

**Date:** March 15, 2022

**To:** 4-H Goat Project Members and Leaders

**From:** Autumn Converse, Program Coordinator, 4-H Youth Development

**Re:** 2022 Goat Project Important Information

This is a quick update on the events that will take place for the 2022 fair season within the goat department. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact the MSU Extension Office at 269-467-5521. Please note that the information contained in this letter is subject to change.

## 2022 4-H Goat Project

- ❖ **NEW Evaluations System for 2022:** All livestock exhibitors will be required to complete an evaluation (interview and record book) and Skill-A-Thon for each species they exhibit. These will take place on Sunday, September 18, 2022.
- ❖ To compete in the 4-H Carcass Goat class, the goat must weigh a minimum of 70 lbs. If not a minimum of 70 lbs. the goat will be sent home at weigh in.
  - More information to come about the Carcass Contest.
- ❖ Every market goat must weigh a minimum of 60 lbs. at time of weigh-in on Saturday, September 17, 2022. Underweight animals are ineligible for market classes and cannot sell in the auction but can stay for showmanship.



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## Reminders:

- Market Goats
  - Dairy Market Goat project animals are limited to the following breeds: Alpine, LaMancha, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen and Toggenberg.
  - Non-Dairy Goats are any goat that is not included above Example: Boer, Angora, Fainting, etc. or crossbred with a dairy breed.
- Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) requires all goats that are moved off the farm for sale or exhibition to be **ear tagged** with a USDA Scrapies ID tag. This is a USDA required program that is designed to be able to identify any animal back to its source if necessary. There is no testing requirement for Scrapies at this time. Anyone purchasing goats should make sure the seller has tagged them prior to sale. If you raise goats from your own herd you should contact the MDARD at 1-800-292-3939 to get a premises identification number. Once you have the premises number call the USDA at 1-866-873-2824 to get your tags.

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Event or Deadline	Date(s)	Comments
Possession Deadline	<b>June 1</b>	
Initial weigh-in, tagging and registration	Tuesday, June 7, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. or Thursday, June 9, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weigh in will be at the east end of the Goat Barn at the Fairgrounds.</li> <li>• Animals must have their USDA scrapies ID tag <b>in the ear or embedded under the skin if the animal does not have ears.</b></li> <li>• Only the scrapies ID tag and the 4-H neck ID tag are allowed on the animal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each member may tag up to 3 goats but may only show 2 market goats at fair. Family tagging is allowed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Entry forms due for Carcass Contest	Thursday, June 9, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to the MSU Extension Office or at weigh-in</li> </ul>
Fair registration & weigh-in	Saturday, September 17, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Market goat must weigh a minimum of <b>60 lbs.</b> at time of weigh-in or it will be ineligible for market classes. Can stay for showmanship.
Evaluations and Skill-A-Thon	Sunday, September 18, time TBD	<b>Required for all exhibitors</b>
4-H Market & Breeding Stock Show	Monday, September 19, 8:30 a.m.	Livestock show arena <b>(*See fairbook for Rules and Show Order)</b>
4-H Small Animal Sale	Thursday, September 22, 10:00 a.m.	Order of sale: goats, chickens, turkeys, rabbits
Goat Obstacle Course	Saturday, September 24, 12:00 p.m.	Questions directed to Bonnie Alvarado.
Animal Load-out & Barn Clean-up	Sunday, September 25, 5:30 a.m.	<b>All members</b> must clean and help put away the pens