



**New York State Fair
2018 Dairy and Meat Goat Events
EXHIBITOR INFORMATION**



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Feed and Bedding – Blue Seal/Kent Feeds will again donate some grain for does being milked in the milking parlor. However, be prepared to supply your own grain to your milkers if necessary. **Keep in mind that the donated grain is only to be fed in the parlor!** Exhibitors should bring their own grain for all other goats. **Sawdust is provided at no charge.** You can bring shavings, straw, hay and grain or purchase them for delivery to the fairgrounds by calling Mike Teske at 315-374-1590 or Harry Moore at 315-727-0134 at least a week before Fair.

Judges – Our ADGA Dairy Goat Judge is Cassandra Abrams now residing in Asheville, NC. Our ABGA Meat Goat Judge is Olivia Rush of Doylestown, PA. Jeremy Lesniak will conduct the judging contest with Olivia's input.

BIG CHANGES for 2018 – **The Youth Goat Program has been expanded from 6 days to 7 days** because of the Fair starting one day earlier. Youth goats can come in on Tues. Aug 21st (between 6 am and midnight) **BUT must be in place by 9 am Wed. Aug 22nd** (6 am to 9 am). Youth Goats must remain until Tues. Aug. 28th. We anticipate having no tack pens available. Please note that Youth Meat Goats also competing in the Meat Goat Open Show need to leave the fair by 10 pm on Tuesday, Aug 28th and return again later in the week. Dairy Goats competing in both the Youth Show and the Dairy Goat Open Show may stay over. **UPON ARRIVAL**, please enter through Gate #7 and go to Gate #11. Turn left down Belle Isle Rd and turn right on Livestock Rd. just past West End Restaurant. Goats and health papers must be inspected at the Veterinarian Station between the Sheep and Goat Barn prior to arrival at Goat barn. Please give the Veterinary Slip (NYS Fair Livestock Entry Permit) to the Superintendents immediately to ensure you get your premiums. Do not unload until you have been granted permission. There is a mandatory meeting for all Youth Goat Exhibitors at 10.30 am on Wed. Aug 22nd. If competing for the Kimber Hamm Goat Rancher Award, submit your project notebook to the Meat Goat Assistant Superintendent by 10 am Thurs. Aug 23rd.

All meat goat breeds in addition to Boers are encouraged to enter the Youth Meat Goat Show. All meat goats should be entered in the appropriate age classes and grouping (Fullblood/purebred or Percentage) and will show together. However, line up and scoring will be divided into Boers and “All other breeds (AOB)”. **All other breeds will be judged according to the standards of their respective breeds and for characteristics of ideal meat goat breeding or market stock, and placings and ribbons awarded within AOB.**

The **Goat Judging Contest** is at **2 PM** on Monday Aug 27th following the Youth Meat Goat Show. Senior Youth competing for the Kimber Hamm Goat Rancher award should use a meat goat for oral reasons. The **Educational Display Contest** now includes **scientific posters** as well as general goat information displays. The **Kimber Hamm Goat Rancher Competition** now consists of the Project Notebook Competition, Meat Goat Fitting & Showmanship (#73 - 75), Kimber Hamm Conformation Class (#98 or 99), Goat Knowledge Olympics and the Youth Goat Judging Competition. Go to our Competition section for more information on these events.

Horn Policy - In accordance with ADGA rules, no dairy goats with natural horns may be shown. NO EXCEPTIONS. Although scurs and deformed horns from faulty disbudding ‘should’ be allowed, some judges may interpret this restriction differently and judges’ decisions are final. Therefore we **recommend** “playing it safe” and trimming horns or scurs from faulty disbudding well before the state fair so that they are ideally 1 inch or less in length or height at the NYS Fair. **Meat Goats with horns are allowed, but aggressive horned goats may be required to be artificially tipped or required to leave the fairgrounds at the discretion of the superintendent.**

National Code of Show Ring Ethics - The Youth Goat shows and activities operate under this code developed by the Int'l. Assoc. of Fairs and Expositions, which states that "Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show mgmt., or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them." Violations will be disciplined in a manner appropriate to the infraction and may involve a warning, suspension, dismissal from the fairgrounds and/or full dismissal from the overall youth program. **Any infractions requiring discipline will be subject to review by the superintendent and 4-H staff.**

Reminders –

Come prepared to participate in the **Team Goat Fitting Contest** to be held Wed. Aug 22nd at 3:30 pm. Each county may enter junior and/or senior teams. Youth not having a team will be assigned to a combined county team. Goats (dairy for dairy teams and meat for meat teams) will be provided. However, **please contact our superintendents in advance if anticipating having a meat goat team.** Teams must provide their own supplies.

County Day – Each county needs to sign up for a day when youth and parents from that county are responsible to help in the goat tent by setting up, assisting during events, and cleaning up between and after events.

Lease Policy! Youth who own no goats may lease two non-owned goats as 4-H projects BUT may be restricted to showing only one goat per youth fair, youth exhibition, or 4-H show/exhibition **at their county's discretion.** **Youth owning dairy goats may lease one meat goat. Youth owning meat goats may lease one dairy goat.** As with owned goats, all non-owned goats must be designated in the exhibitor's name and cared for by that exhibitor by no later than June 15 of the current year. A completed non-ownership certificate available from county 4-H offices, must be supplied along with registration papers (meat goats do not need to show registration papers if unregistered) to prove designation. **A copy of the non-ownership papers must be sent in with the entries.**

Please limit post entries and last minute substitutions. Making major changes to the class lists at check-in causes unacceptable delays in getting class lists finalized and show books printed. We understand that some county fairs occur very close to the August 13th deadline for submitting NYS fair entry forms. If you are in doubt as to which of your animals will qualify, PLEASE list ALL possible entries to the NYS Fair rather than planning on making substitutions. It is far easier for us to delete extra goats on Wednesday rather than typing in lots of new goats.

Although state wide health requirements have loosened slightly with regard to rabies vaccination, **requirements for the NYS Fair fall under the Onondaga Health Department requirements. These state** that "ALL GOATS OVER 3 MONTHS OF AGE (as of 2 weeks prior to arrival at the fair) MUST BE "OFFLABEL" VACCINATED FOR RABIES AT LEAST 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT THE FAIRGROUNDS AND NOT MORE THAN 365 DAYS PRIOR." **We strongly encourage you to vaccinate any goat that is 84 days or older at least 2 weeks prior to the fair if your veterinarian agrees.** Otherwise, the NYS Fair staff *may* require that animals that are <4 mo. of age and unvaccinated be screened from the public. This would mean that you would need to crate them or bring along chicken wire to line the pens. Do yourself a favor and vaccinate your 3 mo. old kids!

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Youth goat events are held in the Goat Barn and Goat Tent unless otherwise noted. Please consult the 2018 Youth Department Animal Science Premium Book available at <http://www.nysfair.org/competitions> by clicking on "how to enter" and then scrolling down to Youth Dairy & Meat Goats. It can also be found at <https://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/nys-fair/>. All exhibitors, their families, volunteer leaders, and any other persons who will be supervising exhibitors should read and be familiar with the rules & regulations (particularly Section D). Not knowing the rules is not an acceptable excuse for failing to follow them.
2. Youth participants must be at least eight years old by Jan 1st, 2018 and not have reached their nineteenth birthday prior to Jan 1st, 2018. **Junior** youth must be 13 years old or younger and **Senior** youth must be 14 years old or older as of Jan 1st of the current year.

3. Entry forms must be submitted by your County Extension Educators to the State Fair Entry Dept by Aug 13th. A photocopy of each exhibitor's entry form and of the completed non-owned form (leased goats only) must **also** be sent by the CCE Educator to: **Holly Phillips, 8761 Chidsey Hill Road, Branchport, NY 14418.**
4. **Original health papers and rabies certificates must accompany each goat for inspection upon arrival on the Fairgrounds.** Leased goats need to be accompanied to the NYS Fair by their completed non-ownership certificate (available at your CCE office). As with owned goats, the goat must be cared for by the youth and lease papers on file by no later than June 15th or earlier if county rules specify an earlier date. Youth can exhibit no more than two leased goats. Please refer to our new lease policy for clarification.
5. **No bucks are allowed during the youth goat activities.**
6. Only ADGA, AGS, and CGS recorded, registered or applied-for goats recognized by ADGA as dairy goats may compete in the dairy show. ADGA RULES SHALL GOVERN. JR & SR shows are sanctioned together.
7. The original registration certificate is required for all animals six (6) months of age or older in the dairy goat show. The requirement for animals less than six (6) months of age is either the original registration or recordation certificate, a stamped duplicate application, OR a faxed stamped duplicate application. Purchased goats must be transferred to the youth's name by June 15th, or earlier if county rules specify an earlier date, and transfers finalized by Aug 25th, 2018.
8. Meat goats do not need to be registered with a breed association. All unregistered meat goats must be eartagged or tattooed with their official scrapie identification. Registered meat goats should be tattooed and accompanied by registration papers.
9. Registered dairy and meat goats have a unique tattoo that is acceptable as scrapie identification in conjunction with their registration papers. They DO NOT require eartags.
10. Dress code for dairy goat classes is white shirts and white pants. Dress code for meat goat classes is nice, neat shirts and dark pants. No farm emblems please!

T-Shirts – T-shirts promoting NYS 4-H goats are sold at a table during each of our goat shows at the NYS Fair. The proceeds go to our portion of the matching funds program used to pay premiums to youth who participate in the optional goat educational activities at the NYS Fair. We urge you to support our goat youth by stopping by to buy a T-shirt during the fair. We are also in need of donations (from businesses or individuals) for the **prizes for the Kimber Hamm Goat Rancher Award.** Please contact Annette Mrzywka to donate.

Absentee Policies - Youth who cannot participate in the showmanship classes because of work or classes must submit written requests and proof of employment or courses for approval to the Youth Goat Superintendent, **Holly Phillips, 8761 Chidsey Hill Road, Branchport, NY 14418, postmarked by Tues. Aug 14th.** Her decision is final. **Youth must be present to show their own dairy goats in the breed show or else their animals will be unable to compete and premiums will be forfeited.**

Open Shows – All youth who wish to enter their goats in either the Open Dairy Goat Show or the Open Boer Goat Show must enter through the normal Open Show procedure. Entry forms are on the web at <http://www.nysfair.org/competitions> under “How to Enter”.

Competitions – Sample questions for **Goat Bowl** and past **Meat Goat Knowledge Exams** are on the web at <http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/animal-programs/goats/> & <http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/animal-programs/goats/meat-goats>. These past exams may help to study for Goat Bowl and Goat Knowledge Olympics.

The **meat goat project notebook** is handled as an individual activity and youth do not have to bring a goat to the fair to participate. Project notebooks (record books) are on the web at <http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/animal-programs/goats/meat-goats/>. Junior youth should use the Junior Meat Goat Record Book. Senior youth should use the appropriate adult doe, yearling doe, doe kid or market kid record book. First year youth may use the first year book. Entry in the project notebook review is limited to one notebook per youth. Youth do not have to bring their goats or that particular goat to the NYS Fair in order to participate in this event.

Kimber Hamm Goat Rancher Competition – This optional competition is in memory of Kimber Hamm, one of NY's premier meat goat farmers. The competition is open to meat goat youth exhibiting a meat goat at the NY State Fair Youth Show. This award is given to the junior and senior youth meat goat exhibitor who most

demonstrate the diverse qualities of a good meat goat herdsman. These qualities include, but are not limited to 1) a working knowledge of goat health, nutrition, marketing, and management, and 2) the ability to skillfully evaluate, handle, and raise meat goats, and make financial decisions. Youth must compete in all meat goat competitions including the Project Notebook Competition, Fitting & Showmanship (#73 - 75) and the Kimber Hamm Conformation Class (#98 or 99). **Youth must also compete in the Youth Goat Knowledge Olympics and Youth Goat Judging Competition.** Please contact the Youth Meat Goat Assistant Superintendent in advance if you have a conflict as re-scheduling for some events may be possible.

Goat Educational Display Contest – now includes scientific posters as well as general goat information posters. Scientific posters should be on either an experiment or descriptive science conducted by the youth that involved goats. Scientific posters should include Title/Author, Introduction, Hypothesis (what question you are trying to answer) or Objectives, Methods, Results and Conclusions. Photos, drawings, charts, tables, acknowledgements and/or references may also be included. All entries in the contest must be accompanied by an Exhibitor Information Statement Card available from your county's Cornell Cooperative Extension office and should consist of a poster (at least 14"x 22") or 3-dimensional exhibit related to goats or the goat industry that can be hung on a wall **OR** fit on a 2'x 3' counter space. The public will have access to the displays, so please **do not use valuables as part of your display.** Although not mandatory, we strongly encourage you to have your display judged at the county level first to make sure it is well organized and presented. One contest is for individuals and the other is for clubs. Counties with a club or individual educational display will receive a one-time bonus score on goat herdsman.

THINGS TO DO PRIOR TO THE FAIR

1. You must have been properly entered by 4:30 PM Aug 13th, 2018. Entry forms are available at <http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/nys-fair/forms-information/> or under Youth Livestock at <http://nysfair.ny.gov/competitions/how-to-enter/>. **Please be sure to read over the Youth Livestock Premium Book** available there as well. Review the rules and regulations; animal health regulations; general information section; livestock arrival and release schedule; **and especially, Section D - Youth Goats.**
2. **Request and obtain exhibitor passes and parking permits through your County 4-H office.**

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU TO THE FAIR

1. All necessary papers and health certificates. These should be left at the barn with animals at all times.
2. Feeding equipment, milking equipment, grooming equipment, health items, clean-up materials, hay, grain, and salt, show clothes, individual or club display educating people about goats.

OVERNIGHTERS

All Dept 51 participants staying overnight on the New York State Fairgrounds are to sleep in the Youth Dormitories. No Dept 51 participants may sleep in the Youth Department animal exhibit areas. Parents (or legal guardians) may request exceptions to these rules to instead **stay in area hotels or in campers at the fairgrounds** through prescribed written application forms at the discretion of their Cornell Cooperative Extension Offices and will thus assume full responsibility for the action and well-being of each of their children for whom an exception is requested. An adult chaperone must be designated on the form. Forms are available from county offices. **However, please note that NYS 4-H policy NO LONGER PERMITS YOUTH TO SLEEP IN THE GOAT BARN.** Information about dorm requirements and fees is at <https://nysfair.ny.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/2017-Youth-Livestock-info-rules-regulations.pdf> on pages 8-11. Contact Mary Ellen Daino at (315) 487-7711 ext. 1337 immediately to find out more about livestock RV application forms and fees and which lots are now available to goat exhibitors. Locations are limited and fill up fast. The sooner you send in a livestock RV application, the better chance you will have of getting a space.

OTHER INFORMATION

PLEASE plan to join us for our **picnic gathering** for all youth goat exhibitors and their families on **Sun., Aug 26th at 7 p.m.** Your own table service is appreciated but not required. Food items/monetary donations happily accepted.

Enjoy the Fair!!