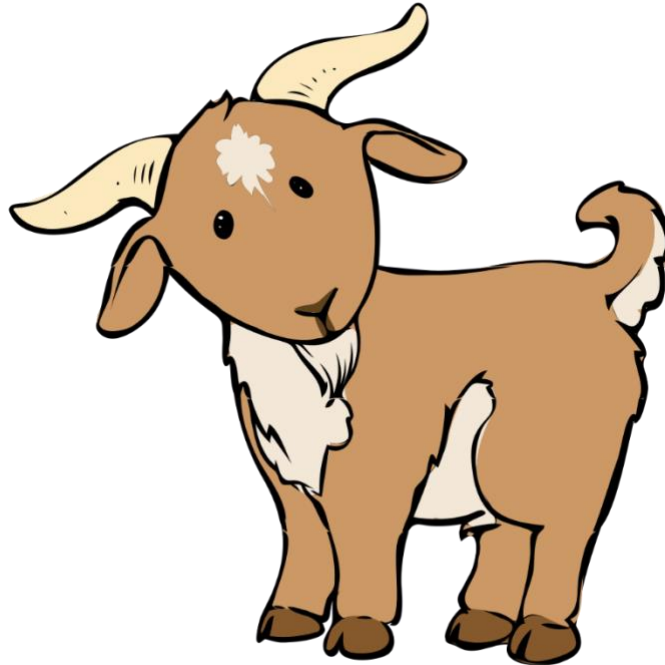


2026 Goat Project



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2026 Changes:

- After reviewing our plan to offer a pairs class for market wethers, which would have required 1 goat to be homegrown, we have decided to simplify things and **not** offer a pairs class.

Instead, we are going to allow all 4-H goat members to bring up to 2 market wethers of any breed, with a total of 4 goats allowed at fair.

- The 2 market wethers can be of any breed.
 - Market wethers can be homegrown, but it is not required to bring 2 market wethers.
 - Can still only sell 2 goats at the auction and all markets goats must be sold.
 - Please reach out with any questions!
- Cloverbuds will take place on Tuesday of fair week. Time TBA, will be later in the day. This will allow all cloverbud species to participate in one day.

Important to Remember:

- Goat Registration Forms must be submitted in person to the MSU Extension Office located at 1715 Lansing Ave, Ste 257, Jackson, MI 49202 by Friday, May 1st.

This form is required by the Goat superintendents and is in addition to your fair entry form. Please contact the Goat Superintendents if you have any questions about the form or are unable to turn your forms in by May 1st.

- There is a \$5 per 4H member participant fee per small animal species. The \$5 participant fee is due to the Goat Superintendents at check in.
- Record Book Project is due at check in. The project requires members to write at least two paragraphs answering several questions about their goat project.
- Your goat **must have** one of the following types of identification to be allowed at fair:
 1. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) goat scrapie tag attached to their ear.
 2. Registered breeding stock may have an official breed registration tattoo in their ear. A copy of the registration certificate listing the tattoo must accompany the goat to fair. Tattoo must be legible at check in.
 3. For Non-Registered goats with no ears or injured ears (ex LaMancha), the scrapie tag must be attached to an adjustable collar to be worn at all times at fair. A tail flap tattoo will not be accepted for id.
 4. Breeds that allow it, (ex pygmy) can be microchipped but must carry the registration papers with the goat and provide a microchip reader.
 - All market wethers must have a scrapie tag in their ear or a tag attached to a collar.
 - All imported goats must meet the above identification rules and have an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) from the state of origin. The CVI must include the results of a negative brucellosis test for goats six months or older, except wethers.
 - All goats **without** proper scrapie tags or tattoo with paperwork will be sent home. Contact Superintendents prior to fair for assistance.

General Information:

- All goat kids born for the 2026 Fair need to be born by April 1st. This applies to all breeds and includes does and wethers. Possession date for all goats is May 1st.
- Are allowed to bring up to 4 goats total to the fair.
- Fair entry forms are due to the Fair Office in June and **are required** to be able to show at the fair.

Pre-Fair

- Barn Cleanup day is Sunday, July 26th starting at Noon.
- No bedding or decorations can be put in the barn prior to barn sanitization before fair.

Check In:

- Check In is on Saturday from 9:30am to 11:30am.
- **Do not** unload your goats before your goats are checked by the Superintendent.
- Your goat **must have** one of the following types of identification to be allowed at fair:
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- After check in **no** animals are allowed out of their pens on Saturday.
- Sign up sheets for Barn Duty (required for everyone) and Showmanship will be posted in the barn.

Fair Week:

- Pens must be cleaned completely **every day** before 9am. Spot clean and check water during the day. Adding lime to your pen is highly recommended.
- No alterations or changes to goat pens or pen assignments without superintendent's permission.
- No animals are allowed out of pens after 11am without Superintendents permission and can only be walked in areas designated by the Goat Superintendents.
- No administering of medication without Superintendents permission.
- A 2 hour Barn Duty shift is required by everyone.

Goat Show:

- Goat Show starts at 8:30am on Wednesday in the show arena next to the goat barn.
- Proper show and showmanship attire must be worn or you will not be allowed to show.

Boer showmanship: western style allowed with long or short sleeve plaid shirt and jeans.

Dairy and Pygmy showmanship: Black, white, or khaki pants and a plain white long or short sleeve shirt (A small emblem such as a 4-H logo is acceptable).

No shorts, tank tops, sleeveless shirts, or muscle shirts. Regular shoes or tennis shoes only (no sandals, open toed shoes, or rubber boots). No excessive make-up or jewelry is allowed. Clothing must be clean and neat.

Must stay in the same clothes for the entire show.

- Cloverbuds will take place on Tuesday of fair week. Time TBA, will be later in the day. This will allow all cloverbud species to participate in one day.

Checkout:

- Decorations can be taken down Saturday from 10pm to 11pm, if desired or Sunday from 9am to 11am. No decorations can be removed before 10pm on Saturday.
- Goat checkout is Sunday **only** from 9am until 11am. All pens must be cleaned by 11am on Sunday.

Please read the Bylaws posted on the Jackson County Extension Office website for the most current Bylaws and Jackson County Small Animal Association rules

Goat Information

General Rules:

1. Goats must be born by April 1st and Possession Date is May 1st
2. Goat ID Forms due in person to MSU Extension Office by May 1st.
3. Can take up to 4 goats, but does must be in different classes with the exception of dam & daughter
4. Breeding stock may show with or without horns if breed standard allows (Angora, Pygmy, and Boer/Meat breeds). Boer wethers may show with or without horns. All Dairy breeds must be dehorned.
5. Can only sell 2 goats at the auction.
6. Goats in the Dam and Daughter class must be owned and shown by same exhibitor.
7. Goats in the Costume Class and Dam & Daughter class must also be registered and shown in their individual classes.

Dairy Does:

1. Any age
2. If registered in a milking class, Dairy does must be milking at fair
3. Have added a Dry Doe class this year for dairy does over 2 years old who are not milking
4. Breed examples – Alpine, Nubian, La Mancha, Oberhasli, Saanan, Toggenburg, Nigerian Dwarf or crosses of above.

Dairy Wethers:

1. Born after December 1st, 2025
2. Breed examples - Alpine, Nubian, La Mancha, Oberhasli, Saanan, Toggenburg, Nigerian Dwarf or crosses of above.
3. Market Wethers must be sold at auction.
4. Nigerian Dwarf wethers are shown under hobby class, do not have to be sold at auction, and are no longer required to show in costume.
5. Can be shown in Costume class, but also must be registered in individual class.
6. Can bring up 2 dairy market wethers to show, for a total of 2 market wethers allowed at fair.

Boer/Meat Does:

1. Any age
2. Older classes do not have to be milking
3. Breed examples – Boer, Kiko, Spanish, crosses of these three, or meat/dairy cross
4. Can have horns

Boer/Meat Wethers:

1. Born after December 1st, 2025
2. Breed examples – Boer, Kiko, Spanish, Myotonic, Savannah, crosses of above, or meat/dairy cross
3. Can be shown with or without horns
4. Wethers must be sold at auction
5. Can show in Costume class, but also must be registered in market class.
6. Can bring up 2 Boer market wethers to show, for a total of 2 market wethers allowed at fair.

Pygmy Does:

1. Any age
2. Do not have to be milking
3. Can have horns

Pygmy Wethers:

1. Any age
2. Do not have to be sold at auction
3. Are shown with Nigerian Dwarf wethers in the hobby class
4. Costumes no longer required to show

Fiber Breed Goats (Angora, Cashmere, Pygora, etc):

1. Does and Wethers do not have to be sold at auction
2. Can have horns.
3. Does and wethers show against each other

Hobby Wether Class:

1. Pygmy/Pygmy Cross wethers and Nigerian/Nigerian Cross wethers **ONLY**.
2. Any Age
3. Do not have to be sold at auction.
4. **Costumes are no longer required.** If would like to show in a costume, they should also be registered in the separate costume class.

2026 4-H Goat Registration Form

This form is due in person to the MSU Extension Office by
Friday May 1st

This form is required and is for the Goat Superintendents only.
It is in addition to your official fair entry.

Members

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Club Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Name of Goat: _____

Animal Date of Birth (Required): _____

☐ Doe ☐ Wether

Scrapes Tag Number or Registration Tattoo (Required):

Goat Breed: _____

Class: _____

Class: _____

Class: _____

Any questions please contact the Goat Superintendents:

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Goat Breeds 1-7:

- 1) Nubian
- 2) Nigerian Dwarf
- 3) Alpine
- 4) La Mancha
- 5) Saanan
- 6) Toggenburg
- 7) All Other Dairy Breeds, Mixed and Crossbreeds, except Boer/Meat Crossbreeds (Dairy breeds only)

Classes for Breeds 1-7

1. Spring Doe Kid (born Jan. 15 to April 1 of current year)
2. Junior Yearling Doe (born Oct. 1 of previous year to Jan. 14 of this year)
3. Dry Doe Yearling (born before October 1 of previous year, but under 2 years)
4. Dry Doe (over 2 years)
5. Yearling Milker (1 year but under 2 years)
6. Junior Milker (2 years but under 3 years)
7. Senior Milker (3 years and older)
8. Dam and Daughter (must be owned and shown by same exhibitor, and registered and shown in individual classes)

Breed 8 Pygmy or Fiber Breeds (Angora, Cashmere, Pygora, etc.)

9. Spring Doe Kid (born after January 1 this year)
10. Yearling Doe (1 year but under 2 years old)
11. Junior Doe (2 years but under 3 years old)
12. Senior Doe (3 years and older)
13. Dam & Daughter (animal must be owned and shown by same exhibitor, and registered and shown in individual classes)
14. Fiber Breed Wether (all ages)

Breed 9 Hobby Wether

15. Hobby Wether (Pygmy/Pygmy Cross wethers, Nigerian/Nigerian Cross wethers ONLY. Does not have to be sold.)

Breed 10 Boer/Meat Goats and Boer/Meat Crossbreeds

16. Spring Doe Kid (born January 15 to April 1 of current year)
17. Junior Yearling Doe (born October 1 of previous year to January 14 of current year)
18. Yearling Doe (born before October 1 of previous year but under 2 years)
19. Junior Doe (2 years but under 3 years)
20. Senior Doe (3 years and older)
21. Dam and Daughter (must be owned and shown by same exhibitor, and registered and shown in individual Classes)

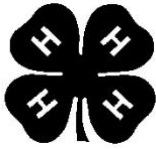
SECTION 11: MARKET CLASS

****Total of 2 market goats are allowed at fair****

22. Homegrown Dairy Market wether class (born after December 1st of fair year, full blood dairy breeds only, and must be sold at auction)
23. Dairy Market Wether (born after December 1st of fair year and Full Blood Dairy Breeds only. Must be sold at auction).
24. Homegrown Boer & Boer Cross Market wether (born after December 1st of fair year and must be sold at auction)
25. Boer & Boer Cross Market Wether (born after December 1st of fair year and must be sold at auction)

SECTION 12: Costume Class

CLASS 26. Costume Class : Must be registered and shown in individual class, may be doe or wether.



Goat Record Book Project



For your goat project you are required to answer at least one of the following questions listed below.

Your answer should be a **minimum of two paragraphs** and either typed or handwritten on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper.

Make sure to include your name on the paper. You can also attach a photo of your goat if you choose.

Your paper is due at Check in on Saturday and we will be displaying them in the barn. Any questions, please contact the Goat Superintendents.

Choose at least one of the following questions to discuss:

- What did you learn from your goat project this year?
- What challenges did you have this year?
- What was your favorite part of your goat project?
- What would you change about your goat project for next year?
- What did you enjoy most about raising your goat?
- What is something funny or surprising that happened this year with your goat?
- Why did you decide to raise or show goats?
- How did you choose your goat for fair?
- How have you trained and prepared your goat for the fair?