

New 4-H Member Packet

Meat Goat Breeding

1. Who can I contact if I have questions?

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2. How do I know what class to enter my animal in?

You can find the different classes here in the Steuben County 4-H Showcase Premium Book for the Current year

3. What is showmanship, is it mandatory, and how do I know what showmanship class to enter in?

Showmanship is a class that judges you and how you handle your animal and how you have groomed your animal. It is mandatory for you to do showmanship on each species unless you have won Master Showmanship for that Species then you have the option to enter if you desire. Those specific Showmanship classes will be located under the species classes in the Steuben County 4-H Showcase Premium Book for the current year

4. What should I wear to show my animal?

For Breed Meat Goat it is recommended that you dress presentable. Nice jeans, boots, and a nice shirt. You should not wear a hat and your hair should be clean and combed. You do not want anything too blingy that would take the judges' attention off of the animal and onto you.

5. What supplies should I bring into the show ring with me?

All you need to bring to the show ring is your goat, its halter, or collar.

6. What supplies do I need to bring with me for fair week?

When preparing for Showcase, you want to be sure you have your necessities for your breeding Meat Goat. Depending on the number of goats you take you will need the following things:

- feed dish for each animal.
- enough hay
- A lead rope for each animal.
- Water buckets for each pen of goats
- Some people bring straw or shaving for bedding.
- Showbox
- Show halters/collars if you have them
- Some sort of poster or farm sign to represent your animal and yourself.

These next items are things that not every family owns and most of the time you are able to borrow from another 4-H member or get with others from your club and delegate these things for each family to share during the week.

- Wheelbarrow
- Pitchfork
- Shovel
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7. When do I arrive/show my animal?

Refer to the schedule in the 4-H Showcase Premium Book. Animals are asked to stay till 5pm the day they show.

8. Do I need a Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection for my animal? When does it need to be completed by?

Yes, any goat coming to the Showcase needs to have a Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection completed before the Showcase. You cannot get those vet checks completed before May 1st of the current year.

9. Does my animal need a specific tag in order to come to the Showcase?

Your goat needs to have a scrapie tag or have a legible registration tattoo.