**2016 Dairy Goat Information Sheet**

Prepared by the 4-H State Fair Dairy Goat Show Committee and the Center for Youth Development

This information sheet gives details on the rules for this year’s Minnesota State Fair 4-H Dairy Goat Show. Although some counties may follow slightly different guidelines, these rules will apply at the state level.

**NOTICE:** ANIMALS WILL NOT NEED TO BE ID’D PRIOR TO FIRST FRESHENING. ANIMALS CAN BE IDENTIFIED FOR THE FIRST TIME AT ANY AGE.

**OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

- Ownership Requirements for All Animal Science Projects are uniform for Beef, Cats/Pets, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Dog, Horse, Lama, Meat Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine. Animals must be owned solely by the 4-Her or the 4-Her’s family. The family includes the 4-Her’s parents/guardians and siblings living together as a family unit. The definition of family includes an extended family where the animal may be owned by grandparents as long as the 4-Her’s parents are actively involved with and working on the farm. Animals owned in partnership with non-family members (as defined above) must be leased and follow guidelines within the lease agreement. Lease agreements must be submitted by May 15 with 4HOnline data. Market animals (with the exception of prospect calves) cannot be leased.

**OWNERSHIP CLARIFICATIONS 2016**

- With the new Online ID process, 4-H families are no longer able to identify animals as a family group. They might, for example, have identified a number of animals as being owned by the “John Doe Family.” Under the new Online ID process, families will need to enter each animal in one of 4-H member’s profiles. A good rule of thumb might be to break all animals to be ID’ed up such that each family member gets about the same number if animals ID’ed in their name. For example, if the John Doe Family is ID’ing 12 barrows and there are three siblings in the John Doe Family, you might consider putting 4 barrows in each sibling’s name. It is also a good practice to put at least one animal under each sibling. The determination of which sibling exhibits which animal at the County Fair can then be delayed until the ID checkpoint at County Fair. It is at the County Fair ID checkpoint for each species that animals must be declared by a specific sibling and cannot be switched to another sibling after that.

- The same animal cannot be identified by more than one 4-H family unit. Let’s say a livestock production operation is a partnership between two brothers – both having children in 4-H. The cousins in this example must identify different animals. They might identify several as the “John Doe Family” and several others as the “Jim Doe Family.” But the same animals CANNOT be identified by both families. Let’s say a similar operation is owned by two unrelated partners. In this case the same philosophy would apply. Each family may identify any number of animals but NO animals can be identified by both families. The exception to this rule is in Horse, Dog and Lama where it is permitted for animals to be ID’ed by two 4-Hers, but with restrictions described elsewhere in the Species Information Sheet.

- Families are eligible to transfer female animals between market/breeding classes up until county fair verification if they meet identification standards (all market animals require a 4-H tag by the market id deadlines for each species). After this point - animals must show in the class that they entered in (if shown as a market animal at county fair - must show as a market animal at state fair). Animals must also meet 3 criteria:
  - Leasing (not available to market animals)
  - Animals under a lease are not eligible to be shown as a market animal.
  - County Requirements (central ID or not)
  - If your county requires a central Identification for market animals - and you did not make it to that ID with your animal - you are not eligible for a market class.
  - ID date (for beef)
  - If you did not identify your beef heifer by February 15th (state ID deadline) - you are not eligible for a market class.

**LEASING PROGRAM**

- If a 4-Her cannot own their own Dairy Goat, they may be leased.
- If an animal is leased, the MN 4-H Animal Science Lease Form must be completed then uploaded and/or submitted to your county extension office by May 15th.
BIRTHDATES

- Junior Kid Doe  
  April 1 – June 30, 2016
- Senior Kid Doe  
  January 1 – March 31, 2016
- Dry Yearling Doe  
  January 1 – December 31, 2015
- Milking Yearling Doe  
  January 1 – December 31, 2015
- Milking Two Year Old Doe  
  January 1 – December 31, 2014
- Milking Doe ~ 3 Years and under 5 Years  
  born in 2012 or 2013
- Milking Doe ~ 5 Years and older  
  born before 2011

BREEDS – REGISTERED & GRADES

The following breeds are eligible to compete in the Minnesota State Fair 4-H Dairy Goat Show:

- Alpine
- Golden Guernsey
- Lamancha
- Nigerian Dwarfs
- Nubian
- Oberhasli
- Saanen
- Sables
- Toggenburg
- Recorded Grades
- Unrecorded Grades

Unrecorded grades are limited to the unregistered nine recognized ADGA breeds or any combination thereof.

IDENTIFICATION DETAILS, IDENTIFICATION FORMS AND DEADLINES

- Also refer to your county ID letter and online at: www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID
- A unique animal ID number is required to be tattooed into animals’ ear or tail web. The 2016 ADGA accepted letter will be “H.”
- A Scrapie Program approved tattoo or a scrapie tag is required for the scrapie program which includes the Minnesota 4-H ear-tag; however, tattoos are preferred. (Note: While tattoos or tags are acceptable, 4-H State Fair Show Committee prefer tattoos because tags are more susceptible to chewing and eventual loss.) Goats can be tattooed after five days of age. A scrapie tag or approved tattoo is required but not acceptable for individual animal ID (Dairy Goat must have a unique animal ID tattoo – see above). For information or questions about the USDA scrapie identification program, contact Minnesota Board of Animal Health (651-201-6809 or 1-866-873-2824).
- MN 4-H Dairy Goat ID data must be entered online by May 15 or the ID data worksheet submitted to your county extension office by May 15.
- If an animal is leased, the MN 4-H Animal Science Lease Form must be completed then uploaded and/or submitted to your county extension office by May 15th.

JUNIOR DOE KIDS BORN APRIL 1 OR AFTER MAY BE ADDED TO THE ID DATA WORKSHEET BY SUBMISSION TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE AND MUST BE ADDED BY JULY 1

DATES OF STATE FAIR 4-H LIVESTOCK ENCAMPMENT & SHOW TIMES

- 4-H Livestock Encampment  
  Wednesday, August 24 – Sunday, August 28
- Show Day & Time  
  Friday – 8:00 a.m.
- Exhibitors must have ID’s checked between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Thursday.
- Round 1 of Interviews start at 10 am on the U of M campus.
- Please refer to the Dairy Goat section of the State Fair 4-H Premium Book for more details.

REGISTRATION PAPERS

- If you are exhibiting a registered/recorded Dairy Goat, you must present a photocopy of the Registration Certificate or stamped duplicate of application at verification on Thursday.

STATE FAIR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- Dairy Goats will be inspected by the official State Fair Veterinarian on the opening day of exhibition and daily thereafter.
- The official State Fair Veterinarian will order the immediate removal to the quarantine facility or removal from the State Fairgrounds of any Dairy Goat with symptoms of an infectious or communicable disease. This includes goats with warts, ringworm or abscesses.
- Any quarantined animal cannot be shown.
STATE FAIR INTERVIEWS

- AGE DIVISIONS: INTERMEDIATE = GRADES 6-8 & SENIOR = GRADE 9 & UP
- State Fair interviews will be held on the U of M campus.
- To qualify for any awards above and beyond a blue ribbon, exhibitors must participate in the Dairy Goat Interviews.
- To qualify for breed show premiums, exhibitors must participate in the Dairy Goat Interviews.
- Award Winners will be selected from the Finalists.

STATE FAIR SHOWMANSHIP

- AGE DIVISIONS:
  - NOVICE = Never shown at State Fair regardless of age
  - INTERMEDIATE = GRADES 6-8
  - SENIOR = GRADE 9+
- ALL EXHIBITORS MUST COMPETE IN SHOWMANSHIP.
- The ADGA scorecard on showmanship will be used.
- There is a “Novice” division for 4-Hers who have never shown at the MN State Fair.
- Wear the proper attire (white shirt with black or white pants) when showing. Interview finalist shirts are not to be worn in showmanship.
- No hats or caps or jewelry in the ring.

STATE FAIR HERDSMANSHIP

- Animals must be maintained and look presentable to the public from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. daily.
- HAY AND STRAW WILL NOT BE PROVIDED. BRING YOUR OWN OR PURCHASE AT STATE FAIR. Because of space limitations, only one show box will be allowed per county. A second will be allowed for counties with over 5 exhibitors.
- No decoration of pens is allowed (this is consistent with State Fair rules). Herdsmanship scores will reflect this.
- Please refer to the Herdsmanship section of the 2016 Premium Book for further updates.

STATE FAIR GROOMING INFORMATION

- All grooming of livestock at the fair, including clipping, trimming and manipulation of the hair/wool (such as blocking on sheep, pulling up hair on beef and working up top lines on dairy) must be clearly done by the exhibitor, members of the immediate family or any other registered Minnesota 4-H member. Immediate family members are defined as being parents, step parents, legal guardians, grandparents, brothers or sisters. The 4-Her exhibiting the animal should be present and involved in the fitting process at the fair.
- All animals must be fitted and completely clipped for the show. Clean the ears, nose, tail, and around the mouth.
- Clip your Dairy Goat all over before showing. The number of days before a show that an animal should be clipped varies with each breed and color. It may be as much as one week to as little as 12 hours before. (Clip shown in Goat 1, pg. 29.)
- Trim the feet a week before the show, so if they are trimmed too short they will be okay by show day.

OTHER INFORMATION

For safety reasons, all dairy goats must be disbudded/de-horned. Re-growth of less than ONE INCH allowed.