

2024 GOAT

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Important Dates:

- April 25 – Fair Entry Due for Market Goat
- April 27 - Weigh In for Market Goat - 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Fairgrounds
 - May weigh up to 5 goats per exhibitor but only two may be exhibited at the fair. See Family Rule. Two tags will be provided by the Marion County Fair Sale Committee. All goats must have a scrapie tag at weigh-in
- May 31 – Boer/Dairy/Specialty Goat Fair Entries Due
- May 31 – Jr Fair and Livestock Royalty Applications Due
- June 6 – Livestock Skillathon – 5:00 – 8:00 PM
- June 9 – Livestock Skillathon – 2:00 – 5:00 PM
- June 17 – Livestock Skillathon – 5:00 – 8:00 PM
 - Need to attend one Skillathon to show at the Marion County Fair
- June 15 – Goat Royalty and Husbandry Selection Night - 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Quality Assurance Dates:

- February 19 – River Valley High School at 6:30 PM
- March 5 – Evers Arena at 6:00 PM
- March 19 – Test out option – Extension Office at 6:00 PM
 - Register for Test out by contacting the Extension Office by March 15
- April 11 – Elgin at 6:30 PM
- May 15 – Evers Arena at 5:30 PM
- **May 17 – LAST DAY FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE ELIGIBILITY**

Fair Dates:

- June 30 – Goat Check-In at the Marion County Fairgrounds - 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- June 30 – Mandatory Goat Exhibitor meeting - 12:00 p.m. – Weigh-ins will follow
- July 1 – Market Goat Showmanship followed by Market Goat Show - 9:00 a.m.
- July 4 – Dairy and Specialty Goat Showmanship followed by Breeding Show and Bred, Born and Raised Show - 9:00 a.m.
- July 7 – Release Date/Time from the Marion County Fair – 9:00 a.m.

Goat Projects:

134M – MARKET GOATS

PROJECT: The member is required to have physical possession of the project animal by April 27. The members are required to be physically involved daily in watering, feeding, decision making and care of their project animal.

EXHIBIT: Enter and exhibit animal(s) raised and carried in the respective 4-H goat project in as many classes as they are eligible including showmanship.

134D – DAIRY GOATS

PROJECT: The member is required to have physical possession of the project animal by May 1. The members are required to be physically involved daily in watering, feeding, decision making and care of their project animal.

EXHIBIT: Enter and exhibit animal(s) raised and carried in the respective 4-H goat project in as many classes as they are eligible including showmanship.

134S – SPECIALTY GOATS

PROJECT: The member is required to have physical possession of the project animal by May 1. The members are required to be physically involved daily in watering, feeding, decision making and care of their project animal.

EXHIBIT: Enter and exhibit animal(s) raised and carried in the respective 4-H goat project in as many classes as they are eligible including showmanship.

REQUIRED RESOURCE SUPPLEMENT FOR GOAT PROJECTS

134R Goat Resource Handbook for Market, Breeding and Specialty Projects – Order the book only once. It contains essential subject matter information for members taking a goat project. This is an excellent resource for skillathons. There is a cost charged to the member for this resource book.

SKILLATHON:

Youth are required to attend and participate in at least one skillathon to complete their project and be eligible for exhibition at the Marion County Fair. To exhibit at the Ohio State Fair, all county requirements must be met.

An alternative completion option is available for those that cannot attend the appropriate skillathon by contacting the Extension Office to set up an appointment. Those who participate in the alternative completion option will be ineligible for Outstanding Market Exhibitor.

To be eligible for Outstanding Market Exhibitor, youth must participate in the challenging senior division skillathon for each desired species. For example, if Chris Clover wants to be eligible for both market lamb and market swine OME, he must participate in both the sheep and swine skillathon.

2024 Family Rule
Beef, Dairy/Dairy Feeder, Goat, Sheep Departments

- A family (siblings residing at the same address) may enter/tag up to the maximum number of animals for that department. These animals will be tagged or entered under the family name. Family entry forms for animals that are tagged/weighed in will be provided at the weigh in. This includes market beef, dairy feeders, market goats and market sheep. Family entry forms for breeding beef, breeding dairy and breeding sheep will be included in the Project Information pages.
- Each individual exhibitor will submit an entry form with the number of animals he or she is planning to show (up to the department maximum).
- Upon entering the fairgrounds, each exhibitor must declare which animal(s) he or she will be showing. No changes will be allowed after this time.
- The animals declared must have been entered on the family weigh-in/entry form and tagged/weighed if required.

- This rule allows for exhibitors to show the animal that is most suited to their skill level. It also allows an exhibitor to still be able to show and sell an animal should one of theirs die or be hurt prior to the fair.

GENERAL RULES FOR MARION COUNTY FAIR GOAT SHOW

1. No person shall judge any animal in which he/she has a financial interest, or which is owned by members of his/her immediate family. Financial interest shall be defined as an ownership or part ownership of an animal.
2. Goats may not be penned until goats are health checked and this is verified by the Junior Fair superintendent checking in entries in the goat department.
3. The U.S. Scrapies Eradication Program requires all goats must have an identifying farm identification tattoo or scrapies ear tag present upon arrival at the fair gate. LaMancha's need to be tattooed under the tail. Tattoos need to be legible. Microchips are acceptable but you must provide your own reader.
4. A doe may compete only once in an age class during the individual show.
5. Any doe 24 months of age or over that has never freshened shall not be shown.
6. All goats must be parasite free, free of abscesses or open wounds, and disease on arrival at the fair.
7. Pee Wee showmanship is for youth 8 years of age and younger, not in 4-H.
8. Artificial coloring will be grounds for disqualification. Illegible tattoos or tattoos inconsistent with registration papers will result in disqualification.
9. Doe kidding on June 1 of the current year or after shall not be brought to the fair and exhibited.
10. All exhibitors must check their animals and have pens cleaned by 9:00 a.m. daily.
11. Goats are to be clipped before the fair. No full body clipping at the fair, touch ups are fine.

• DAIRY GOAT INFORMATION

Dairy Goat Rules

1. All dairy goats must be clipped.
2. All dairy goat exhibitors must wear all white.
3. Any doe showing signs of Boer breeding must be entered in Boer classes.
4. When does are required to be in place prior to the day they are judged, there shall be a pre-show milk-out, with the date, exact location, and the hour of the milk-out stated. If the exhibitor is unable to be there at that time, he/she must milk-out upon arrival at the show under the same supervision required at the official milk-out. Any doe not milked out according to these specifics shall be barred from the show.
5. The show committee or its agents shall check all animals after they are milked by the exhibitor during the pre-show milk-out. The person doing the checking shall not draw milk.
6. Any doe under 24 months of age that has never freshened shall compete in the Junior Doe show.
7. Any doe 24 months of age or over that has never freshened shall not be shown
8. With the exception of Jr. and Sr. kids, ages of all dairy goat classes will be calculated as of the day of the show.
9. All dairy goat animals with natural horns (not disbudded or dehorned) shall not be shown.
10. All junior dairy goat exhibitors shall present a certificate of registration for each registered or recorded grade animal shown. The certificate of registration from the animal shall stand in the name of the individual or partnership making the entry of which the exhibitor is a partner. Stamped duplicates, indicating that the application for registry is pending in the ADGA or AGS offices, will be accepted in lieu of the registration certificate only for kids less than six months of age as of the day of the junior show. Certificates of registration will be checked and the

exhibitor must be able to produce it when called upon to do so. Breed, name of animal, and registry number must be listed on the entry card for all registered and recorded grade dairy goat does. If registry number is not available prior to the show entry, write "pending." Registry number must be available prior to the show and correspond with the name and birth date.

11. Utility breed class animals are not eligible for grand and reserve champion honors.

- **BREED CLASSES FOR DAIRY GOATS**

Alpines, American LaMancha's, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubians, Saanens, Toggenburgs, Recorded Grades, Utilities, Mini LaMancha's

- **DAIRY GOAT AGE CLASSES**

134D – 1 - Does, junior kids, born on or after April 1, current year

134D – 2 - Does, senior kids, born January 1- March 31, current year

134D – 3 - Does, dry yearlings, 1 year old and under 2

134D – 4 - Jr. Champion and Reserve Jr. Champion (each breed) (No premium)

134D – 5 - Does, yearlings, 1 year old and under 2 – in milk

134D – 6 - Does, 2 years old and under 3 – in milk

134D – 7 - Does, 3 years old and under 5 – in milk

134D – 8 - Does, 5 years old and over – in milk

134D – 9 - Sr. Champion and Reserve Sr. Champion (each breed) (No premium)

134D - 10 - Grand Champion and Reserve Champion (each breed) (No premium)

134D - 11 - Grand Champion Overall and Reserve Champion Overall (No premium)

134D –12 - Dam and Daughter

- **ANGORA AND PYGMY GOAT RULES**

All goats must have legible tattoos or other means of permanent identification consistent with its registration certificate or the animal will be disqualified. If the animal has a micro-chip as its means of permanent identification, the exhibitor is responsible for providing a micro-chip reader.

- **COMPANION ANIMAL GOAT CLASSES**

134S – 7 – Companion animal, any age, dairy or pygmy breeds, wethers only

- **ANGORA GOAT CLASSES**

134S – 1 - Does, under one year of age

134S - 2 - Does, over one year of age

- **PYGMY GOAT CLASSES**

134S - 4 - Does, under one year of age

134S - 5 - Does, over one year of age

- **MARKET GOAT RULES**

1. Market goats may either be a wether or a doe. (Market does must follow general rule #3).

2. All market goats must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds and must be born after November 1 through April 27 of the current year and must be in owner's possession by April 27. They must have all milk teeth in place.

3. All market goats with natural horns must be one of the following: disbudded, dehorned, or tipped. Tipped is defined as: the end of the horn must be squared off at least ½" in diameter or larger.

4. All market goats showing any evidence of testicular tissue or recent castration operation, which is not healed, are not eligible for competition in any market goat class or to sell.
5. All market goats must be clipped from the knees up.
6. Exhibitor may show two market goats but only one animal may be sold.
7. Market goats will be reweighed 30 minutes after initial weigh in if needed at the Marion County Fair.
8. All market animals must receive an "A" or "B" grade to be included in the sale.
9. Underweight market animals may show but may not compete for Grand or Reserve Champion Market Goat honors, nor will they be included in the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale.
10. A rate of gain contest will be conducted based on the results from the mandatory weigh-in and the weigh-in at the beginning of the fair. Winner will be determined by the best rate of gain.

- **MARKET GOAT CLASSES**

134M – 1 - Market Goats

134M – 2 - Bred, Born, and Raised in Marion County Market Goats

- **BOER DOE RULES**

1. All Boer goats must be registered in the Herdbook of a recognized association. Recognized associations include the ABGA, USBGA, Canadian BGA, and the IBGA. The original registration certificate is required. Animals must be registered in the name of the exhibitor or partnership and must have been owned by the exhibitor on or before May 1, current year.
2. All goats must have legible tattoos or other means of permanent identification consistent with its registration certificate or the animal will be disqualified. If the animal has a micro-chip as its means of permanent identification, the exhibitor is responsible for providing a micro-chip reader.
3. Birth dates, as listed on the registration certificate, will be used to determine the class divisions. The show date will be the base date in computing all ages. Take the show date and count back to the birth date of the goat to determine the age and the class of the animal.
4. All animals in registered animal classes must be registered as purebred, full blood, or percentage blood Boer goats. Percentage doe classes are for goats 50% to 93.7% Boer. Full blood and purebred classes are for does that are 93.7% (15/16 blood) and higher. All unregistered does showing a Boer influence will exhibit in the utility class for Boers.
5. Any goat showing any pronounced defect or abnormality will be barred from the show ring in any of the breeding classes.
6. Any doe 24 months of age or over that has never freshened shall not be shown

- **PERCENTAGE % BOER DOE CLASSES**

134B – 1 - Doe kid, 0 to under 4 months (born after March 2 current year)

134B – 2 - Doe kid, 4 to under 8 months (born between November 2, 2023 to March 1, 2024)

134B – 3 - Doe kid, 8 to under 12 months (born between July 2, to November 1, 2023)

134B – 4 - Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion (No premium)

134B – 5 - Yearling Doe, 12 to under 24 months

134B – 6 - Aged doe, 24 months to under 36 months

134B – 7 - Aged doe, over 36 months

➤ Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion (No Premium)

➤ Grand and Reserve Champion Percentage Boer Doe (No Premium)

- **FULL BLOOD AND PUREBRED BOER DOE CLASSES**

134B – 8 - Doe kid, 0 to under 4 months (born after March 2, current year)

- 134B – 9 - Doe kid, 4 to under 8 months (born between November 2, 2023 to March 1, 2024)
- 134B – 10 - Doe kid, 8 to under 12 months (born between July 2, to November 1, 2023)
- 134B – 11 - Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion (No premium)
- 134B - 12 - Yearling Doe, 12 to under 24 months
- 134B - 13 - Aged doe, 24 months to under 36 months
- 134B - 14 - Aged doe, over 36 months
- Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion (No Premium)
- Grand and Reserve Champion Full Blood or Purebred Boer Doe (No Premium)

- **COMMERCIAL (UTILITY) BOER DOE CLASSES**

- 134B - 15 - Doe kid, 0 to under 4 months (born after March 2, current year)
- 134B - 16 - Doe kid, 4 to under 8 months (born between November 2, 2023 to March 1, 2024)
- 134B – 17 - Doe kid, 8 to under 12 months (born between July 2, to November 1, 2023)
- 134B – 18 - Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion (No premium)
- 134B – 19 - Yearling Doe, 12 to under 24 months
- 134B – 20 - Aged doe, 24 months to under 36 months
- 134B – 21 - Aged doe, over 36 months
- Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion (No Premium)
- Grand and Reserve Champion Utility Class Boer Doe (No Premium)

SHOWMANSHIP

	1st	2nd	3rd
1. Senior Showmanship (16+ years as of Jan. 1st)	5.00	4.00	3.00
2. Intermediate Showmanship (14-15 years as of Jan. 1st)	5.00	4.00	3.00
3. Junior Showmanship (11-13 years as of Jan. 1st)	5.00	4.00	3.00
4. Beginners Showmanship (8-10 year as of Jan. 1st)	5.00	4.00	3.00
5. Showman of Showmen	5.00	4.00	3.00
6. Parent/Advisor Showman of Showmen	No Premium		
7. Pee Wee Showmanship	No Premium		

ALL GOAT CLASS PREMIUMS - A - \$4.00; B - \$3.00; C – No premium

