



**New York State Fair  
2011 Dairy and Meat Goat Events  
EXHIBITOR INFORMATION**



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***Feed and bedding** – Blue Seal Feeds has graciously donated grain for does being milked in the milking parlor. Exhibitors should bring their own grain for all other goats or contact Lee's Feed, 315-469-1481, prior to Aug 13<sup>th</sup> to arrange delivery of grain to the fair on their scheduled delivery date. Sawdust will be provided at no charge. Shavings and/or straw can be brought with you or shavings purchased on site. Straw can be purchased by calling ahead to Mike Teske 315-374-1590 or Harry Moore 315-727-0134 for delivery.*

**New Changes for 2011** – We have extended the amount of time that Youth Meat Goats are at the fair to being the same as for dairy goats. **They need to be in place by 9 AM, Thurs Aug 25 and depart on Tuesday evening, August 30.** This allows us to spread out our dairy and meat goat activities and give exhibitors opportunities to participate in more activities. Because we will have more goats at the fair on Thursday, Friday and Saturday than we've had in the past, we anticipate having **no tack pens available this year.** Please note that Youth Meat Goats that are also competing in the Meat Goat Open Show will need to depart on Tuesday August 30 when the Youth Goat Activities end and return later when the open meat goat show activities start.

We have added two **NEW Educational Display Contests** to our youth activities in the goat barn during the NY State Fair for youth who are exhibiting goats at the fair. One contest is for individuals and the other is for groups. All entries must be accompanied by an Exhibitor Information Statement Card available from your county Cornell Cooperative Extension office and should consist of a poster (at least 14"x 22"), poster series, 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. The display must have been entered at the county level and awarded a blue or red ribbon and should be self-explanatory through the use of appropriate captions, signs or labels. Entries will be evaluated on content, illustration, organization, clarity, visual appeal and readability. Juniors and seniors will be judged separately.

Following the example of the National Livestock Judging Competition, the **Youth Livestock Judging Competition at the NYS Fair now plans to include a class of meat goats.** If Meat Goat Youth plan to compete in both the Livestock Judging Contest and the Kimber Hamm Goat Rancher Competition at the NYS Fair, we request that they notify the Youth Meat Goat Assistant Superintendent prior to August 30<sup>th</sup> to avoid scheduling conflicts between the two competitions.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Youth goat events are held in the Open Goat Barn or the Goat Tent unless otherwise noted. Please consult the 2011 Youth Department Animal Science Premium Book available on the web at <http://www.nysfair.org/competitions> . Scroll down and locate "4-H Youth Livestock". Then scroll to Youth Goats – Dairy & Meat and click on the appropriate sections. All exhibitors and their families, volunteer leaders, and any other persons who will be supervising exhibitors should read and be familiar with the rules and regulations (particularly Section D). Not knowing the rules will not be accepted as an excuse for failure to adhere to them.
2. Entry forms must be submitted by your County Extension Educators to the State Fair.

3. 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).
4. **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.**
5. 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 15<sup>th</sup> or earlier if county rules specify an earlier date. Youth can exhibit only one leased dairy or meat goat.
6. 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.
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 15<sup>th</sup> or earlier if county rules specify an earlier date and transfers finalized by August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
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** – 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](mailto:ziebaer@aol.com) (716) 417-8446 for more information.

**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, Dan Funk, postmarked by Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>. 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

**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>.

**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 and youth do not have to bring their goats to the NY State Fair in order to participate in these activities.

**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 #92.
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 15, 2011. 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 and not have reached their nineteenth birthday prior to Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011*); 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 Superintendents 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 at 1 pm on Thurs, Aug 25<sup>th</sup>.
2. If competing for the Kimber Hamm Goat Rancher Award, submit your project notebook to the Meat Goat Assistant Superintendent by Thurs., August 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **CARE OF ANIMALS**

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

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

1. **There is a picnic gathering for all youth goat exhibitors and their families on Sun. Aug 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Bring a food item or dish-to-pass to contribute to the picnic and your eating utensils.**  
**Enjoy the Fair!!**