**2018 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**

- 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 of animals ID’ed in their name. For example, if the John Doe Family is ID’ing 12 animals and there are three siblings in the John Doe Family, you might consider putting 4 animals 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.

**DETAILS REGARDING APPROPRIATE DRESS CODES FOR ALL STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK SHOWS.**

- Official 4-H Show Shirts are required to be worn by all exhibitors. This is for state fair shows only. Species specific show attire information is available at z.umn.edu/showringattire
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPOSITIONS, COUNTY AND STATE FAIRS

ALL SPECIES. All animals will be inspected by the official veterinarian the opening day of the exhibition and daily during the exhibition. The official veterinarian will order the immediate removal to a quarantine facility or removal from the exhibition premises of any animal showing clinical signs of any infectious, contagious or communicable disease, including ringworm and warts.

Any animal showing evidence of any disease, abscesses, or any open contagious lesions will not be allowed to exhibit or show and will be subject to isolation or expulsion depending on the nature and seriousness of the disease, abscess or lesion in question. If illness of any nature is suspected in any animal, said animal is subject to examination by the State Veterinarian and owner or exhibitor of said animal must abide by the decision of this veterinarian. Animals with warts or ringworm may not be shown. A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is not acceptable. Animals known by the exhibitor to have an infectious, communicable disease or to have been exposed to an infectious, communicable disease, or to be from a quarantined flock may not be entered in an exhibition.

IDENTIFICATION. -

- All cattle, swine, sheep and goats exhibited at the fair must have official identification (ID) that meets the requirements of both state and federal animal identification rules. The goal of these ID requirements is to uniquely identify animals so they can be traced to their source in a disease outbreak. The type of ID used in each species may vary, but each official ID is unique to that animal within the United States. For pictures of official ear tags and more information about official ID in livestock, visit the Board of Animal Health Official ID page at mn.gov/bah/official-id.
- There are no state or federal requirements at this time to officially identify camelid species or rabbits.
- Some members of the poultry group will need individual leg bands so they can be identified to their owner at the State Fair.

GOATS.

Goats with warts, ringworm, sore mouth or caseous lymphadenitis MAY NOT be shown. Goats within 30 days of giving birth (before or after) cannot be exhibited without prior approval from the Minnesota Board of Animal Health.

1. Individuals must be officially identified. The following identification is considered official ID for goats:
   - Herd ID tags. Includes herd ID number beginning with state abbreviation (maximum nine characters, including state abbreviation, in addition to a unique herd management number (six character maximum). Must display the US shield.
   - Serial tags. Begins with state abbreviation, 8 characters total, last 4-5 are digits. Must display the US shield.
   - USDA AIN visual or RFID tag [15 digit number starting with 840]. Must display U.S. shield.
   - Registry tattoo with a breed registry number.

2. Goats from Minnesota do not need a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).

3. Goats from outside Minnesota.
   - Must meet Minnesota import requirements. See mn.gov/bah/imports.html or call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at (651) 296-2942.
   - A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required and must list the Minnesota State Fair as consignee. An issued CVI is valid for 30 days from the date the animals were inspected by an accredited veterinarian.
   - Goats from outside Minnesota must meet the importation requirements of their state of origin if they are returning home.

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, 2018
- Senior Kid Doe: January 1 – March 31, 2018
- Dry Yearling Doe: January 1 – December 31, 2017
- Milking Yearling Doe: January 1 – December 31, 2017
- Milking Two Year Old Doe: January 1 – December 31, 2016
- Milking Doe ~ 3 Years and under 5 Years: born in 2014 or 2015
- Milking Doe ~ 5 Years and older: born before 2013
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 2018 ADGA accepted letter will be “K.”
  ➔ 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 22 – Sunday, August 26
  ➔ 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, Wednesday August 22, on the U of M campus.
  ➔ Please refer to the Dairy Goat section of the State Fair 4-H Premium Book for more details.

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.

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 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 livestock 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.
- 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 2017 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.