

4-H & FFA DAIRY GOATS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

July 1, 9, 18, 31 Livestock Interview, Powerhouse, 39 S. Grove St., East Aurora

Tuesday, August 5
12NOON-6:00 PM Dairy Goats arrive, health inspection
6:30 PM Goat Exhibitor Meeting – Showplex

Wednesday, August 6
12:00 PM Working Goat Show – Showplex
7:00 PM 4-H Goat Calling Contest – Showplex

Thursday, August 7
4:00 PM Dairy Goat Show – Livestock Arena

Friday, August 8
4:00 PM Dairy/Working Goat Dressing Contest – Livestock Arena

Sunday, August 10
4:00 PM Goat Exhibitor Meeting – Showplex

Monday, August 11
7:00 PM Dairy & Working Goats released at release ticket time

GOAT RULES – 4-H and FFA

- a) All goat health records including NYS Health Certificates issued on, or after, May 1, 2025 or Interstate Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI's) issued on, or after, July 5, 2025 must accompany animals to the Fair.
 1. The Interdepartmental Rabies Committee (NYS Health Department, Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Agriculture and Markets) recommends appropriate off-label rabies vaccine by a licensed veterinarian. This is subject to change upon approval of a vaccine for goats.
 2. Goats must have a Scrapie's ear tag or breed registry recognized tattoo that is to be used as positive identification on the official goat entry form and health papers.
 3. Any animal(s) showing an open sore may not be exhibited. Any animal(s) that produces an open sore while at the Fair will be sent home immediately at the discretion of the NYS veterinarian.
- b) No male goats of any age are allowed in the Dairy Goat Show.
- c) Herd and/or dairy signs will be permitted.
- d) The day of show will be the base date for determining age of goats for the respective breed classes.
- e) Dairy Goats with horns will not be permitted to show. Any scur over 1" will have to be cleared by two members of the advisory committee.
- f) All exhibitors are required to participate in Showmanship.
- g) All animals exhibited at the Fair are required to be shown in their respective breed classes.
- h) All animals (registered or not) will meet the specific breed standards for that breed.
- i) Each exhibitor may show any number of owned goats. No exhibitor may receive more than two premiums in any one class.
- j) If showing a registered animal, a copy of the registration form MUST be presented at Check-In on Tuesday, August 5.
- k) All goats (kids) must be born before 06/01/2025

4-H Specific Requirements:

- a) All exhibitors in the dairy goat program are required to complete the following:
 - a. Attend 2 Erie County 4-H meetings, one being species specific
 - b. Complete a public presentation prior to May 2025
 - c. Participate in a livestock interview in July 2025
- b) Exhibitors must be 5-18 years old as of January 1, 2025

DAIRY GOAT REGULATIONS

- a) All Goat Rules (listed above) will apply to this section.
- b) Absolutely NO milk is to be dumped into the Fairgrounds storm sewer system. All bad milk (milk treated with antibiotics or milk not worthy of being processed for consumption) must be dumped in into the container outside the barn designated for milk (OR, if no container is present yet, at the Agricultural Discovery Center in the Milking Parlor drain). This is the ONLY location bad milk can be dumped.
- c) **All animal waste and soiled bedding must be taken to the manure boxes and not left on the pavement to mix with run-off or storm water.**
- d) The date of freshening MUST be indicated on the entry form for ALL does that are lactating.
- e) All lactating does will be “milked out” for Best Doe and Best Udder.
- f) Any doe which appears to be “over uddered” will be stripped immediately.
- g) *Since 4-H judging for both breed classes and showmanship,, follows the guidelines laid out in the American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) Scorecard, it is **strongly suggested** that all dairy does, aged 2 years and over, be in milk Dry does may be shown, however since the mammary system accounts for approximately 1/3 of the overall scorecard scoring, competitors exhibiting dry does, should be aware that their doe(s) will not be placed ahead of those does who are shown in milk.*
- h) No wethers are permitted to be shown in the dairy goat show.

COMMERCIAL DAIRY GOAT

- a) All Goat and dairy goat rules (listed above) will apply to this section.
- b) Goats exhibited in this section are not required to have official registration papers, but must be of dairy crosses.
- c) Pygmy goats do not qualify for this section.

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GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Awards: Blue \$8.00 Red \$6.00 White \$4.00

Class

2. **Senior Dairy Goat Showmanship** – 14 – 18 years old as 01/01/2025
3. **Junior Dairy Goat Showmanship** – 8 – 13 years old as 01/01/2025
4. **Novice Dairy Goat Showmanship** – Open to FIRST year exhibitors, with no prior experience in showing and fitting dairy goats
Champion & Reserve Champion Dairy Goat Showman – Consists of the first & second place showmen for the Novice, Junior, Senior classes.
7. **Master Dairy Goat Showman** – Entries limited to previous Erie County Fair Dairy Master Showman and the 2025 Champion Dairy Goat Showman. If you have achieved the title of Dairy Goat Master Showman in previous years, please sign up for this class.

CLOVERBUD CLASSES

CLOVERBUD DAIRY GOAT EXHIBITORS

- a) Open to 4-H youth between the ages of 5-7 years old as of 01/01/2025
- b) Cloverbud exhibitors may only show Junior, Intermediate or Senior doe kids from classes 12, 13 and 14. Limited to 1 animal.
- c) Cloverbuds participate in public presentations, 2 educational meetings and a livestock interview.
- d) Cloverbuds will show together in Showmanship and Breed Classes are not eligible to participate in Champion classes. Cloverbuds must have an adult accompany them in the show ring.

Class #5: Cloverbud Dairy Goat Showmanship – 5-7 years old as of 01/01/2025

Class #6: Cloverbud Doe – Junior kid, Intermediate kid or Senior kid

Class #7: Cloverbud Goat Calling

GOAT BREED CLASSES

Awards: Blue \$7.00 Red \$6.00 White \$5.00

Classes 12-16, 20-24, 32-36

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Section A –Alpine

Section B – Lamancha

Section C – Nigerian

Section D – Nubian

Section E – Oberhasli

Section F – Saanen

Section G – Toggenberg

Section H – Recorded Grade

Section J-Commercial Dairy

*The date of the show will be the base date for determining the age of goats.

Class

12. **Junior Doe Kids** - born 2/11/2025 to 5/31/2025
13. **Intermediate Doe Kids** - born 11/11/2024 to 2/10/2025
14. **Senior Doe Kids** – born 8/11/2024 to 11/10/2024
15. **Junior Dry Doe Yearlings** – born 2/11/2024 to 8/10/2024
16. **Senior Dry Doe Yearlings** – born 8/09/2023 to 2/10/2024

Jr. Champion – will return to show for Grand Champion

Reserve Jr. Champion

20. **Senior Doe Under 2 years – In Milk**
21. **Senior Doe 2 – 3 years - In Milk**
22. **Senior Doe 3 – 4 years - In Milk**

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- 23. Senior Doe 4 – 5 years – In Milk
- 24. Senior Doe Over 5 years – In Milk

Senior Champion – will return to show for Grand Champion
Reserve Senior Champion

Grand Champion
Reserve Grand Champion
Best in Show (all animals must be milked out)
Best Udder in Show

- 32. Get of Sire – 2 does with the same sire
- 33. Dam & Daughter – A dam and her daughter
- 34. Dairy Herd – 4 does at least 2 in milk
- 35. Best Junior Bred By Exhibitor- Exhibitor picks 1 best Junior animal, all breeds show together at the end of the Junior Show.
- 36. Best Senior Bred By Exhibitor- Exhibitor picks 1 best Senior animal, all breeds show together at the end of the Senior Show.

OTHER GOAT COMPETITIONS

Awards: \$3.00

Class #43 – Goat Educational Poster – Participants shall construct an educational poster to educate the general public about an aspect of the goat industry. Exhibitors may use any suitable materials or photographs on their posters with accurate information. Posters will be evaluated on content, illustration, organization, clarity, visual appeal and readability.

Goat Calling Contest – The goat is brought into the show ring and is held at the far end of the show ring. The goat handler enters the opposite end of the show ring and when the signal is given, time starts. The handler calls to their goat to get them to come to them. No treats or any visual or auditory clues can be used except the handler’s voice. The object is to get your goat to come to you in the quickest time. If the goat is not responding to the handler’s call after 2 minutes, the team is disqualified. No premiums are offered for this class.

- Class #50: Junior Goat Calling**
- Class #51: Senior Goat Calling**
- Class #52: Beginner Goat Calling**

Dairy Goat Herdsman Contest

A \$20.00 premium, donated by the fair, will be awarded to exhibitors selected as the outstanding herdsman in the Goat Show.

CLASS # 44
The Erie County Fair Goat Dressing Contest
Friday, August 8 at 4:00 PM
Judging to take place in Livestock Arena
Open to all 4-H and FFA Exhibitors in the Fair
Prizes will be awarded to the best-costumed animal
Fair Theme: Sights, Sounds, Tastes and Feels of the Fair

Exhibitors 13 years old & under	Exhibitors 14 years old & up
1 st place - \$15.00	1 st place - \$15.00
2 nd place - \$10.00	2 nd place - \$10.00
3 rd place - \$5.00	3 rd place - \$5.00
4 th place - \$5.00	4 th place - \$5.00

Cloverbuds may participate and will receive a rosette.

For further information call 652-5400 ext. 132