

# Section D- Youth Dairy, Meat and Working Goats

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## **A. RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

Please note – that unless otherwise noted, the following rules and regulations apply to all youth goat exhibitors including dairy, meat and working goats.

### **Entries:**

1. All Youth Goats must conform to the rules and regulations of the Livestock Health requirements as determined by the Department of Agriculture and Markets <http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/AI/AIHome.html>
2. **All entries must be completed and submitted online by Friday, August 7, 2026, at 5:00 pm here: <https://nysfys.fairwire.com/>**  
For instructions on using the online entry system [click here](#).
  - All New York State Fair Dept 51 entries must be quality endorsed by a 4-H Cornell Cooperative Extension Youth Educator, or by an Agricultural Education (FFA) Advisor, or by an authorized representative of a qualified related youth organization before they can be accepted by the NYS Fair.
  - 4-H'ers are responsible for emailing their entry receipt to their County Educator and Department Superintendent. A directory of these contacts is located at [www.nys4-h.org/new-york-state-fair](http://www.nys4-h.org/new-york-state-fair)
  - 4-H youth unable to qualify through their county due to illness, family travel, etc. should notify their CCE Educator as soon as possible of desire to qualify through other means. Non-4-H youth should contact the youth goat superintendent for other avenues of qualifying their animals for NYS Fair Youth Goats.
  - In no case will an entry be accepted after 5:00 p.m., on Friday August 7. In situations where Cornell Cooperative Extension entries cannot be finalized until after the State Fair ENTRY DEADLINE of Aug. 7 at 5:00 pm, ALL potential entries should be sent in by the deadline and the State Fair Entry Dept. and Dept Superintendent should be notified of scratches prior to the start of the fair.
3. **All Youth Dairy, Meat and Working Goats must be in place by 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 26.** They may arrive between 3:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on Tuesday, August 25. Animals and health papers must be inspected at Veterinarian Station prior to arrival at barn and Veterinary slip (NYS Fair Livestock Entry Permit) is to be given to Superintendent **before** unloading animals.
4. All Youth Goats not entered in the Open Dairy Goat Show or Open Meat Goat Show will be released after 5:00am. on Tuesday, September 1 and must be removed by 7:30 am or premiums will be forfeited. Any Youth Meat Goats entered in the Open Meat Goat Show, must contact the Open Meat Goat Show superintendent to make penning arrangements if they will not be taking their animals home between shows.
5. All Youth who wish to enter their animals in the Open Dairy Goat Show must enter through the normal Open Show procedure and must remain for the full length of the State Fair.
6. The date of freshening **MUST** be indicated on the entry form for ALL dairy does that are lactating. All goats entered in lactating dairy doe classes will **AUTOMATICALLY** be entered in the Milk Production Contest.
7. All does 24 months & older who have never freshened are ineligible to show in the dairy or meat goat shows.
9. Additional premiums based on placings in many of the optional events will be paid from a fund of \$500 donated by the NYS Goat Fair Committee and matched by the NYSDGBA (\$1,000 total).

### Exhibitors:

1. Animal Science youth participants must be at least eight years old and not have reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday as of January 1 of the current club year. Junior exhibitors are between the ages of 8 and not reached age 14 on January 1. Senior exhibitors are between the ages of 14 and not reached age 19 as of January 1.
2. Each exhibitor may show any number of personally owned goats in the Youth Goat Conformation Breed Shows. However, no exhibitor may enter more than two (2) goats in any one class. All goat exhibitors must show their own designated goat in conformation breed classes and must arrange to use a youth handler if showing a second goat or if participating in a 4-H contest located in another barn or building. The superintendent must be notified in advance. Exhibitors are limited to only one goat (leased or owned by the exhibitor) for showmanship classes and must do their own showing.
3. Exhibitors of **dairy** goats **must** wear whites. Exhibitors of **meat** goats **must** wear clean, neat shirts and dark pants. Exhibitors of **working** goats **must** wear long pants, and a collared shirt with hiking sneakers or boots. All exhibitors must present a neat and professional appearance in showmanship and conformation classes. No sandals, open-toed shoes, tank-tops, midriff or cropped shirts or shorts above the knee are allowed. An exhibitor not following dress code will not be permitted in the show ring. Farm names and letters **must** not appear on clothing. Premiums will be withheld for non-compliance.
4. Youth Goat clubs and counties are encouraged to decorate their exhibit in an appropriate manner to present an attractive exhibit and educate the public. Herd and/or dairy signs will **not** be permitted during Youth Goat Week. **This includes attire (shirts, caps etc.), chairs, or other items.**
5. Space is at a premium in the Goat Barn. Please bring only essential equipment and keep belongings neatly arranged, especially during the day and early evening when the public is passing through the barn. Youth showing combinations of Dairy, Meat and Working Goats may be asked to pen them together, if space in pen allows.
6. All Youth Department Goat participants staying overnight on the New York State Fairgrounds are to sleep in the Youth Dorms. No Goat Youth Department participants may sleep in the Youth Department animal exhibit areas. The only exception for these overnight rules is to stay with parents or legal guardians in area hotels or campers on the State Fairgrounds. Parents and legal guardians who choose this option must turn in the Housing Exception Form available from their local Cornell Cooperative Extension Office. This exception does not include lodging or staying in an animal barn. Parents or legal guardians will assume full responsibility for the action and well-being of each of their children for whom an exception is requested and approved.
7. All youth goat exhibitors are required to clean their pens prior to departure on Tuesday, Sept 1, at the direction of the superintendent.
8. While at the fair, youth should do their own work.
  - a. age appropriate
  - b. consider skill level and/or prior experience
  - c. adults should only intervene or assist for safety and/or instruction purposes.
9. The superintendent should be notified in advance of classes or events if an exhibitor requires extra accommodations.

### Animals:

1. **Health papers** will be required and checked on **all** goats that are brought into the barn. **Registration papers** will also be required and checked for all dairy goats and registered meat goats. **Dairy Goats must be registered in the exhibitor's name only.** Tattoos must match registration papers. Meat and Working Goats unaccompanied by registration papers must wear official scrapie identification.
2. Dairy, Meat and Working Goats may be either owned or non-owned but must fit under either (a) or (b) and (c) below.
  - a. All owned goats must be personally owned by the Youth exhibitor as well as cared for by that exhibitor **by no later than June 15 of the current year.** Dual ownership or syndicates are not allowed. **Dairy Goats must be registered in the name of the exhibitor** (unless leased), be transferred by June 15 with transfers finalized by **August 24.** Meat and Working Goats do not need to be registered.
  - b. **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.** Youth who do not own any goats are permitted two non-owned goats. Dual designation of an animal is not permitted. Non-ownership is also available to youth already owning meat, dairy or working goats but is limited to one (1) leased animal of another type. E.g., If you own a dairy goat, you may lease one (1) meat goat or working goat. If you own a meat goat, you may lease one (1) dairy or working goat.
  - c. A non-ownership certificate, properly filled out and available from county 4-H offices, must be supplied along with registration papers to prove designation. A copy of the non-ownership papers must be sent with entries.
3. **Dairy Goats with natural horns will not be permitted to show. NO EXCEPTIONS. Meat and Working Goats with natural horns are allowed to show, but aggressive horned goats may be required to be artificially tipped or required to leave the fairgrounds at the discretion of the superintendent.**
4. Working Goats must be at least 6 months of age to be shown in any of the working goat classes.
5. Any animal having an open sore may not be exhibited. Any animal that produces an open sore while at the State Fair will be sent home immediately.
6. Youth Goats will be housed in a designated area of the Open Goat Barn.
7. Junior animals are not permitted in the milking parlor. No personal milking stands are allowed in the milking parlor. A limited number of milk stands are allowed in the exhibit area at the discretion of the Superintendent.

8. All animals under 3 months must be either housed in an animal crate within the pen or the pen must be lined with chicken wire or other material **provided by the exhibitor** to protect the public from interaction with the animal.
9. **NO Bedding will be provided.** Sawdust will be available at no charge. Bedding can be ordered ahead of time for delivery to the goat barn.
10. All Exhibitors need to bring their own supply of grain. A limited amount has been donated by Blue Seal/Kent Nutrition for milking does in the parlor.

**Shows/Contests:**

1. All youth goat exhibitors are required to participate in Fitting and Showmanship and must participate in order to receive premiums. Exception: College and high school age exhibitors may request permission to be excused due to classes or employment. The superintendent must receive requests for exclusion along with proof of employment or class conflict postmarked by Monday, August 17, 2026. The decision of the Superintendent is final.
2. The Danish System of Judging will be used for Youth Dairy Goat Fitting and Showmanship Classes, the Youth Dairy Goat Breed Show, the Youth Meat Goat Show, the Youth Working Goat Show, and Educational Displays.
3. To determine the base age for showing youth goats, use August 28th for meat goats, August 29<sup>th</sup> for working goats, and August 30th for dairy goats.
4. There will be no Pre-Show milk-out for the Dairy Goat Show.
5. Does 24 months and older who have never freshened are ineligible to show in either the dairy goat or meat goat shows. Non-recorded-grade does may not show in the dairy goat show.
6. At the Dairy Goat Show, the Champions selected will be Junior, Senior, Grand, and Reserve in each breed. Best in Show and Reserve BIS will be selected at the end of the show.
7. **County Day** - Each county will sign up for a day in which the parents and/or youth from that county will be responsible to assist the staff for the contests or events for that day. Responsibilities may include setting up the goat pavilion, cleaning the goat pavilion after an event, and/or assisting during the contest. Counties receive bonus points on Herdsmanship after working on their County Day.

## B. EVENT SCHEDULE

### Pre-Fair

Tuesday, August 25

All Youth Goats may arrive between 3:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on Tuesday, August 25; AND between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 26.

<b>Wed., Aug. 26</b>	8:00 a.m.	<b>ALL</b> Youth Goats must be in place by this time.
	10:30 a.m.	<b>Mandatory Meeting for all Youth Goat Exhibitors</b> to review rules, upcoming events, etc. – Goat Pavilion
	12:00 p.m.	Check in: Mandatory paper check AND handing in of Goat Project Record Books & Goat Educational Displays
	3:30 p.m.	Team Goat Fitting Exhibition– Goat Pavilion
	6:00 p.m.	Milk Production Contest - Preliminary milk-out - Dairy Goat Milking Parlor
<b>Thurs., Aug. 27</b>	6:00 a.m.	Milk Production Contest – First Official Milking – Dairy Goat Milking Parlor
	9:30 a.m.	Working Goat Weigh-In AND Pack Check/Weigh-In
	10:00 a.m.	Meat Goat Weigh-In
	1:00 p.m.	JUNIOR Goat Products Identification AND Knowledge Olympics Contests – Goat Pavilion
	2:00p.m.	SENIOR Goat Products Identification AND Knowledge Olympics Contests – Goat Pavilion
	6:00 p.m.	Milk Production Contest – Second Official Milking – Dairy Goat Milking Parlor
<b>Fri., Aug. 28</b>	10:30 a.m.	Youth Meat Goat Show – Goat Pavilion
	12:30 p.m.	Meat Goat/Kimber Hamm Judging Classes (2) – Goat Pavilion
	2:00 p.m.	Dairy Goat Project Record Book Interviews, Followed by Working Goat Project Record Book Interviews, then Meat Goat Project Record Book Interviews
<b>Sat., Aug. 29</b>	10:00 a.m.	Youth Dairy Goat Fitting & Showmanship – Goat Pavilion
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Working Goat Show – Goat Pavilion
<b>Sun., Aug. 30</b>	10:00 a.m.	Youth Dairy Goat Breed Show – Goat Pavilion
	2:00 p.m.	Dairy Goat Judging Classes (2) – Goat Pavilion
	6:00 p.m.	Family Fellowship Gathering – Dish to pass or monetary donations accepted – Goat Pavilion
<b>Mon., Aug. 31</b>	11:00 a.m.	Youth Goat Costume Class – Goat Pavilion
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Goat Award Ceremony - Goat Pavilion
	11:30 p.m.	Youth Goats dismissed at discretion of the Superintendent

**ALL Youth Goats must be removed by 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept 1.**

## C. YOUTH DAIRY GOATS

(For registered purebred dairy goats and recorded grades only)

FITTING and SHOWMANSHIP

**All youth dairy goat exhibitors are automatically entered in this contest and must participate to receive premiums.**

1. Youth will be divided into two (2) classes (Junior, and Senior) .If class numbers exceed 12, the superintendent has the option of adding an Intermediate class.
2. Ribbons will be awarded on the Danish System. Master Showman ribbons will be awarded at the judge's discretion.
3. The judge will consider the following score card (100 points total):  
Appearance of Animal - 40 points; Appearance of Exhibitor - 10 points and  
Presentation of Animal in Ring - 50 points.
4. Any exhibitor participating in Fitting and Showmanship must have been pre-entered in the Youth Dairy Goat Show, and their animal must be on the Fairgrounds.

Dairy Goat Show Order: Alpine, Lamancha, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen, Toggenburg, AOP & Recorded Grade

**YOUTH DAIRY GOATS – SECTION LETTERS & CLASSES**

<b>Section</b>	<b>DA</b> <small>Alpine</small>	<b>DB</b> <small>Lamancha</small>	<b>DC</b> <small>Nubian</small>	<b>DD</b> <small>Oberhasli</small>	<b>DE</b> <small>Saanen</small>	<b>DF</b> <small>Toggenburg</small>	<b>DG</b> <small>AOP***</small>	<b>DH</b> <small>Chamois</small>
Doe Kid, 3 months & under 5 mos.	1	10	19	28	37	46	55	64
Doe Kid, 5 mos. & under 9 mos.	2	11	20	29	38	47	56	65
Doe Kid, 9 mos. & under 16 mos.	3	12	21	30	39	48	57	66
Doe Kid, 16 mos. & under 24 mos.	4	13	22	31	40	49	58	67
Doe, 1 yr. Old & under 2, in milk	5	14	23	32	41	50	59	68
Doe, 2 yrs. & under 3	6	15	24	33	42	51	60	69
Doe, 3 yrs. & under 5	7	16	25	34	43	52	61	70
Doe, 5 yrs. & over	8	17	26	35	44	53	62	71
Dam-daughter	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72

(Each must have been shown in individual classes. Both need not be owned by same exhibitor, but must have been shown in same breed.)

\*\*\*AOP (All Other Purebred) to include Sable & Nigerian Dwarf.

**Project Record Books – Dairy**

- Youth may submit a Project Record Book on one dairy animal that they raised or cared for in the current project year. The record used must be one of the appropriate NY State 4-H Dairy Goat Project Record Books available on the web at <https://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/livestock/goats> or through your local Cooperative Extension Office.
- Entry is limited to one project record book per youth, either Junior or Senior, and must be submitted to the Supt. no later than 9:30 am Thursday, August 27. The goat recorded in the record book need not be present at the fair, but the youth must be an exhibitor to present the record book for review.
- Exhibitors must sign up for the opportunity to have an interview with the Reviewer to ask and answer questions about their record book.
- Ribbons will be available to the top 5 places in each age division.

**D. YOUTH MEAT GOAT**

**All goats must have official scrapie identification, either registration tattoo or scrapie ear tag or**

**tattoo. FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP**

**All youth meat goat exhibitors are automatically entered in this contest and must participate to receive premiums.**

- Youth will be divided into two (2) classes (Junior and Senior).
- Ribbons will be awarded on the Danish System. Master Showman ribbons will be awarded at the judge's discretion.
- The judge will consider the following: Fitting and Appearance of animal and exhibitor, Knowledge, and Exhibition in the ring.
- Any exhibitor participating in Fitting and Showmanship must have been pre-entered in the Youth Meat Goat Show, and their animal must be on the Fairgrounds.

## YOUTH MEAT GOATS – SECTION LETTERS & CLASSES

	Percentages	Full Bloods/Purebreds	Market Kid	Special
Doe Kid, 3 months & under 6 mos.	76	85		
Doe Kid, 6 mos. & under 9 mos.	77	86		
Doe Kid, 9 mos. & under 12 mos.	78	87		
Doe 12 mo. & under 16 mo. – never kidded	79	88		
Doe 16 mo. & under 20 mo. – never kidded	80	89		
Doe 20 mo. & under 24 mo. – never kidded	81	90		
Doe, 1 yr. old & under 2--kidded	82	91		
Doe, 2 yrs. & under 4--kidded	83	92		
Doe, 4 yrs. & older--kidded	84	93		

Lightweight Market Kid	94
Heavyweight Market Kid	95

<b>Produce of Dam (Percentage and Full bloods)</b>	96
<b>Dam &amp; Daughter (each shown in individual classes)</b>	97
Kimber Hamm Conformation Class – Junior	98
Kimber Hamm Conformation Class – Senior	99

2. Boers and All Other Breeds – 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”. All other breeds will be judged according to the standards of their respective breeds and or characteristics of ideal meat goat breeding or market stock, and placings and ribbons awarded within AOB.
3. Conformation Classes Champion and Reserve Champion awards
  - a. Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion Percentage Boer Doe and AOB Doe will be selected from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place entries in their category in Classes #76 – 78.
  - b. Yearling Champion and Reserve Yearling Champion Percentage Boer Doe and AOB Doe will be selected from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place entries in their category in Classes #79-82.
  - c. Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion Percentage Boer Doe and AOB Doe will be selected from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place entries in their category in Classes #83 – 84.
  - d. Grand and Reserve Champion Percentage Boer Doe and AOB Doe will be selected from the Champion and Reserve Junior, Yearling and Senior Percentage Does in their categories.
  - e. Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion FB/PB Boer Doe and AOB Doe will be selected from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place entries in their category in Classes #85 – 87.
  - f. Yearling Champion and Reserve Yearling Champion FB/PB Boer Doe and AOB Doe will be selected from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place entries in their category in Classes #88-91.
  - g. Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion FB/PB Boer Doe and AOB Doe will be selected from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place entries in their category Classes #92 – 93.
  - h. Grand and Reserve Champion FB/PB Boer Doe and AOB Doe will be selected from the Champion and Reserve Junior, Yearling and Senior FB/PB Does in their category.
  - i. Champion and Reserve Market Kid will be selected from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place entries in their category in Classes 94 – 95. Overall Grand/Reserve Champion Market Kid will be selected from Champion/Reserve Boer and AOB Market Kids.
  - j. Overall Breed Champion/Reserve Boer Doe will be selected from the Boer Grand/Reserve Champion Percentage Does, and Grand/Reserve Champion FB/PB Does.
  - k. Overall Breed Champion/Reserve AOB will be selected from the AOB Grand/Reserve Percentage Does and Grand/Reserve Champion FB/PB Does.
  - l. Best of Show will be selected from Overall Breed Champion/Reserve for Boers, Overall Breed Champion/Reserve All Other Breeds and Champion/Reserve Market Kids.
4. Youth Meat Goats General Rules and Guidelines:
  - a. Fullbloods and purebreds are does and doelings registered or eligible for registration as either purebreds or fullbloods with a recognized meat goat breed association.
  - b. Doe kids and does must be either 1) tattooed and accompanied by matching registration papers indicating their age, or 2) must be judged on age by their teeth (no adult teeth < 1 yr.; 1 set adult teeth = 1 year old and under 2; 2 to 3 sets of adult teeth = 2 yrs old and under 4; > 3 sets of adult teeth = 4 yrs. and older.
  - c. **Meat goat breeding stock does not need to be registered with any breed organization.**
  - d. Market kids can be either castrated male or female kids (**NO ADULT TEETH**) that have competed in a meat goat class at a county level or been quality endorsed by a 4-H Cornell Cooperative Extension Youth Educator or other authorized representative of a qualified related youth organization.
  - e. Any doe kid showing in classes 94 - 95 will be judged as a market animal and may not show in Classes 76-93.

- f. Market kid classes will be assigned based on weigh-ins on Thursday at 10:00 a.m... No more than a **total** of three (3) market kids per exhibitor will be allowed.
  - g. **Produce of Dam Class** (96) must consist of two offspring of any age, produced by the same dam. Each offspring must have competed in one of Classes 76 to 95. Both need not be owned by same exhibitor.
  - h. **Dam & Daughter Class** (97). Each doe must have competed in one of Classes 76 – 95. Both need not be owned by same exhibitor.
5. Kimber Hamm Conformation Classes  
**Class # 98**– Kimber Hamm Conformation Class – Junior Exhibitor  
**Class # 99**– Kimber Hamm Conformation Class – Senior Exhibitor
- a. Must be owned or leased by the exhibitor competing for the Kimber Hamm Goat Rancher Award.
  - b. Youth are limited to one entry in classes 98-99. Exhibitor is to notify the Youth Meat Goat Assist. Superintendent of the animal they have selected during mandatory paper check on Wednesday, Aug.26. No changes are permitted after 10 a.m. the morning of the Youth Meat Goat Show.
  - c. The entry may be a doe kid, market kid or doe and must have competed in one of Classes 76 - 95. Youth will receive an individual scorecard evaluating their goat's conformation.

#### E. PROJECT RECORD BOOK REVIEW

The following activity is optional and open to all youth goat exhibitors. However, youth competing for the Kimber Hamm Goat Rancher Award must compete in this activity as well as additional activities listed in F. 2. Below.

1. **Project Record Book Review** - Youth will submit a record on a market kid, doe kid, doe, or wether (working goats) that he or she raised during the current project year. The record used must be the appropriate NY State 4-H goat project record book available on the web at [www.cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/livestock/goats](http://www.cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/livestock/goats) or through your local Cooperative Extension Office. The First-Year notebook may be used at the 4-H leader's discretion for 4-Hers in their first year of a meat goat project. Junior youth are strongly encouraged to use the Junior record notebook. Project record book must be submitted to the Youth Goat Superintendent no later than 9:30 a.m.. Thursday, Aug.27. Entry is limited to one project record book per youth. The goat recorded in the record book does not need to be present at the fair.
2. Ribbons will be available for the top 10 places in the project record review. **Youth do not have to bring their project goats to the NY State Fair in order to participate in this activity. However, the exhibitor must be present for the competition.** Juniors and seniors will be scored separately.

#### F. KIMBER HAMM GOAT RANCHER AWARD

1. This award is given to the junior and senior meat goat exhibitor who best demonstrates 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.
2. Youth must compete in all meat goat competitions including the Project Record Book Review, Fitting & Showmanship and Class 98 or 99. Youth must also compete in the Youth Goat Knowledge Olympics and the meat goat portion of the Youth Goat Judging Competition. Please contact the Youth Meat Goat Assistant Superintendent in advance if you have a conflict with the timing for either the project record book interviews or Youth Goat Knowledge Olympics as re-scheduling may be possible.
3. -Any exhibitor who competes in all five (5) activities - are eligible for the Kimber Hamm Goat Rancher Award -(Junior or Senior).

#### G. YOUTH WORKING GOATS

All goats must have official scrapie identification, either registration tattoo or scrapie ear tag or tattoo. Goats must be identified as the youth's working goat project (agility, pack, and/or driving) at the county level.

#### FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

**All youth working goat exhibitors are automatically entered in this contest and must participate to receive premiums.**

1. Youth will be divided into two classes (Junior and Senior).
2. Ribbons will be awarded on the Danish System. Master Showman ribbons will be awarded at the judge's discretion.
3. The judge will consider the following: Appearance & Fitting (animal, exhibitor, and equipment), Knowledge, and Performance in Ring.
4. Any exhibitor participating in Fitting and Showmanship must have been pre-entered in the Youth Working Goat Show, and their animal must be on the Fairgrounds.
5. No animals under 6 months.
6. All goats must wear either a collar or a halter.
7. Youth must wear appropriate hiking attire including long pants, sleeved-shirt with a collar, hiking sneakers/boots and backpack, or fanny pack.
8. Goat should NOT have a pack on for this class.

#### Working Goat Classes

1. All goats showing in Pack Classes must have a pack or saddle with The Essentials in it. The exhibitor must place a pack on their goat at the direction of the Judge.
2. The following is a list of THE ESSENTIALS that must be carried either in the goat pack, or in a pack carried by the exhibitor: filled one liter water bottle, snacks, paper map, compass, sunscreen, insect repellent, first-aid kit, fire-starter kit in waterproof container, flashlight/headlamp with extra batteries, whistle, signaling mirror, strong twine or rope, emergency space blanket, toilet paper, trowel, sunglasses and a knife. Due to safety precautions, required on paper would be the words "knife", and "fire starter".
3. All goats and packs must have previously been weighed and pack contents checked.
4. Goats must have a collar with a lead, or a halter with a lead to show.
5. After three refusals, the exhibitor will be required to move to the next obstacle. The judge may also ask the exhibitor to continue

- past the challenge if he/she feels it is counterproductive to continue confronting that challenge. If the goat and handler are unable to do the course, they are disqualified at the judge's direction.
6. If the pack has to be removed or refitted due to ill-fitting while in the showing, 10 points will be deducted from the final score.
  7. Dragging or pulling goats through the course will lead to disqualification.
  8. Treats are not allowed in the showing.
  9. If the exhibitor requires immediate assistance while in the showing, 5 points will be deducted from the final score.

## **TRAIL CHALLENGE**

**Class # 104** – Trail Challenge Junior Division – Youth 8 - 13years old as of Jan.1 of the current year.

**Class # 105** – Trail Challenge Senior Division – Youth 14 - 18 years old as of Jan.1 of the current year.

- a. These classes consist of a judged course testing the youth exhibitor and their goat's ability to work as a partnership to navigate challenges similar to those they might encounter when hiking. Challenges will be suitable for both miniature and larger breed goats and for goats  $\geq$ 6 months old. The pair should maintain an efficient hiking pace when not navigating challenges.
- b. Youth may show a maximum of two project goats in their division.
- c. Trail Challenge Senior and Junior Division Champions will be the top-ranking youth/goat pair in each division. Trail Challenge Senior and Junior Division Reserve Champions will be the second ranking youth/goat pair in each division.

## **PACK LINE**

Consists of 2-4 goats with properly placed packs and contents going through a course. Goats must be properly tethered together and will be led by the exhibitor through an obstacle course.

**Class # 106** – Pack Line – Junior Division

**Class # 107** – Pack Line – Senior Division

- a. Youth may show only one pack line in their division.
- b. Pack Line Senior and Junior Division Champions will be the top-ranking combination in each division. Reserve Champions will be the second ranking combinations in each division.

## **CART CLASS**

Class consists of a harnessed goat pulling a cart or implement behind it while being led by the exhibitor.

**Class # 108** – Cart Class – Junior Division

**Class # 109** – Cart Class – Senior Division

- a. The goat must be at least 2 years old and should be able to pull up to two (2) times their weight.
- b. The cart must be in good working condition and have a purpose (hauling groceries, water, kindling, firewood, produce etc.).
- c. The goat must be harnessed prior to entering the ring. Hitching to the cart occurs in the ring.
- d. Harness may be either a working or driving harness. The exhibitor should know the parts of the harness.
- e. No person can ride or drive from the cart. No helmet is required.

## **DRIVING CLASS (Exhibition Only)**

Class to consist of a goat harnessed to a cart and being driven by the exhibitor.

**Class # 110** – Junior Division

**Class #111** - Senior Division

- a. The goat must be at least 2 years old and should be able to pull up to two (2) times their weight.
- b. Cart drivers must wear an approved helmet. Harness and cart need to be in good working condition.
- c. The goat must be harnessed prior to entering the ring. Hitching to the cart occurs in the ring.
- d. Goat must be harnessed in a complete driving harness and driven from behind.
- e. Exhibitor must know the parts of the harness.
- f. Exhibitor must use verbal commands while driving the course. A lead person may be used if needed.
- g. The course pattern will be posted prior to the show.

## **DRILL TEAM (Exhibition Only)**

Class consists of teams of 6 or more goats and handlers (youth goat exhibitors) performing a detailed drill of their own design.

**Class # 112** – County Team

- a. If a county does not have at least 6 goats/handlers, they may join with another county to make a team.
- b. Exhibitors may choose to dress alike and dress the goats.
- c. Teams can perform to music. Counties should provide a means of playing the music over the sound system.
- d. Vocal commands may be used, No adults are permitted in the showing.
- e. The drill should be at least five minutes but not exceed 8 minutes in length.
- f. The teams will be scored using a score sheet.

### **Project Record Books – Working Goats**

1. Youth may submit a Project Record Book on one working goat that they raised or cared for in the current project year. The record book used must be one of the appropriate NY State 4-H Working Goat project record books found at: [www.eals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/livestock/goats](http://www.eals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/livestock/goats) or through your local Cooperative Extension Office.
2. Entry is limited to one project record book per youth and must be submitted to the Supt. no later than 9:30 am Thursday, August 27. The goat recorded in the notebook need not be present at the fair, but the youth must be an exhibitor to present the project record book for review.
3. Exhibitors must sign up for the opportunity to have an interview with the Reviewer to ask and answer questions about their record book.
4. Ribbons will be awarded to the top 5 places in each age division.

### **YOUTH GOAT CONTESTS**

1. Youth Goat Contests are open to all youth goat exhibitors and any youth currently enrolled in a 4-H or FFA goat project.
2. Contests may be individual or teams. Contests noted as TEAMS require that youth must sign up as county teams. The only time there will be “combo” teams is with the permission of the superintendent in the event that there are not enough youth from the county to make a team.
3. Fitting and Showmanship, Youth Dairy Goat Milk Production and Herdsmanship are all mandatory events.
4. Pre-entries are not required, however exhibitors must use provided sign-up sheets.

### **H. YOUTH GOAT KNOWLEDGE OLYMPICS**

See General Information, Sec. II. Contests for further details.

### **I. YOUTH GOAT PRODUCTS IDENTIFICATION CONTEST**

See General Information, Sec. II. Contests for further details.

### **J. YOUTH DAIRY GOAT MILK PRODUCTION**

Gratitude is expressed to the Northeast Dairy One Association for testing milk samples for this contest.

1. **All goats entered in lactating dairy doe classes will AUTOMATICALLY be entered in this Milk Production Contest.** The only dairy goats which will not be required to participate will be those does who have earned the STAR milker designation or are currently on DHIA test (bring proof). However, these goats are welcome to participate if their youth owners so desire.
2. Milk production of each doe will be measured in a 24-hour period with milkings at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26; 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 27 and 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 27.
3. An award will be presented to the doe with the highest point score based on stage of lactation, pounds of milk and butterfat content.
4. **Freshening date of each doe must be included on the entry blank.**
5. Premiums will be withheld from individuals not participating in this contest.
6. Only youth goat exhibitors and authorized personnel are allowed in milking parlor during competition.

### **K. STATE YOUTH GOAT JUDGING TEAM CONTEST**

1. Any county wishing to enter a novice, junior and/or a senior team may do so. If there are not enough youth for a team, teams will be formed at the time of the contest. See Youth Goat Contests above.
2. The Goat Judging Team Contest is open to all youth goat exhibitors and any youth currently enrolled in a 4-H goat project.
3. The number of classes judged will be at the discretion of the judge.
4. The Dairy Classes will be judged at the conclusion of the Dairy Goat Breed Show.
5. The Meat Classes will be judged at the conclusion of the Meat Goat Show.
6. The final of the two classes in Dairy will be the REASONS Class for Seniors.
7. The final of the two classes in Meat will be the REASONS Class for Kimber Hamm participants.
8. The contest will be conducted much in the same way as other livestock judging contests.
9. There will be four divisions (A = Over Microphone; B = 14 yrs. old or older; C = 13 yrs. old or younger and D = Novice) in which contestants may participate.
10. See General Information, Sec. II. Contests for further details.

### **L. YOUTH GOAT EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY – Intended to generate interest for the goat industry and educate the public on dairy, meat, or working goats.**

1. All entries must be accompanied by an Exhibitor Information Statement Card available from your county Cornell Cooperative Extension Office.
2. Check in for displays is during mandatory paper check on Wednesday, August 26 at 12:00 p.m.
3. Display may be a poster (at least 14” x 22”), poster series or 3-dimensional exhibit related to goats or the goat industry that can either be hung on a wall or fit on a 2’ x 3’ counter space. Display table caution: the public may have access; therefore do not use valuables as part of your display.
4. Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to first enter displays at the county level. Exhibits should be self-explanatory through the use of appropriate captions, signs or labels.
5. Entries may include scientific posters. Scientific posters should be on either an experiment or descriptive science conducted by the youth that involved goats. For example, observations on how long it takes to milk a goat by hand versus with a specific machine system, summaries of data you have collected comparing the growth of male and female goat kids, etc. Poster should be on a display board or poster board and 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.
6. Entries will be evaluated on content, illustration, organization, clarity, visual appeal and readability. Juniors and seniors will be judged separately.
7. Two divisions are available: one for 4-H **groups** and one for **individuals**. Limited to one entry per exhibitor in each division. Ribbons and premiums will be awarded.

### **M. HERDSMANSHIP**

1. Herdsmanship Awards will be presented. Method of determining these awards will include the following:
  - a. Manure removal from aisles and bedding.
  - b. Animals, water buckets, and pens clean and blankets (if used) acceptable and clean.
  - c. Orderly storage of feed, hay and straw and avoidance of unnecessary waste.
  - d. Tools, buckets, feed boxes and other equipment in place.
  - e. Name cards legible and properly hung, and appropriate County decorations in place.
  - f. Conduct, cooperation and appearance of exhibitors.
  - g. Educational displays and county participation on County Day will be given consideration in overall scoring.
2. Youth should do their own work. Adults should only help when assistance is needed (e.g., teaching youth how to do an item).

**N. YOUTH GOAT COSTUME CLASS**

1. Sign-up required. Limited to one entry per youth goat exhibitor.
2. All entries will use their own owned or leased goat.
3. Entries will be judged on Creativity, Originality, Funniest, Artistic, Themed County Entry.
4. Goat and handler **MUST** be costumed.
5. Youth must submit a written narrative with their Name, Goat's Name, County, and Category at least ½ hour prior to the class.

**O. TEAM GOAT FITTING EXHIBITION**

1. Any youth goat exhibitors are welcome to participate. Since it is an exhibition and NOT a contest, youth may form any team they wish. This exhibition is designed to allow youth the opportunity to demonstrate, or practice for a National Event.
2. **Teams must provide their animals.**
3. Teams are required to provide their own supplies.
4. Teams will be scored for educational purposes as follows:
  - a. Clipping-40 pts.-based on ADGA prescribed standards or ABGA recommendations.
  - b. "Cleanliness 25 pts.-based on ADGA standards and ABGA recommendations for fitting.
  - c. Handling the Animal as a Team-5 pts.-handling the animal in a kind manner, not causing present or future harm.
  - d. Team Work-15 pts.-an emphasis at the Fair, youth are encouraged to work as a team to get the job done.
  - e. Showing the Animal in the Ring-15 pts.-show the animal for showmanship following the ADGA showmanship scorecard for dairy goats and ABGA recommendations and the USBGA showmanship scorecard for meat goats.
  - f. Bonus Points-Team Appearance-5 pts.
  - g. Total possible points-105

**P. Carolyn E. Funk Achievement Award**

This award is given to the 4-H Dairy Goat exhibitor who best embodies the 4-H Motto "To Make The Best Better". In order for a dairy goat exhibitor to be eligible, he/she must participate in **all** the following contests (Knowledge Olympics, Product ID, Fitting and Showmanship, and Goat Judging Contest) during the week. The top 5 (five) place winners of each contest will receive 1 – 5 points with 5 being 1st place, 4 being 2nd place, etc. At the end of the week the 3 top point scorers are then in contention for the Award. A Committee will pick the winner based on attitude, helpfulness & sportsmanship. Awards to contestants include plaques.

**Q. The Ultimate Goat Award**

This award is given to the Youth Working Goat Exhibitor who has participated in the following events: Knowledge Olympics, Product ID, Goat Judging, and Project Record Book. Points will be awarded based on placings in those events and the top three scorers will be in contention for the award. A committee will select the winner based on attitude, helpfulness, and sportsmanship.

**T. The G.O.A.T. Award**

This award in honor of **tatiana Luisa Stanton** will be given to the Youth Goat Exhibitor who has exhibited their goats in all three divisions of the Youth Goat Program at the NYS Fair: Dairy, Meat, and Working Goats. In order to be eligible, he/she must also participate in the following events: Knowledge Olympics, Product ID, Goat Judging and Project Record Book (for **one** of the divisions). The top 5 (five) place winners of each contest will receive 1-5 points with 1<sup>st</sup> place receiving 5 point, 2<sup>nd</sup> place receiving 4 points, etc. At the end of the week the 3 top point scorers are then in contention for the award. A Committee will choose the winner based on attitude, helpfulness, and sportsmanship. Awards to contestants include plaques.