

Ontario County 4-H

2025-2026 Meat Animal Goat Regulations

- Market Goats must be either a wether (castrated male) or a doe (female). Acceptable breeds are Kiko, Boer, Spanish, Savanah or crosses of theses and may be purebred or grade. At least 50% meat bred crosses are desired.
- Animals that can be entered for the auction must be born after September 1, 2025.
- Starting your project: The 4-H office has reference materials available to aid you in selection, feeding and showing your animal. Contact Amy at anr32@cornell.edu if you need assistance.
- A participant may tag/weigh-in up to 2 animals for the meat animal beef program. At weigh-in time at the fair, the 4-H will need to designate which animal will be their animal for the Livestock Auction.
- Goat weigh-in will be on May 1st at the Ontario County Fairgrounds. At this time goats must be selected and in your possession.
- Only 1 goat may be shown and sold in the meat auction animal division by each participant.
- Goats should be identified with scrapie tags at the initial weigh-in. This will provide an additional form of identification for our records.
- Goats must weigh between a minimum of 50# and maximum of 125# at the final weighing at the fair in July.
- Meat animals are to be shown clean and dry.
- Participants are required to provide feed and bedding for their animals while on exhibit at the fairgrounds. Exhibitors are expected to help keep the barn aisles swept and looking presentable to the public.
- Participants are required to show their own animals in the auction market class and must participate in showmanship.
- The Livestock Meat Animal Auction will take place on Friday, July 24th!