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# 2017 MINNESOTA 4-H GOAT CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

St. Paul, MN (8/25/17) – The Minnesota 4-H Goat project divides into two different focus areas. First, the dairy goat project and secondly the meat goat project.

The Minnesota 4-H Dairy Goat Show had 149 head exhibited this year at the Minnesota State Fair on Aug. 25, 2017. In addition to the exhibition of the project animal, participants are encouraged to sign up for showmanship so they can show their knowledge, grooming skills and handling technique. Each participant must also complete an animal science interview to enhance the learning experience and have the opportunity to earn additional recognition. The judges for the Dairy Goat Show were: John White and Eric Jermaine.

The Best in Show Junior Doe was exhibited by **Emalee Nelson** of **Carlton County** with an Alpine Junior Doe. The Best in Show Senior Doe was exhibited by **Bethany Nielson** of **Wright County** with her Alpine Senior Doe.

The Minnesota 4-H Meat Goat Show continues its strength and quality with 216 head of both dairy and meat type goats exhibited at this year's Minnesota State Fair on Friday, Aug. 25, 2017. The demand from consumers for goat product has increased the interest in goats by 4-H families. As importantly as the quality of the actual animal 4-H recognizes the member for their excellence in project knowledge, grooming ability and handling technique. The judge for the Meat Goat Show was Warren Thigpen from Texas.

The Overall Grand Champion meat market goat was shown by **Micah Thompson** of **Kandiyohi County** with his Heavy-weight goat. **Thomas Sell** of **Cottonwood County** was the Reserve Grand Champion meat market goat with a Medium-weight goat.

The Overall Grand Champion Dairy market goat was shown by **Marshall Johnson** of **Fillmore County** with his Heavy-weight dairy type goat. The Reserve Grand Champion Dairy market goat was shown by **Noah Kingsley** of **Houston County** with his Heavy-weight dairy type goat.

Use the "Locate Entries and Results" links for specific results information on 4-H youth and 4-H judge biographies. Searches can be done by exhibitor name, county, or division/show for specific story needs.

[www.4-H.umn.edu/fair-results](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/fair-results)

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