



# 2009 Dairy Goat Information Sheet

Prepared by the 4-H State Fair Dairy Goat Show Committee and the Center for 4-H Youth Development

This information sheet gives details on the rules for this year's Minnesota State Fair 4-H Dairy Goat Show. Although some counties may follow slightly different guidelines, these rules will apply at the state level.

## Ownership Requirements

- Animals exhibited must be owned solely by the member, member's family or leased by agreement (if leased, complete information on back of page). The family includes the 4-H'ers parents or guardians and siblings living together as a family unit. The definition of family includes an extended family where the dairy may be owned by grandparents with the 4-H'ers parents actively involved with and working on the dairy
- Animals need to be owned and identified prior to their first freshening. Exception: If a 4-H member has started their dairy goat project with a goat(s) prior to first freshening and continues with the goat(s) for two years (through freshening of the goat(s) if appropriate) they then may purchase goats that have been through first freshening.
- **Animals need to be owned or leased and identified prior to their first freshening.**

## Leasing Program

- If a 4-H'er cannot own their own Dairy Goat, they may be leased.
- The Lease Form on the back side of your ID affidavit must be completed and submitted by your species ID coordinator to the Extension office by May 15.

## Birthdates

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| → Junior Kid Doe                          | April 1 – June 30, 2009       |
| → Senior Kid Doe                          | January 1 – March 31, 2009    |
| → Dry Yearling Doe                        | January 1 – December 31, 2008 |
| → Milking Yearling Doe                    | January 1 – December 31, 2008 |
| → Milking Two Year Old Doe                | January 1 – December 31, 2007 |
| → Milking Doe ~ 3 Years and under 5 Years | born in 2005 or 2006          |
| → Milking Doe ~ 5 Years and older         | born before 2005              |

## Breeds – Registered & Grades

The following breeds are eligible to compete in the Minnesota State Fair 4-H Dairy Goat Show:

Alpine ~ Lamancha ~ Nubian ~ Oberhasli ~ Saanen ~ Toggenburg ~ Recorded Grades ~ Nigerian Dwarfs ~ Sables ~ Unrecorded Grades

**Unrecorded grades are limited to the unregistered eight recognized ADGA breeds or any combination thereof.**

## Identification Details

- A unique animal ID number is required to be tattooed into animals' ear or tail web.
- A Scrapie Program approved tattoo or a scrapie tag is required for the scrapie program, however tattoos are preferred. Goats can be tattooed after five days of age. A scrapie tag or approved tattoo is required but not acceptable for individual animal ID.
- For information or questions about the USDA scrapie identification program, contact Minnesota Board of Animal Health (651-201-6809 or 1-866-873-2824).

**Note:** While tattoos or tags are acceptable, 4-H State Fair Show Committee prefer tattoos because tags are more susceptible to chewing and eventual loss.

## Identification Forms and Deadlines

- "Minnesota 4-H Goat Ownership Affidavit" (DGIDA) must be submitted to your species ID coordinator for submission to the Extension office by May 15.
- If an animal is leased, the Lease Form on the backside of Minnesota 4-H Goat Ownership Affidavit" (DGIDA) must be submitted to your species ID coordinator for the May 15 submission.
- Junior Doe Kids born April 1 or after may be added to the "Minnesota 4-H Goat Ownership Affidavit" (DGIDA) and must be added by June 30.

### **Dates of State Fair 4-H Livestock Encampment & Show Times**

- 4-H Livestock Encampment ~ Wednesday, August 26 – Sunday, August 30
  - Show Day & Time ~ **Friday – 8:00 a.m.**
- Exhibitors must check in between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Thursday. Please refer to the Goat section of the State Fair 4-H Premium Book for more details.

### **Registration Papers**

- If you are exhibiting a registered/recorded Dairy Goat, you must present a **photocopy** of the Registration Certificate or stamped duplicate of application at verification on Thursday.

### **State Fair Health Requirements**

- Dairy Goats will be inspected by the official State Fair Veterinarian on the opening day of exhibition and daily thereafter.
- The official State Fair Veterinarian will order the immediate removal to the quarantine facility or removal from the State Fairgrounds of any Dairy Goat with symptoms of an infectious or communicable disease. This includes goats with warts, ringworm or abscesses.
- Any quarantined animal cannot be shown.

### **State Fair Interviews ~ Age Divisions: Intermediate = grades 6-8 & Senior = grade 9 & up**

- To qualify for any awards above and beyond a blue ribbon, exhibitors must participate in the Dairy Goat Interviews.
- To qualify for breed show premiums, exhibitors must participate in the Dairy Goat Interviews.
- Award Winners will be selected from the Finalists.

### **State Fair Showmanship ~ Age Divisions: Intermediate = grades 6-8 & Senior = grade 9+**

- All exhibitors must compete in showmanship.
- **The ADGA scorecard on showmanship will be used.**
- There is a “Novice” division for 4-H’ers who have never shown at the MN State Fair.
- Wear the proper attire (all white **preferred** OR white shirt with black pants) when showing.
- No hats or caps or jewelry in the ring.

### **State Fair Herdsmanship**

- Animals must be maintained and look presentable to the public from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. daily.
- Hay and straw will be furnished.
- Because of space limitations, only one show box will be allowed per county. A second will be allowed for counties with over 5 exhibitors.
- No decoration of pens is allowed (this is consistent with State Fair rules).

### **State Fair Grooming Information**

- All animals must be fitted and completely clipped for the show. Clean the ears, nose, tail, and around the mouth.
- Clip your Dairy Goat all over before showing. The number of days before a show that an animal should be clipped varies with each breed and color. It may be as much as one week to as little as 12 hours before. (Clip shown in Goat 1, pg. 29.)
- Trim the feet a week before the show, so if they are trimmed too short they will be okay by show day.

### **Other Information**

- **For safety reasons, all dairy goats must be disbudded/de-horned. Re-growth of less than ONE INCH allowed.**
- All exhibitors entering the Production Class must bring DHIA Production records to check-in.