

**Date:** March 19, 2021  
**To:** 4-H Goat Project Members and Leaders  
**From:** Eva Beeker, Program Coordinator, 4-H Youth Development  
**Re:** 2021 Goat Project Important Information



**PLEASE NOTE THAT CHANGES MAY OCCUR TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

**2021: All animals must remain on the trailers until told to unload. All members and adults must also remain in their vehicles until told to unload. Masks are required for all persons at weigh-in events. Superintendents have the right to refuse services the day of weigh-in if above is not adhered to.**

## 2021 4-H Goat Project

- ❖ To compete in the 4-H Carcass Goat class, goat must weigh a minimum of 70 lbs. If not a minimum of 70 lbs. the goat will be sent home at weigh in.
- ❖ Every market goat must weigh a minimum of 60 lbs. at time of weigh-in on Saturday, September 18, 2021 or it will be sent home.
- ❖ **\*\*New For 2021:** Pet Goat Class: See the 2021 Fair Book for description and requirements.



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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: Boar, Angora, Fainting, etc. or crossbred with a dairy breed.
- Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) requires all goats that are moved off the farm for sale or exhibition to be **ear tagged (NO TAIL TAGS!)** 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 MDA 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	June 1	
Initial weigh-in, tagging and registration	Tuesday, June 8, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. or Thursday, June 10, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Each member may tag up to 3 goats. Each member may SHOW 2 market goats at fair.	<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.</li> </ul>
Entry forms due for Carcass Contest	Thursday, June 10, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to the MSU Extension Office or at weigh-in</li> </ul>
Carcass Contest: Live Evaluation	Sunday, September 12, 2021 11:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the fairgrounds</li> <li>• Minimum weight of 70 lbs. to participate or it will be sent home.</li> <li>• Attendance of the member is required to compete.</li> </ul>
Carcass Contest: Carcass Evaluation	Tuesday, September 13 , 6:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At <b>Butcher Bobs</b>, in LaGrange, IN</li> <li>• Attendance of the member is required to compete</li> </ul>
Fair registration & weigh-in	Saturday, September 18, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Market goat must weigh a minimum of <b>60 lbs.</b> at time of weigh-in or it will be sent home.
Skill-A-Thon	Sunday, September 19, <b>2:00 - 5:00 p.m.</b> <b>*Note time change</b>	<b>Required</b> – First Come/First Serve Basis.
Interviews	Sunday, September 19 <b>9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</b> <b>*Note time change</b>	<b>REQUIRED</b>
4-H Market & Breeding Stock Show	Monday, September 20, 8:30 a.m.	Livestock show arena <b>(*See fairbook for Rules and Show Order)</b>
4-H Small Animal Sale	Thursday, September 23, 10:00 a.m.	Order of sale: chickens, turkeys, rabbits, <b>goats</b>
4-H Goat Costume Contest	Saturday, September 25, 1:00 p.m.	Open to any 4-H member exhibiting a goat at fair. Theme: <b>“Moov’in and Groov’in”</b>
Goat Obstacle Course	Saturday, September 25, immediately following Goat Costume Contest	Questions directed to Bonnie Alvarado.
Animal Load-out & Barn Clean-up	Sunday, September 26, 5:30 a.m.	<b>All members</b> must clean and help put away the pens