to carry a pack for you can be fun along with hiking outdoors. Suggested proper dress, not mandatory, for pack show day is hiking clothes.

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, hard—made out of wood or similar material

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% 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/exhibitor, pack and weight, performance, and knowledge.