

4-H & FFA WORKING GOATS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

4-H WORKING GOATS WILL BE STALLING IN BARN 11

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

Tuesday, August 5

By 6:00 PM

Working and Dairy Goats Arrive, Health Inspection – Barn 11

6:30 PM

Goat and Working Goat Exhibitor Meeting – Showplex

Wednesday, August 6

12:00 NOON

Working Goat Show – Conformation, Working classes in Showplex

Friday, August 8

4:00 PM

Goat Dressing Contest – Livestock Arena

Sunday, August 10

4:00 PM

Working and Dairy Goat Exhibitor Meeting- Showplex

Monday, August 11

7:00 PM

Working Goats and Dairy Goats released – at release ticket time

GOAT RULES – 4-H and FFA

- a) all goat health records must accompany animals to the Fair. Any animal showing an open sore may not be exhibited. Any animal that produces an open sore while at the Fair will be sent home immediately at the discretion of the NYS Veterinarian.
- b) Goats must have an ear tag or tattoo number that is to be used as positive identification on the official goat entry form and health papers.
- c) 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.
- d) Goats may be purebred, recorded grade, or miniature. Class are open to wethers, does (dry and in milk), and all breeds.
- e) No bucks of any age are allowed.
- f) The day of show will be the base date for determining age of goats for the respective classes.
- g) Dairy goats with horns will not be permitted to show. Any scur over 1” will have to be cleared by two members of the goat advisory committee.
- h) Meat goats with horns will be permitted to show with horns based on the score card. Goat displaying aggressive behavior will not be allowed to participate. Meat goats will be observed by the goat advisory committee.
- i) All exhibitors are required to participate in Showmanship.
- j) No exhibitor may receive more than 2 awards in any conformation class.
- k) Each goat must participate in at least one working goat class.
- l) All goats must be born before 06/01/2025.

4-H Specific Requirements – FFA participants please refer to the FFA General Rules

All exhibitors (Cloverbuds included) are required to complete the following:

- 1) Attend 2 Erie County 4-H meetings, one being specie specific.
- 2) Complete a public presentation prior to May 2025.
- 3) Participate in a livestock interview in July 2025.
- 4) Project Champion Regulations: please see your handbook for complete rules and regulations for the Project Champion Program. Points will be kept on the animal that you choose at the beginning of the project.
- 5) Exhibitors must be 5 years old as of January 1, 2025.

WORKING GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

*Previous Master Showmanship Champions are limited to Master Showman class only. Exhibitors must use Project animal for these classes.

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

Class #

2. Senior Working Goat Showmanship – 14 – 18 years on 1/01/2025

3. Junior Working Goat Showmanship – 8 – 13 years on 1/01/2025

4. Novice Working Goat Showmanship – Open to first year exhibitors, with no prior experience in showing and fitting working goats, up to age 13 as of 1/1/2025

Champion Working Goat Showman – To consist of the first-place showman for the Novice, Junior, Senior.

6. Master Working Goat Showman – Entries limited to previous Erie County Fair Working Master Showman and 2025 Champion Working Goat Showman.

Erie County Fair Dates: August 6-17, 2025

CLOVERBUD WORKING GOAT CLASSES

CLOVERBUDS (5-7 years old) are eligible for showmanship and animal classes, are not eligible to compete in any champion classes and may show only single entry that is a Junior, Intermediate or Senior doe kid. Older animals may be shown with prior approval from the 4-H Goat Advisory Committee. Cloverbuds are required to have an adult with them in the show ring.

- 40. **Cloverbud Showmanship** - ages 5-7 as of 01/01/2025
- 41. **Cloverbud Working Goat Confirmation** – limited to 1 animal entry.
- 42. **Cloverbud Pack/Obstacle** – limited to 1 entry

GOAT CONFORMATION

Classes 10-19 - Awards: Blue \$7.00 Red \$6.00 White \$5.00

No exhibitor may receive more than 2 awards in any conformation class.
Each goat must participate in at least one working goat class.

Classes 10-14 are for goats whose adult height are greater than 25". Examples are Alpine, LaMancha, Nubian, Oberhassli, Toggenberg, Saaen, Sable, Boer and Crosses

Class #

- 10. **Under 1 year of age, born before 6/01 of current year**
- 11. **1 year and under 2 years**
- 12. **2 years and under 3 years**
- 13. **3 years and under 4 years**
- 14. **4 years and over**

Champions in classes 10-14 will return for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion

Classes 15-19 are for goats whose adult height are less than or equal to 25". Examples are Nigerian Dwarf and Pygmy

Class #

- 15. **Under 1 year of age, born before 6/01 of current year**
- 16. **1 year and under 2 years**
- 17. **2 years and under 3 years**
- 18. **3 years and under 4 years**
- 19. **4 years and over**

Champions in classes 15-19 will return for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion

For other breeds not listed or questions regarding your goat placement contact the 4-H livestock educator.

WORKING GOAT PACK/OBSTACLE/DRIVING CLASSES

Classes 26-28, 31-36- Awards: Blue \$7.00 Red \$6.00 White \$5.00

Pack/ Obstacle Class:

Event for 4-H and FFA Members will be judged on their ability to put a pack on properly on their goat and the goat's ability to carry that pack through an obstacle course. Judge will look at the general content in the packs and specific items in the goat's pack and exhibitors pack.

- 26. **Senior Pack Class** – 14-18 Years on 1/01/2025
- 27. **Junior Pack Class**- 8-13 Years on 1/01/2025
- 28. **Packline**- Consisting of 2 – 4 goats with properly placed pack and contents. Goats must be properly tethered to each other and will be led by exhibitor through an abbreviated obstacle course.

Driving Class:

- 31. **Beginners**- Leadline and Halter
- 32. **Advanced Beginner**- Full harness and driving lines, no cart.
- 33. **Intermediate** – Leadline and Cart/Wagon
- 34. **Advanced** – Driving Cart/Wagon Single goat hitch
- 35. **Advanced Driving** – 2 goats properly hitched to a Cart/Wagon
- 36. **Advanced Driving**- More than 2 goats properly hitched to a Cart/Wagon

OTHER WORKING GOAT COMPETITIONS

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.

Working Goat Herdsman Contest

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

CLASS # 44

The Erie County Fair Goat Dressing Contest

Friday, August 8, 2025 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

Theme: Sights, Sounds, Tastes and Feels of the Fair

Exhibitors 13 years old & under

1st place - \$15.00

2nd place - \$10.00

3rd place - \$5.00

4th place - \$5.00

Exhibitors 14 years old & up

1st place - \$15.00

2nd place - \$10.00

3rd place - \$5.00

4th place - \$5.00

Cloverbuds will receive a Rosette