

**EDIA RELEASE**

Contact: Brad Rugg, Superintendent, 612-624-8443

2016 MINNESOTA 4-H GOAT CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

St. Paul, MN (8/26/16) – 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 145 head exhibited this year at the Minnesota State Fair on Aug. 26, 2016. 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: Mark Baden from Seattle, Washington and Cameron Jodlowski from Atlanta, Illinois.

The Best in Show Junior Doe was exhibited by **Jorden Stromness** of **Wabasha County** with a Nigerian Dwarf Junior Doe. The Best in Show Senior Doe was exhibited by **Matthew Heldt** of **Carver County** with his Recorded Grade Senior Doe.

The Minnesota 4-H Meat Goat Show continues its strength and quality with 197 head of both dairy and meat type goats exhibited at this year's Minnesota State Fair on Friday, Aug. 26, 2016. 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 Ron Dilley from Stillwater, Oklahoma.

The Overall Grand Champion meat market goat was shown by **Thomas Sell** of **Cottonwood County** with his mediumweight goat. **Reid Hansen** of **Blue Earth County** was the Reserve Grand Champion meat market goat with a heavyweight goat.

The Overall Grand Champion Dairy market goat was shown by **Kaylee Athey** of **Fillmore County** with her heavyweight dairy type goat. The Reserve Grand Champion Dairy market goat was shown by **Sawyer Kuechle** of **Meeker County** with his mediumweight 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.

<http://www.4-h.umn.edu/fair-results>

The 4-H program is funded through a partnership of federal, state, county and private resources and is part of the University of Minnesota Extension. Additional 4-H information can be found at www.4-h.umn.edu/fair-results