



**New York State Fair
2009 Dairy and Meat Goat Events
EXHIBITOR INFORMATION**



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A note about feed – We will not have grain donations this year for the milking parlor. All exhibitors should bring their own grain or contact Lee's Feed, 315-469-1481, prior to Aug 15th to arrange for them to deliver grain to the fair for you on their scheduled delivery date.

Youth Goat Events are held in the Open Goat Barn or the new Goat Tent unless otherwise noted in the premium book. Please consult the 2009 Youth Department Animal Science Premium Book to check for scheduling changes in 2009. A downloadable copy of the Premium Book is available on the web at <http://www.nysfair.org/competitions>. Scroll down and click on "4-H Youth Livestock". Then scroll down again to Youth Goats and click on "Livestock General Information, Rules & Classes".

4-H Goat Exhibitor Responsibilities - It is the responsibility of 4-H Educators submitting entries in New York State Fair Youth Goat Events to ensure that each exhibitor and his/her family, volunteer leaders, and any other persons who will be supervising exhibitors, read and become familiar with rules and regulations published in the Youth Department Animal Science Premium Book (particularly Section D). Not knowing the rules will not be accepted as an excuse for failure to adhere to them.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Entry forms must be submitted by your County Extension Educators to the State Fair.
2. A photocopy of each animal's entry form and completed non-owned form (if applicable) must **also** be sent by the County Ext. Educator to: Daniel B. Funk, Superintendent, 64 Canasawacta St., Norwich, NY 13815 (phone: 607-336-6140).
3. **Original health papers and rabies certificates must accompany the animal for inspection upon arrival on the Fairgrounds. No bucks are allowed during the youth goat activities. No horned dairy goats allowed. Meat goats may be horned but if unruly may be asked to leave or to have their horns artificially tipped.**
4. A goat can be leased by a child who does not already own a goat. Properly filled out non-ownership certificate (available at your CCE office) must accompany the goat to the fair and a photocopy must be sent with the entry form to Daniel B. Funk, Superintendent. 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 only one leased dairy or meat goat.
5. Only ADGA, AGS and CGS recorded, registered or applied-for animals recognized by ADGA as dairy animals are accepted in the dairy goat show. **ADGA RULES SHALL GOVERN.** The junior and senior shows are not separately sanctioned.
6. 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 faxed stamped duplicate application. Purchased goats must be transferred into the youth's name by June 15th or earlier if county rules specify an earlier date and the transfers finalized prior to arrival at the State Fair.

7. Meat goats do not need to be registered with a breed association. All unregistered meat goats must be tagged or tattooed with their official scrapie identification. Registered meat goats should be tattooed and accompanied by registration papers.
8. 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 tags.
9. 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 – We will again have T shirts promoting NYS 4-H Goats on sale to raise money for the matching funds program to help pay goat premiums. We are also in need of donations (from businesses or individuals) for the prizes for the Kimber Hamm Goat Rancher Award. Please contact Melissa Ziemendorf, E-mail: ziebaer@aol.com (716) 417-8446 for more information.

4-H Dairy Goat Changes for 2009 – Trudy Lombard has resigned as Assistant Supervisor for the Youth Goat Activities to take on the duties of Open Dairy Goat Show Superintendent. We welcome Holly Phillips as our new Youth Goat Assistant Supervisor. Trudy plans to remain active in youth events.

Youth who can not 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, Dan Funk, postmarked by Aug. 21st. Youth must be present to show their own dairy goats in the breed shows or else their animals will be unable to compete and premiums forfeited

4-H Meat Goat Changes for 2009 - Again, some 4-H meat goat pens will not be available until Sat. evening, Aug 29th. Therefore, meat goats have the option of arriving either with the dairy goats between 9 am and 12 midnight on Wed. Aug 26th or 6 to 9 am Thurs. Aug 27th OR arriving between 7 pm and 9 pm Sat. Aug 29th or 7 am to 9 am Sun. Aug 30th. We have changed the breakdown of the doe kid classes slightly and will also be breaking down the Market Kid Class (D 82) into 2 or 3 (lightweight, middleweight, heavyweight) divisions depending on class size. Youth will be allowed to show up to 3 market kids in total in D 82. Additionally, the adult doe classes have been further broken down to include an additional class.

A new event at the NY State Fair this year is a **Boer Goat Open Show** to take place on September 6th. Goats in this show must remain at the State Fair until Monday Sept 7th. Youth Meat Goats that are participating in the Open show as well as the Youth Show may stay over through both events. However, we need to know in advance. Please contact the Open Meat Goat Show Superintendent, Kay Kotwica, at kotland@dreamscape.com or 315 889-5333 for more information. Entry forms are on the web at <http://www.nysfair.org/competitions>.

Competitions – Sample questions for **Goat Bowl** and past **Meat Goat Knowledge Exams** are on the web at <http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/goats>. Teams wishing to compete in the **Dairy Goat Fitting Competition** must bring their own supplies. The **meat goat project notebook reviews, meat goat knowledge exams, and meat goat oral interviews** are handled as three separate voluntary activities. Project notebooks (record books) for adult does, yearling does, doe kids and market kids are available on the web at <http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/meatgoats>. Entry in the project notebook review is limited to one notebook per youth. Youth do not have to bring their project goats to the NY State Fair in order to participate in these activities. However, the exhibitor must be present for the competitions. They are scheduled for Tues. Sept 1st starting at 9 am. Junior and senior youth will be scored separately.

Kimber Hamm Goat Rancher Competition – This optional competition is in memory of Kimber Hamm, one of NY's premier meat goat farmers who died in October 2005. The competition is open to meat goat youth showing a doe, doe kid, or market kid at the NY State Fair Youth Show. This award is given to the junior and

senior youth meat goat exhibitor who most 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. There will be cash awards for the highest scoring senior and junior competitor.

1. Competitors must compete in the project notebook competition, the knowledge review, the oral interview, Class #73 or #74, and Class #82.
2. All exhibitors who compete in the above 5 activities and thus are eligible for the Kimber Hamm Goat Rancher Award will receive ribbons and awards.

THINGS TO DO PRIOR TO THE FAIR

1. You must have been properly entered by August 17, 2009. PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT ANIMAL SCIENCE PREMIUM BOOK. Review the rules and regulations (*Youth participants must be at least eight years old by Jan 1st, 2009 and not have reached their nineteenth birthday prior to Jan 1st, 2009.*); the animal health regulations; the general information section; the livestock arrival and release schedule; and Section D-Youth Goats, which is specific to youth dairy and meat goat exhibitors.
2. **Request and obtain exhibitor passes and parking permits through your County 4-H office.** Parking spots for RV's may be available. Check with State Fair.

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU TO THE FAIR

1. All necessary papers and health certificates. These should be left at barn with animals at all times.
2. Feeding equipment, milking equipment, grooming equipment, health items, clean-up materials, hay, grain, and salt, show clothes, county display promoting 4-H goat projects, etc.

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 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 chaperon must be designated on the form. Forms are available from county offices. County educators should make sure that a copy of this form is received by: Daniel B. Funk, Goat Superintendent, 64 Canasawacta St., Norwich, NY 13815 (phone: 607-336-6140).

WHAT TO DO UPON ARRIVAL

1. All goats and their health papers must be checked at the vet station (follow the signs) prior to being unloaded at the Open Goat Barn on their designated day and time. All goats are to be housed at the Open Goat Barn. Be sure to provide your papers to the Assistant Goat Superintendent immediately to ensure that you get your premiums. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to care for their own animals and the surrounding premises. There is a mandatory meeting for all Youth Goat Exhibitors already in place at 1 pm on Thurs, Aug 27th. Additionally, there is a mandatory meeting for all Youth Meat Goat Exhibitors at 11am on Sun, Aug 30th.
2. If competing for the Kimber Hamm Goat Rancher Award, submit your project notebook to the Meat Goat Assistant Superintendent by 12:00 noon on Sunday, August 30th.

CARE OF ANIMALS

1. All goats will be appropriately fed and watered.
2. It is the youth's responsibility to care for their animals.
3. Keep the area clean and orderly— give the public a positive impression of the goat industry.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. Bedding provided will be 1 bale of straw per pen. Sawdust is available at no charge. Shavings can be purchased for \$5.00 per 1 bedding bale.
2. **There is a picnic gathering for all youth goat exhibitors and their families on Sun. Aug 30th at 7 pm. Bring a food item or dish-to-pass to contribute to the picnic and your eating utensils.**

Enjoy the Fair!!