

DATE: August 18, 2023

TO: All 4-H Members Who Registered to Enter a Goat in 2023 4-H Carcass Goat Contest and all 4-H Goat Project Leaders

FROM: Kayla Michell, 4-H Youth Development Program Coordinator

RE: Eligible 4-H Carcass Goat Contest Participants

Contest entrants include:

NAME

1. Memphis Bielski - Added 8/23/23
2. HallieAnn Holtz
3. Ben lobe
4. Jakson lobe
5. Noah lobe
6. Zak lobe
7. Joshua Klein
8. Valerie Klein
9. Tyler Robbins - Added 8/23/23
10. Zachary Sowards-Haack
11. ~~Jasper Johnson - Deleted 8/23/23~~
12. ~~Kurtis Sechler - Deleted 8/23/23~~

Alternates in order of eligibility:

- 1.



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Attention Participants: It is your responsibility to call the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office right away if you decide to drop out of the program for any reason.

Following is information on the 2023 4-H Carcass Goat Program:

1. The purpose of the program is to provide members with an opportunity to learn about the relationship between live animal evaluation and carcass composition and quality.
2. Entry in the contest will be limited to ten (10) members on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than 10 members submit entry forms, selection of the 10 participants will be based on a combined "factor" of member age plus years in project, with older youth with more years of project membership taking precedence over younger members with less project experience.
3. Only one (1) goat may be entered per participant.
4. A given member may, if desired, exhibit a carcass goat and one (1) individual market goat from among the goats registered in his/her name.
5. **Attention!!!** 4-H members participating in this contest **MUST** attend the Carcass Goat Evaluation Workshop on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 (see details on page 2) in order to receive a premium and any associated awards. Any member who fails to meet this requirement will have his/her animal disqualified from the contest.

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6. The weigh-in/drop off portion of the carcass contest is scheduled for **Saturday, September 9, 2023**. Weigh-in times are **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** for all species.
7. The ***Carcass Goat Evaluation Workshop*** will take place on **Tuesday, September 12, 2023** at **5:30 p.m.** at Bontrager's Custom Meat Processing, 53541 Correll Rd., Leonidas, MI.
8. Each participant in the Carcass Goat Contest will be responsible for arranging for "private treaty" sale of his/her goat before the contest. A ***4-H Carcass Goat Processing Information Sheet*** is available at https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_fair#carcass. This form must be filled out completely, signed by the buyer and turned in when the member unloads the goat for weigh-in at the fairgrounds on September 9. The processing information is needed by Bontrager's Custom Meat Processing in order to process (cut and wrap) the carcass according to the buyer's specifications. **Exception:** The Champion and Reserve Champion goat carcasses **MUST** be sold in the 4-H Small Animal Sale on Thursday, September 21, 2023. Therefore, when making arrangement for "private treaty" sale of a goat, you need to be sure your buyer understands the carcass will be sold in the Small Animal Sale if it wins Champion or Reserve Champion honors.
9. It will also be the member's responsibility to inform the "private treaty" buyer of the carcass that the buyer will be responsible for the slaughter/processing costs, which will be payable to Bontrager's Custom Meat Processing as well as picking up the processed carcass.

Please feel free to call me at 269/467-5511 if you have any questions regarding information contained in this letter.

Enclosure

c: Bontrager Custom Meat Processing

Thank You's For Contest Support:

Each member who exhibits an animal in the 4-H Carcass Goat Contest is required to write a "thank you" letter to **Bontrager Custom Meat Processing** to thank this business for the vital role it plays in making the 4-H Carcass Goat Contest possible.

- "Thank you" note must include complete donor address, your return address and must be affixed with a \$0.66 postage stamp.
- Attractive 4-H "thank you" note stationery (including a stamped envelope) will be available for sale at \$2.00 each at the 4-H Fair office starting on Sunday, September 17.

Deadline for Submitting "Thank You" Note: Completed "thank you" note **must** be turned in to the 4-H Fair Office by 10:00 p.m. on **Saturday, September 23**.

Penalty for Not Submitting "Thank You" Notes: Your fair premium check will be held at the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office until your "thank you" note has been submitted in a properly prepared, stamped envelope.

The mailing address for **Bontrager Custom Meat Processing** is as follows:

Bontrager Custom Meat Processing
c/o Willie Bontrager
53541 Correll Rd.
Leonidas, MI 49066