

New 4-H Member Packet

Dairy Goats

1. Who can I contact if I have questions?

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2. How do I know what classes to enter?

You can find the different classes in the Steuben County 4-H Showcase Premium Book. Dairy Goats are shown by breed and age. (Only does can be shown in the 4-H show.)

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

Showmanship is when the judge is looking at the way the exhibitor is handling their animal, the cleanliness of the animal, and what the exhibitor knows about the species and their animal specifically. Showmanship is required until the exhibitor has won master showman. If it is the exhibitor's first time showing this species (not including nonowner or clover bud) and is between 8 and 13 they should be entered in the novice class, if they are 14 and older, they should be entered in the junior class. After the exhibitor's first year if they are between 8 and 13 and have not won the junior class, they should show junior, if they have won the junior class or are 14 or older, they must show in the senior class.

4. What should I wear to show my animal?

When showing your dairy goat, you wear all white. With closed toe shoes.

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

When showing your dairy goat, you will need a clean collar on your goat. Dairy goats are not shown with halters.

6. What supplies do I need to bring with me for the Showcase?

You will need:

- Hay
- Water bucket
- Bedding
- Wheelbarrow
- Shovel
- Show collar
- Show box (some container to keep things in)

- Posters/signs for your animals and your name

7. When do I arrive/ show my animal?

Refer to the Schedule in the 4-H Showcase Premium Book

8. What papers do I need to bring my animal(s) to the Showcase?

You will need a certificate of veterinary inspection completed after May 1st for all dairy goats brought to the Showcase. All dairy goats must be registered or recorded grades. (registration papers should be submitted when entering 4-H classes in June).

9. What tags does my goat need?

Dairy goats will have tattoos that are listed on their registration papers and do not need a tag. Tattoos must be legible, and they will be in both ears. Lamanchas will have their tattoos in the tail web.

10. When/How does my animal leave the Showcase?

All Animals are to stay at the Showcase till 5pm the day they show