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MEMORANDUM

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To: 4-H and FFA Goat Exhibitors



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Enclosed find information of interest to you and your family regarding the 2025 Adams County 4-H Goat project and fair opportunities.

Scrapie ID—All goats shown at the Adams County Fair MUST have a USDA Scrapie tag or legible tattoo (for LaMancha wethers or registered dairy goats). Please be sure the breeder tags or tattoos your goat BEFORE you pick it up and take it home. The purpose of the tag is to be able to track the animal back to its farm of origin if necessary. Goats with blue, slaughter-only/meat scrapie tags (purchased through an approved livestock market) cannot be used as fair projects, will not be tagged, and will not be admitted to the fairgrounds for exhibition.

Breeding Goat Fair Entries—All Dairy Goat and Meat Doe breeding project animals that you plan to show at the Adams County Fair *must* be entered at <https://go.osu.edu/ACGoat> on or before May 1. Youth must have been properly enrolled in a breeding project (135BM or 135BD) by the February 15 enrollment deadline to exhibit animals in either the Dairy Goat or Meat Doe Breeding Goat Shows at the Fair. **Pack, Harness, Fiber, and Pygmy** goats must also be entered using <https://go.osu.edu/ACGoat>.

Market Goat Tag-In—Market goats, including dairy wethers and meat-type wethers and does will be weighed and tagged as on feed for the Adams County Fair on **Saturday, May 3, 8- 10 a.m. at the fairgrounds.** You may tag and exhibit a total of three market goats this year. Again, this year, we will have a county born and bred show. At the May weigh-in members should declare if their market goats were born in Adams County and who the breeder was. These animals will be eligible to show as Adams County Born and Bred.

Family Animal Rule - Each large animal exhibitor will be required to designate at least one animal in his/her name. A family can tag an additional two animals of that species per Junior Fair member as “family” animals. Each exhibitor will have access to no more than three total animals in that species, including “family” animals. State Fair steers and heifers cannot be registered as a family animal. Market rabbit exhibitors must tattoo in 1 pen (2 rabbits) in his/her name. A family can tattoo one additional pen of rabbits as a “family” pen. Each exhibitor will have access to no more than two pens of market rabbits, including “family” pens. This rule does not apply to market poultry. Family is defined as junior fair eligible youth who are legally siblings, half-siblings or step-siblings.

Fair Rules—Please review the following Adams County Junior Fair Goat rules for 2025. This is **not** a complete list of rules:

1. A member may tag and exhibit a total of three market goats.
2. Market goats should be 6-8 months old at time of fair check-in and must have all milk teeth intact.
3. Dairy wethers shown in the Market Goat Show must be 100% dairy breeding. Any goat with meat-type breeding must be entered and shown in the meat-type goat division of the show.
4. Meat-type goats may be either wethers or does. Wether and does will show in the same classes.
5. All wethers must be castrated by pre-fair tag-in.
6. All market goats will be governed by the same weight restrictions. Goats weighing less than 50 pounds or more than 120 pounds may be shown in designated underweight or overweight classes and in showmanship, but will not be eligible to compete for champions, OME or production recognition and awards.
7. Underweight and overweight goats may not sell in the Adams County Junior Fair Livestock Sale.
8. All market goats must be shown in the show arena, both during the show and sale or they will not be permitted to sell.
9. All market goats will be shown by weight.
10. The dairy-type division will show first in a single class unless there are more than twelve entries, in which case there will be two classes. Meat-type will be divided into classes of 10-12 unless there are more than 12 animals of the same weight, at which time all animals of identical weight will show together. If there are more than 15 animals of the same weight, then all animals of the same weight will be broken in ID tag order into two classes.
11. All class winners will compete for overall grand champion. An overall reserve champion will also be selected.
12. All non-sale goats that will be returning home will be released from the fairgrounds at 10 p.m. on Thursday.
13. Exhibitors **may sell only one Sale unit** unless they have multiple qualifying champions, which must be sold. A sale unit may be one steer, one market swine, one market goat, one market lamb, one pound of butter, one pound of goat milk fudge, one meat pen of rabbits, one meat-type turkey or duck, or one pen of meat-type chickens. Qualifying champions must be sold- OME's are no longer a qualifying champion. The exhibitors of such champions will not be eligible to sell any additional units in the Sale unless those units were also designated as qualifying champions in their respective shows. (See Sale rules for complete details and a list of qualifying champions.)

Dairy goat does must be dehorned or disbudded to be shown at the Fair; dairy goat exhibitors will be eligible to compete for the Outstanding Dairy Goat Exhibitor Award; and dairy goat exhibitors may elect to sell one pound of goat milk fudge as their one sale unit.

Goat Project Guidelines - 2025 4-H Goat Project Information Requirements are available on our webpage at adams.osu.edu. Please review the information carefully and watch for additional details in upcoming announcements.

Skillathon and Quality Assurance - All 4-H goat exhibitors are required to participate in the Skillathon on either May 6 or May 7. This year's skillathons will be held at the fairgrounds, 3 – 7 p.m. on both dates. Quality Assurance will be offered several times. Dates are listed on the 4-H calendar at adams.osu.edu and at <https://u.osu.edu/AdamsCounty4H>. Youth ages 12 and older have the opportunity to test out of quality assurance at school again this year. Check with your FFA advisor for details.

Questions? Don't hesitate to ask. Contact me via email at watters.92@osu.edu or call me at the Extension Office at 937.544.2339.