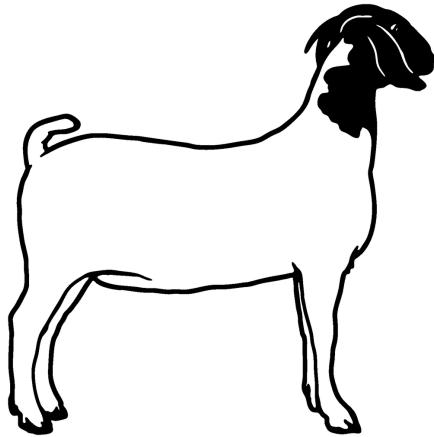


2026

Stark County Junior Fair Market and Dairy Goat Rules



YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN ENTRY!!
Entries will only be accepted through
Fair Entry online.

DEADLINE: JULY 24, 2026 by 11:00 pm
NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

Web Page: www.starkcountyjrfair4h.com

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Dairy and Market Goat Rules

Stark County Junior Fair – OVERALL General Rules for ALL Species

The Stark County Junior Fair operates under the authority of and in conjunction with the Stark County Senior Fair Board. The Junior Fair Board is a department of the Stark County Fair with its own objectives. These objectives, in many instances, require rules or guidelines that differ significantly from those of other Stark County Fair Departments.

Any boy or girl enrolled in a Stark County Youth organization is eligible to participate in the Stark County Junior Fair. They must abide by the rules and age limitations of said youth organization (4H, FFA, Grange, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.)

1. To participate in 4H activities, youth must comply with the State 4H membership policy. 4H eligibility begins at age 5 (and in kindergarten as of January 1) and ends December 31st of the year in which they attain the age of 19.
2. Exhibitors in 4H classes must be enrolled in 4H club work in Stark County. Exhibits must be from 4H projects approved by the State or Local Extension office.
3. All members are encouraged to show in open class events.
4. Health rules for the livestock exhibits are the same as those governing all open class exhibits. Health papers must be shown, if requested, to the proper person before an animal is assigned a stall.
5. The Board of Directors of the Stark County Agricultural Society will, to the best of their ability, safeguard persons, livestock and articles on the grounds, but will not be responsible for injury, damage, disease, theft or loss of any kind.
6. Animals released due to illness or injury must have a signed release from the Fair Veterinarian, Junior Fair Coordinator and/or Barn Superintendent. Any animal removed without proper permission will be subject to 1-year suspension for the exhibitor.
7. Members are required to clean stalls or pens daily and maintain a neat and presentable area. Failure to keep the area clean or properly feed and water livestock may result in the committee withholding payment.
8. Anyone assisting with showing another exhibitor's animal must be enrolled as a current 4H or FFA or other youth organization member in Stark County.
9. All animals must remain on exhibit at the fair until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, the last day of the fair.
10. All animals sold remain the property of the member and in the member's care until Fair release time, 4:00 p.m., Monday, the last day of the fair. *Please be advised, some market animals may be released to contracted Livestock Brokers prior to the 4pm release time.*
11. Animals sold are not eligible to be shown again by that exhibitor or any other 4H or FFA member in any Junior Show in the County or State or Independent Fair in the calendar year. All Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market animals are terminal**. **Does NOT apply to the Dairy Beef Feeder project**
12. Exhibitors are responsible for their own veterinary bill.
13. Veterinarians assigned to the Fair for check-in will decide all matters of health, presence of disease and stall release.
14. The Fair Board will provide ribbons and/or appropriate awards. If the budget is exceeded, the Fair Board reserves the right to prorate cash premiums.

15. Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H (clubs) and Vocational Agriculture (FFA) or be members of either organization. However, those involved in both must carry separate and distinct projects, including different animals and/or products, for each organization. Examples of distinct projects include Sheep Breeding, Market Lambs, Pullets, and Broilers. The same or similar animals or products cannot be exhibited in both organizations, even if classified under different projects or programs. Additionally, an animal or product may not be shown in more than one county in 4-H or FFA classes.
16. Stark County youth programs and the Junior Fair Board will not condone the use of alcohol or drugs by any of its members, volunteers or anyone else associated with the Junior fair. The Junior Fair Coordinator, Junior Fair Board advisors, FFA advisors, Extension office and the Senior Fair Board will contact parents or legal authorities to handle individuals caught using or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
17. In the event that a project animal dies after the designated possession date, members will not be permitted to replace the animal for the purpose of exhibition or sale in any Junior Fair event.
18. **All Entries are Due at midnight By or July 24th - NO EXCEPTIONS - No Changes will be permitted after entry deadline.**
19. A junior livestock show exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show. An exhibitor may receive assistance in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show, provided that the assistance shall be limited to explanation or demonstration provided by the following: Family members (as identified in OAC Rule 901-19-31); Household members; Advisors or adult volunteers of 4-H or FFA in the exhibitor's club or county; Agricultural education instructors; County extension agents; Department representatives; Veterinarians; Members of the exhibitor's 4-H club, FFA chapter, or other youth organizations; and Guest speakers of the 4-H, FFA, or other youth organizations. Additionally, a current Stark County Junior Fair exhibitor may assist. This rule applies to all projects entered in the Stark County Junior Fair show during the Stark County Fair from September 1, 2026, to September 7, 2026. Violation of this rule will result in the animal being ineligible for sale. * Any person not specified in paragraph (B) of OAC Rules 901-19-31 who provides assistance to a junior livestock show exhibitor shall register in writing with the sponsor. The responsibility to register rests with the exhibitor. An assistant may register for more than one exhibitor. Failure to register constitutes grounds for disciplinary action against the exhibitor. Assistance shall be limited to explanation and minimal demonstration.
20. No one may handle a Junior Fair exhibitor's animal(s) without the exhibitor's permission, except in an emergency. Committee members are permitted to handle animals as part of their regular duties, including during the show, sale, weigh-in, photos, loading, and unloading.
21. **Judges' Decisions are Final.**
22. Any Medical/School excuses must be submitted in writing to the Committee Chair and Junior Fair Coordinator.
23. **ALL Junior Fair Exhibitors are REQUIRED to attend a QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) CLINIC by JUNE 1 before the fair. Exhibitors who do not complete this requirement will be ineligible to show at the fair or bring a carcass.**
24. **Exhibitors must complete an online DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF) for all market and lactating animals before the show. Failure to comply WILL result in disqualification from showing. This requirement is mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture under Ohio Revised Code 901-19-06 and 901-19-07. All Junior Fair livestock must be free of drug residues on the first day of the fair unless otherwise noted on the DUNF. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their market animals until the fair concludes, the drug withdrawal period ends, or if the animal is placed under quarantine.**

Junior Fair Livestock Barn Superintendents (Subject to Change)

Beef	Amber Shoemaker	Danny Schmucker/Justin Durkin
Dairy	Justin Durkin	Dan Farnham/Ashley Royer
Goat	Jill McNeil	Mikayla Durkin/Dave Stock
Horse	Mikayla Durkin	Dan McCracken/Justin Durkin
Poultry	Julie Nicholas	Justin Durkin/Ashley Royer
Sheep	Dave Stock	Jill McNeil/Drew Kissel
Swine	Mikayla Durkin	Sarah Yungen/Julie Nicholas
Rabbit/Cavy	Jill Sterling	Drew Kissel/Mikayla Durkin

(Please refer to the Fair Book for contact information or leave a message at office@starkcountyfair.com)

I. Market and Dairy Goat Rules

1. A Junior Fair Exhibitor can exhibit goats as follows: A FIRST-YEAR exhibitor can enter a maximum of TWO breeding, one harness or pack, and/or two market animals (1 dairy market and one meat market OR 2 Dairy Market OR 2 Meat Market)
2. A SECOND-year exhibitor can enter a maximum of THREE breeding, one harness or pack, and two market projects (any combination of dairy market or meat market or both)
3. A THIRD-year exhibitor can enter a maximum of FOUR breeding, TWO pack or harness, and TWO market projects (any combination of market projects)
4. A FOURTH year and above can enter up to SEVEN (7) breeding animals. TWO pack or harness, and TWO market projects (any combination of market projects)

ALL EXHIBITORS ARE LIMITED TO TWO ENTRIES PER CLASS/SUBCLASS AS APPROPRIATE.

5. Dairy Breeds - Saanen, Toggenburg, Nubian, Alpine, LaMancha, Oberhalsi, Nigerian Dwarf, Sable, or Crossbred of any of these. Should show strong Dairy breed lines of sire.
6. All goats must be tattooed or Scrapie tagged with a letter or number for ID purposes. Consult your veterinarian. Tattoo must be legible at tag-in and fair check in. All goats must be in compliance with the USDA guidelines for the Scrapies Traceback Program. The goat's tattoo

must match the goat's registration papers or it must have a Scrapie tag. A microchip is only to be used if the tattoo is illegible (per ADGA rules) Any goats not in compliance will be sent home. Any goats that are specifically LaMancha or LaMancha Cross that have ears too small to keep an ear tag must have a tag attached to a collar permanently riveted on. Please see the [ADGA supplemental ID policy](#) pertaining to microchips.

7. Goats with extra teats will be graded, but this could be cause for disqualification in competition.
8. Violations of any rules listed in this packet may result in disciplinary action up to and including exclusion and/or removal from fair activities, as deemed appropriate by the Junior Fair Goat Committee and Junior Fair Coordinator.
9. For Dairy Classes, any purebred or high grade nationally recognized dairy breed may be exhibited, including crossbreed dairy goats.
10. **NO BUCK GOATS** allowed at the fair.
11. Decisions of the judge are final.
12. Thank you notes for buyers must be turned in to the committee by **SUNDAY AT NOON** at the front of each goat barn in Mailbox to the committee. If you have multiple buyers, you must fill out a thank you note for **EACH BUYER**.

THANK YOU CARDS MUST BE:

- **FILLED IN AND ADDRESSED WITH THE RETURN ADDRESS AS WELL**
- **TURNED IN UNSEALED, TO BE DEEMED ACCEPTABLE.**
- **BLANK CARDS WILL BE RETURNED TO EXHIBITORS**
- **BE PROPERLY DONE AND TURNED IN BY DEADLINE.**

13. Jack-Pronged style collars will be permitted. The Goat committee reserves the right to deny a collar if it does not meet the standard or is inhuman.
14. If your goat has a microchip, you must provide your own reader as needed (tag-in, fair check-in, etc.) Microchip reader MUST stay on the fairgrounds the whole week of the fair and be available to the barn superintendent. Acceptable microchip placement is at the underside of the tail or base of the ear, between the skin and cartilage, near where the ear meets the head.
15. **Horn Rule Update/Change (2026):** Dairy market and meat market does and wethers should have been disbudded or have their horns cut back to approximately 1 inch in length. However, if shown without being disbudded, they must have horn tips cut off in a blunt manner. Dairy production animals must be disbudded or dehorned, with scurs limited to a maximum length of 2 inches measured from the base of horn at the skull. A scur would be defined as a small, horn-like growth of tissue that can appear on the head of goats, after disbudding. **The committee reserves the right to reject and SEND HOME animals whose horns are deemed unsafe.**
16. All exhibitors are responsible for the feeding and care of their animals daily, until the animal has left the fairgrounds, Fresh, Clean water must be available at ALL TIMES. If care of goats (feed, water, and clean pens) is not being done, a warning will be issued to the 4-H'er and parents
 1. 1st offense = written warning and contact 4-H advisor
 2. 2nd offense = Meeting with a goat committee member, Jr. Fair coordinator, and goat barn superintendent

- 3. 3rd offense = 4-Her cannot show a goat at the next fair (ineligible for the next year from taking any goat project)
- 17. NO supplies will be provided this includes but is not limited to hay, feed, buckets, brushes, bedding, etc. **If at any time a barn wheelbarrow or shovel is made available, items are to be returned to the designated committee area. Items are to stay in that designated barn and NOT to be removed from said barn.**
- 18. Exhibitors must maintain a clean pen area throughout the fair.
- 19. All animals should be clean, clipped, and have hooves trimmed.
- 20. You may display your name and club name if it is sturdily placed out of reach of animals. Please Note: Any and all decorations are to have the ability to be removed. **You may not glue, screw, tape, or drill through the metal pens for the purpose of decoration.** All displays must remain intact until 6:00pm on the load out day.
- 21. On Load out day, the goat barns close from 4:00-6:00 pm to everyone EXCEPT committee members.
- 22. On Show and Sale Day exhibitors MUST be next to their pen $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour BEFORE the show/sale begins. They must check in with the barn attendant prior to going to the show ring. They will also be expected to check in with the ringside attendant before going into the show ring.
- 23. Exhibitors will be given a FIRST CALL and a FINAL CALL, if you are not in attendance, you will be required to show in Showmanship on Friday. Regarding the Market classes if you cannot attend you are required to find another Stark County 4-Her / Jr Fair member to be at your pen and be ready to show your animal as well as inform the Goat Committee.
- 24. Exhibitors may bring a pen mate, if space allows. Animal must be stalled in your assigned pen. This animal WILL NOT be considered a 4H project. *Pen-Mates MUST be entered on the Fair Entry System as a **COMPANION GOAT AND MUST HAVE A SCRAPIE TAG.***
- 25. If there is not a Fair Entry properly entered for your animal, you will not be able to bring your animal to the fair.

II. Purchase and Possession

Project animals must be in the exhibitor's possession before June 1, exception being Junior Kid which must be in the exhibitor's possession before July 1.

III. Tagging In

- 1. All Market projects must be tagged in at the Stark County Fairgrounds. No other tag will be permitted except SCRAPIE ID TAGS, NO BLUE "SLAUGHTER ONLY" TAGS YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO UNLOAD OR TAG-IN THE ANIMAL. All other tags will be removed during tag-in EXCEPT **Scrapie Tags.**
- 2. A \$3.00 fee will be assessed for each market animal tagged in at this time. Wethers must be castrated by tag-in. If the animal is not castrated, it will not be tagged and will be disqualified for the upcoming fair. Exhibitors may tag up to FOUR market goats; you can only exhibit TWO (2) Market goats at the fair.
- 3. If the committee has any concerns about your animal, you will be given a slip with the concern listed and a list of area veterinarians to assist you as well as a date for when the issue must be taken care of by. The committee will schedule a follow-up visit to check on the progress of said concerns.
- 4. There is an optional, by appointment only, Tag-In the Thursday before Tag-In. This Tag-In is

reserved for exhibitors who are participating in a livestock show or clinic. Appointments are made by contacting by calling or texting a committee member.

IV. Skill-A-Thon

1. Skillathon date = _____ A make-up skillathon test will be available the Monday before skillathon. If you are unable to attend skillathon, the online skillathon make-up needs to be requested by _____. The online make-up must be completed by _____. **If you do not make up your skillathon by _____ you may not enter/show your animal at the fair.
2. You will have the opportunity to take an exam and compete for a high score in your age bracket. There will be a designated area to take the exam. NO PARENT HELPERS will be allowed. Special cases will need to be brought to the attention of the committee (example being a test needs to be read to the individual). A minimum score of 70% is required to be considered for High Score of any category. Ambassador applicants must score 80% or higher to be considered for that position.
3. An optional Make-Up test, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, will be the Monday prior to the Skill-A-Thon for exhibitors wanting to compete for High-Score awards AND have an educational event or a livestock show. After the Saturday Skill-A-Thon the makeup will be prior to the fair, however NOT count toward High Score awards.
4. Ambassador Interviews will be held following the Skill-A-Thon.

V. Clinic

A clinic will be offered. This can include a showmanship, grooming, and or nutrition portion. It is open to all exhibitors but highly encouraged for first- and second-year members.

VI. Carcass

Weigh-In: Monday August 24, 2026 @ 5:00pm- 7:00pm (Posters are due)

Cooler Evaluation: Wednesday, August 26, 2026 @ 5:00pm

The Carcass contest is to be conducted at Don's Custom Meats, 7400 June Rd. Waynesburg OH 44688

1. All members entered in this class must be enrolled in a Market Goat project. In order to receive awards, exhibitors must complete the Market animal project requirements.
2. Grand and Reserve Champions and the next three places will sell through the Junior Fair Auction. Members must make and display a poster in the Goat Barn during the fair. Poster size minimum is 11"x 17", it must be made by the 4-Her, it should to be turned in at Carcass weigh-in, and this poster should be educational in nature. The top FIVE exhibitors must have their photo taken by the Fair Photographer with their ribbon and their poster during our designated photo time, during the week of the fair. This photo will be given to the buyers at the sale.
3. Members will be permitted to exhibit one (1) animal in the carcass contest. Each exhibitor will sell carcass as freezer meat. It will be the sole responsibility of each exhibitor to find a buyer, negotiate a price, collect payment, and make sure that the buyers contact the processor (Don's Custom Meats) with directions for packing.
4. Champions will be assessed 8% of the sale price plus \$15.00 and Reserve Champions 5.5% of the sale price plus \$15.00. Places 3rd-5th will be assessed \$15.00. The

commission fee will be deducted from the proceeds of the auction. Buyer pays all processor fees.

5. Processing charges must be paid upon pick up at the processing plant. The buyer pays these charges. It is the buyer's responsibility to arrange pick up of processed meat.
6. All goat projects entered must have a Stark County Ear Tag and any animals unloaded must be slaughtered.
7. Carcass Evaluation for goats will be held at the processing plant, Don's Custom Meats, on Wednesday, August 26, 2026.
8. To participate in this class, you will need to create an entry when completing your entries in the Fair Entry Program prior to the July deadline.
9. If for any reason you are unable to fulfill the Showmanship requirement for Market animals to sell, you will need to notify the committee and you will be assigned an essay. Essays will be divided by age.
 - Ages 9-12 (Beginner and Junior) = 250 words
 - Ages 13 & up (Intermediate-Senior) = 500 words

VII: Haul In

1. Project animals are to be brought to the fairgrounds on Monday of the Fair between the hours of 3:00 pm - 8:00pm. All goats are to be in place no later than 8:00pm. Weigh-In will be run during these hours. After unloading, please have your animals weighed. All animals will be checked for length of horns at this time, please see Rule #15 for specifications on length. Any questions prior to the fair should be directed to a committee member or Junior Fair Coordinator. Committee member contact information can be found on the last page of this packet.
2. The committee will be checking for the presence of infectious diseases (ex. Abscesses, Caseous Lymphadenitis (CL), ringworm, etc.) and coats/jackets/tubes must be removed at the time of arrival.

Exhibit Classes: All ages are as of the current Show year:

Class 1 - Dairy Kid- Purebred or high-grade Dairy Goat

- 1A- Junior Kid- Born after April 1
- 1B- Intermediate Kid- Born between March 1 and March 31
- 1C- Senior Kid- Born between January 1 and February 28

Class 2 - Yearling- Purebred or high-grade Dairy Goat

Any Dairy Doe that is over 8 months and under 2 years of age. It must have never freshened, and if pregnant, be less than two months pregnant by the end of the fair week. Exhibitor would be responsible for any problems that may occur.

Class 3 - Dairy Goat Production- Purebred or high-grade Dairy Goat. Must have freshened in current year.

- A. Does in Milk 2 years and under
- B. Does in Milk 3-5 years old
- C. Does in Milk 6 & up
- D. Mother Daughter-Mothers must be in milk. Both animals must be entered in an individual class.

Class 4 - Fiber Goats- To participate in this class these animals must be a wether or a doe and a recognized Fiber breed (i.e., Angora, Cashmere, etc.) You must annotate the sex of the animal on your entry. These animals will show during the Dairy Production show which will be Friday of the fair. Horns are allowed per the registration requirements of the breed. Committee reserves the right to divide into age classes upon receiving entries.

Class 5 - Pack Goat

- A. Beginner- (1st year) animal must be on a leash or collar.
- B. Intermediate (2nd year) Animal must have an empty pack and go through obstacles.
- C. Advanced (3rd year & up) Animal must have packs. Those packs should be able to hold a minimum of 20% of the animal's body weight. These animals should be weighed at check in.

For specifications on Pack weight requirements, see pages 141-142 of the Goat Resource Handbook

Class 6 - Harness Goat (for more information on the harness goats please refer to the Goat Resource Handbook, pg 136 -137)

It is recommended that the same animal be used for the duration of the four-year project. You should select a kid from a strong, quiet, gentle family line. Your first-year harness goat must be a wether born early in the current year.

- A. First Year:** Animal must be halter broken, led with a lead strap, and respond to voice commands (stop, go, left, and right).
- B. 2nd Year:** Same as first year, PLUS use a harness and pull an empty cart.
- C. Third Year:** Same as previous two years PLUS pull a child driven cart. Respond to commands of stop, go, left, right, back, while pulling cart through an obstacle course.
- D. Fourth Year:** All the above PLUS become creative to show your ingenuity, possibly adding more harness goats to your cart.

Note: These classes will show AFTER the Dairy Production classes on Friday of the Fair.

Class 7 - Meat Production Doe

- A. Doe Kid
 - a. Junior Kid (Born April 1 and later)
 - b. Intermediate Kid (Born March 1 - March 31)
 - c. Senior Kid (Born January 1- February 28)
- B. Intermediate & Yearling
 - a. Intermediate- 8 months to a year, must never have freshened.
 - b. Yearling- Does 1-2 years old, must never have freshened and if pregnant be less than two months along by the end of fair week.

- C. Production Does- 2 years and older- If pregnant be less than two months along by the end of fair week.
- 1. Meat Production Classes will be shown the same day as the Market Goat Show and exhibitors should show in that day's showmanship classes.
- 2. Horns will be permitted for MEAT PRODUCTION DOES.

Class 8 - Market Goat Classes

A. Dairy Market Goat- To participate in this class, goat must be a wether and must be 100% dairy goat, meaning both parents are dairy breeds. NO meat breed crosses will be exhibited in this class. Wether must be born after January 1 of current year. There will be a Grand and Reserve Champion in this class. Dairy Market goats will not compete against Meat Market Goats.

B. Meat Market Goat- To participate in this class, goat can be a wether or a doe, and must have at least one parent that is a meat breed, such as a Boer, Kiko, etc. Animal must be born After January 1 of the current year. There will be a Grand and Reserve selected from this class. Meat market animals will not compete against Dairy Markets.

C. Stark County Born & Raised Meat Market Goats

Born & Raised goats are to be declared at tag-in with a completed Verification Form (page 15). Animals will be tagged in a different colored tag, and it will be annotated on the tag-in sheet.

- 1. Goats must be born in Stark County. The breeder must sign an Affidavit stating the animal was born on their property, they must list the Scrapie Tag number. This form is to be turned in at Tag-In in June. You will find this form on page 15 of this rules packet and on the Jr. Fair Website. Please print one out for your breeder to fill in. **Please note: You must have a different form for each animal you are entering in this class.**
- 2. Born & Raised Goats will show in a separate judging than market. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected.
- 3. Animals will be shown by weight.
- 4. The top five animals of Born and Raised will compete against the top five market animals.
- 5. This contest is open to Meat Market goats only.
- 6. Upon doing the online entries TWO separate entries must be done for these animals, One for Meat Market and One for Born & Raised.

Exhibitors MUST participate in their designated market classes. Four goats per exhibitor may be tagged. Only two from the market class (either 2 Market or 2 Meat Market or one dairy and one meat market) can be exhibited at the fair.

Market weight classes will be determined after weigh-in. Market goats will need to weigh a minimum of 50lbs and a maximum of 120lbs. Market goats that are underweight will not be permitted to participate in the Market show or the Market Livestock sale. Market goats that are underweight will NOT be permitted to stay on the fairgrounds and must be loaded up and taken back home.

Over-weights will not be allowed to compete for Grand and Reserve Champion but may still show and sell.

All market champions must be hair and urine tested immediately following show by the veterinarian.

The committee reserves the right to send unhealthy animals home with a minimum vote of half the committee members. The Fair Vet has the final decision in sending home unhealthy animals

All market goats must still have their milk teeth at the time of fair. (Milk teeth retained by goat kids until permanent teeth are acquired by adulthood.) Before weigh-ins goats will be checked for the presence of their milk teeth. If milk teeth are not present, goat will not be permitted to participate in the market show or sale but will be permitted in the Showmanship competition.

Dairy Goat 24 Hour Milk Production Competition

1. This animal must be entered in one of the Dairy Production classes on Friday of the Fair.
2. Initial milk out will be on Tuesday night @ 8pm. No milk weight will be recorded at this time. Two more milkings will be Wednesday at 8am and 8pm both milkings will be weighed and added for the 24-hour weight total. The exhibitor needs to check-in for milking within 15 minutes of designated milking times with the Goat Milking Committee. Failure to adhere to these times is grounds for elimination from the competition.
3. The animal will be milked by the 4-Her either manually or by machine. If you milk by machine, you must provide your own machine. If the 4-Her isn't able to milk their animal, they need to be present at least one milking.
4. Two committee members will be present for all milk out and at each milking to organize, weigh, and record weights. The 24- Hour milk weight will be used to determine places. There will be a Top Producer, 2nd, 3rd, and so on.
5. In the event the doe kicks the bucket, or it is spilled, the 4-Her will have the option to either continue with the amount of milk left in the bucket or withdraw from the competition. The Top Producer is the doe that milks the most weight in milk for the 24-Hour period. All other places will fall in line based on total milk produced. They will sell throughout the sale on Saturday.
6. Entries will be divided into two classes, Large Breed and Small Breed. Large Breed: Lamancha, Nubian, Toggenburg, Kinder, and all mini versions of these large breeds. Small Breed: Nigerian Dwarf.
7. Milk production entries must have photos taken for the sale. Top producer will be assessed \$15.00 plus 8% of the sale price, 2nd (Reserve Producer) will be assessed \$15.00 plus 5.5% of the sale price. All others will be charged \$15.00 commission for the sale. Participants in this class will also be assessed a \$10.00 Milk Production Contest fee that will be taken out of their final check.
8. Upon totaling milk weight from competition, any basket meeting a minimum weight for small breed = 1.0 lb, minimum weight for large breed = 2.50 lb will be auctioned on

Saturday September 5, 2026 during the goat auction. The 4-Her will have a basket of products totalling the amount of milk that their animal produced to sell at the Junior Fair Livestock Auction. All project requirements MUST BE met to sell (ie. Project Book, Show, Showmanship, and Skill-A-Thon). No other entries will be sold at auction.

9. An entry must be completed for this competition in Fair Entry.

VII. Showmanship

Showmanship Classes- Exhibitor's age as of January 1, current year.

- Senior- Ages 16-and up
- Intermediate- Ages 13-15
- Junior- Ages 9-12
- Showmanship will be separate for Dairy Market (Tuesday Show) and Harness, Pack, and Fiber (Friday show)
- Junior ages 9-13 years
- Senior ages 14 & up
- First Year Beginner- Ages 9-12
- First Year Novice- Ages 13 & up

Showmanship classes may be changed at the discretion of the Junior Fair Goat Committee. Dairy Goats and Market Goats have separate showmanship classes. Exhibitors must show their own animals in the showmanship classes.

Only (1) Champion Goat Showman will go to the Showman of Showmen contest. SHOWMANSHIP IS MANDATORY FOR ALL EXHIBITORS UNLESS THE EXHIBITOR IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN ANOTHER JUNIOR FAIR SHOW ANOTHER ONE OF THEIR PROJECTS. If there is an issue it should be brought to the attention of the committee. **IF EXHIBITOR DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE SHOWMANSHIP, MARKET PROJECTS, INCLUDING DAIRY PRODUCTION BASKETS AND CARCASS PROJECTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SELL.**

Appropriate dress for showmanship classes:

- Market goat exhibitors are required to wear a collared, button shirt; dark pants are recommended.
- Dairy goat exhibitors are required to wear a white shirt and white pants.
- NO club shirts are to be worn.
- The Market Goat Showmanship event is on Tuesday, with photos in the Coliseum at 3:00 PM and the show beginning at 4:00 PM in the Swine Arena.
- Dairy Goat Showmanship is Friday, at 10:00am in the Swine Arena.

Market Livestock Sale

1. All Market goats must be sold at the fair and will be sold by the pound.
2. The Champion Market goats will be assessed \$15.00 plus 8% of the sale price, Reserve Champions will be assessed \$15.00 plus 5.5% of the sale price. All others will be charged a commission of \$15.00. Milk production will be charged the same as above with the Top Producer considered the Grand Champion and the second place being considered the

Reserve Champion.

ALL MARKET CHAMPIONS MUST BE SLAUGHTERED. THIS INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING: MEAT MARKET CHAMPIONS, BORN & RAISED CHAMPIONS, DAIRY MARKET CHAMPIONS, AND OVERALL MARKET CHAMPIONS.

LOAD OUT – Please READ!!

1. Market animals going to the processor or broker may be loaded and gone anytime after 11:00 pm on Sunday night. These animals will be loaded by the goat committee members only.
2. Pens cannot be cleaned out during load out times. The barn will be closed to the public and exhibitors from 4:00pm-6:00pm during load out.

ONLY COMMITTEE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN.

3. Pens CANNOT be cleaned out unless your animal has left the grounds. Stall cards MUST stay put for identification purposes. Food and water MUST be available to your animal until they leave the grounds.
4. ALL PENS (including Dairy Barn Pens) must be cleaned out by the Friday following the fair by 6:00pm. If pens are not cleaned out by this deadline, the 4-Her will be fined \$50 per pen. If you fail to clean your pen and fail to pay your fine, you will not be allowed to show a goat at the fair the next year.

IMPORTANT DATES/TIMES:

Meetings are Monthly 1st Monday of the Month 7pm @JRFB

MARCH 2026

- 2** Application for Goat Scholarship due
- 15** 4H Enrollment due

JUNE 2026

- 6** Tag-In 9:00 am Fairgrounds, Location TBD, PLEASE FOLLOW DESIGNATED TRAFFIC PATTERN.
- 6** Goat Ambassador applications due. Interviews to be scheduled.
- 28** Goat clinic and Skillathon day; Goat Ambassador interviews following Skillathon

JULY 2026

- 24** Fair Entry Deadline 11pm

AUGUST 2026

- 24** Carcass Goat Weigh-In 5:00pm - 7:00pm (Posters are also due)
- 26** Cooler Evaluation @ 5:00pm Location: Don's Custom Meats
- 31** Check-In for Fair: 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm. WEIGH IN INCLUDED.

SEPTEMBER 2026

- 1** Pictures 3pm (prior to Market Showmanship)
Location: Photo Backdrop near Beef Barn
Included in pictures: Milk Production Contest and Top 5 Carcass Winners
Market & Dairy Market Showmanship – 4pm in Swine Arena
Market and Dairy Market Show to follow
Meat Production Doe Classes to follow the Market shows.
- 4** Dairy Showmanship 10:00am
Dairy Production Show-Following Showmanship
Fiber Goat, Pack Goat, and Harness Goat Show
Peewee and Alumni Show
- 5** Junior Fair Livestock Auction, BellStores Arena

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Born & Raised Verification Form

This is to verify that _____ (exhibitor name) purchased this goat _____ (scrapie tag number, please put complete scrapie number.) from a breeder in Stark County. By signing this form, the breeder and exhibitor verify that this goat kid was born in Stark County.

This form is to be turned in at Tag-In – the first Saturday of June, in the current year. You **MUST** have a separate form for each animal to compete in Born & Raised. If the form isn't turned in at Tag-In of the current year the exhibitor **WILL NOT BE** eligible for the Born & Raised Class.

There will be an award given to the Champion & Reserve Champion Breeders.

Breeder Name: _____

Breeder Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Breeder Phone #: _____

Breeder Signature: _____

Jr Fair Exhibitor Name: _____

Exhibitor Signature: _____

 or  "I as the breeder, would like to be listed as a county breeder for future reference."
(Yes or no)