

# Defiance County Junior Fair Department 700 Goat Department Guidelines - 2025

**Show Date: Monday, August 18, 2025 @ 8:00 am**

## **New Rule Changes**

- The Jr. Fair fun classes (pet, costume, pack and harness) will be moved to the Thursday open show. There will be a Pet Performance Overall Award given to the 4-H Goat Fun Classes that were moved to the Thursday show.
- Boer market does are permitted to have horns. This is for Defiance County Fair only.
- Removed maximum weight for market goats
- New Minimum Weight for Pygmy Market Goats is 20 lbs
- Overall Goat Showmanship classes will consist of the 1st and 2nd place winners from each age division.

<b>Species</b>	<b>Minimum Weight</b>	<b>Maximum Weight</b>
Goat	Boer/Dairy Market: 50 lbs Pygmy Market: 20 lbs	Boer/Dairy: none Pygmy Market: none

## **Central Tagging:**

- Central Tagging will be June 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am – 10:00 am.
- NEW: Families with market animals not present at Central Tagging will be charged a \$50 farm visit and \$10/tag which is payable up front. The \$10/tag will be charged in 2025.

## **Goat Possession Dates**

1. Market Goat (Dairy, Boer, Pygmy):
  - Must be in possession by June 1
  - Birth date is born after January 1 of current year.
  - Market goats must come to Livestock Central Tagging in June.

## **Defiance County Junior Fair Information**

### **A. Scrapie Tags**

1. Junior Fair exhibitors are required to have official scrapie identification on ALL goat projects exhibited at the Fair. Goat wethers less than 18 months of age must still have proper scrapie identification since they are co-mingled with other animals on the Fairgrounds
2. <https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/small-ruminant-sheepgoat#Scrapie>
3. 1-866-USDA-TAG (866-873-2824)

### **B. Project Completion Requirements**

1. All livestock exhibitors must complete at Skillathon and livestock Quality Assurance Training for project completion. A 4-H/FFA member is not required to show in a Junior Fair Livestock Show.

### C. Livestock Move-In

1. Livestock check-in is the Friday before start of Fair.
2. Move-In Times: 9:00 am – 11:00 am **OR** 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Check in with Barn Supervisor.
3. All animals must have a valid DUNF form completed via the Online DUNF link **PRIOR** to move-in. The On-Line link will open the Wednesday before livestock check-in. It is recommended to wait as close to move-in day as possible to ensure the information is correct.
4. Animals must be free of all drug residues on move-in date.
5. Health papers are not required for animals purchased and residing in Ohio. Animals imported/brought into Ohio for exhibition must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within thirty days preceding the exhibition opening date. See Ohio's Livestock Health Exhibition Rules for further clarification and a complete listing of health requirements.

### D. Market Weights

1. Animals weighing outside of the minimum weight guidelines with the 5 pound plus or minus variance, may stay pending vet approval and may show in showmanship and open class. These animals do not have the option of selling direct or participating in the livestock sale. Animals must go home at the end of fair
2. Exhibitor may request one "re-weigh" – which must be done immediately. The animal will exit the scale and re-enter.

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Goat	Boer/Dairy Market: 50 lbs Pygmy Market: 20 lbs	Boer/Dairy: none Pygmy Market: none

### E. Livestock Release

1. All animals are released on Friday from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.
2. Each exhibitor must clean his or her stall/pen prior to leaving the fairgrounds. Premiums forfeited for pens not cleaned by noon on Saturday.

### F. Pen Assignments

1. Any changes in pen assignments without prior approval of the Barn Superintendent will result in forfeiture of premium and the exhibitor not being permitted to show in the current year with that project.

### G. Junior Fair Eligibility

1. All Defiance County Junior Fair exhibitors must successfully meet all requirements of their youth organization before being eligible to exhibit for competition. See Exhibitor and General Guidelines.
2. 4-H and FFA Dual Membership Policy: Ohio 4-H members are often also FFA members, sometimes within the same county and sometimes in an adjacent county. These members need to keep in mind the 4-H policy about 4-H projects being separate from school projects. To keep work in both organizations clearly separate, **4-H members are advised to take different species in the two organizations** or, at the very least, to take market animals in one and breeding animals in the other. FFA members must exhibit FFA projects in the county of their school chapter.

# Livestock Sale

## A. Market Goats

1. Market Livestock exhibitors shall be limited to **one entry** in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. An entry shall consist of an individual animal. **Animals eligible to sell** in the livestock sale will be: Market Boer Goat, Market Dairy Goat, Market Pygmy Goat.
2. Exhibitors with a lactating dairy goat not selling another market project will be eligible for the Livestock sale. This will be for a premium bid only. The Livestock Committee will allow young dairy goat doe kids/yearlings.
3. Individual sale order number: The sale order of exhibitors is randomly assigned by the Livestock Sale software. Exhibitors missing their sale spot will be placed at the end of that species.
4. Grand and Reserve Champion animals will sell first in their species.
5. Exhibitors must show animal in a market class to be eligible for livestock sale.
6. Champion Animals: Transportation will not be provided. The exhibitor of Grand and Reserve animals (Cattle, Swine, Goat, and Sheep) will meet the appointed chairperson of livestock committee at the processor for verification.
7. **Attendance at Livestock Sale Required**: For the privilege of selling a market animal in the Livestock Sale, the exhibitor must present his/her own project for sale. Exceptions must be presented to the Sale committee at least two (2) days prior to sale. Sporting events/practice will not be considered as warranting an exception. Exception: Seniors who are already at college do not have to be present at the livestock sale and may receive add-ons only.

# General Guidelines

## A. Class Entries

1. **Market Class Entries:**
  - a. Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of 2 wether/does in the market classes. There is a limit seven goats per member. Market goats must be dehorned.
  - b. All male goats are barred, except wethers in market class and must be surgically castrated .
  - c. All Market goats will be tagged/tattooed at central tagging in June.
  - d. The Champion Boer Market Goat and Dairy Market Goat will not compete against each other for Grand Champion Market Goat. The grand and reserve champions of both the Dairy and Boer Classes will sell as champions in the livestock sale.
  - e. Born and Raised Market Goat: The market goat must have been born and raised in Defiance County. These goats will show in the regular market weight classes also. In this class there is no weight breakdown. All Born and Raised shall show in one class.
  - f. **Pygmy Market Goat Class:**
    - For the miniature market class, the animal would need to be of a recognized miniature market breed.
    - Examples: Pygmy, Fainting Goats, Plus: Pygmy/Fainting goat crosses, Pygmy or Fainting Goats crossed with other miniature breeds, such as Nigerian dwarfs. Must be at least 50% Pygmy or Fainting Goat.
    - Must be born after Jan 1 of current year must be disbudded, no horns allowed.
    - Must be castrated, no bucks allowed
    - Must meet minimum weight requirements of weighing 20 lbs at time of weigh in.
    - Must come to Central tagging in June.

- No standard size breed crosses, such as Pygmy/ Dairy or Pygmy/ Boer or Fainting Goat/Dairy or Fainting Goat /Boer.
  - No purebred or full-blooded Nigerians.
- g. The area in front of the Strausbaugh Arena will be roped off and all goats will enter from the side and not through a public walkway.

**2. Non Market Class Entries:**

- a. Each 4-H member may exhibit up to two goats in any of the non market classes. There is a limit seven goats per member.
  - b. All goats including pack and harness goats must be disbudded, dehorned, or hornless - horns to be one inch or less. Exception: Angora goats, Boer Does, All male goats are barred, except wethers in cart class and must be surgically castrated.
  - c. Any doe 24 months of age or over that has never freshened shall not be shown.
  - d. Does must be milked out by 8:00 PM, evening before show.
  - e. The area in front of the Strausbaugh Arena will be roped off and all goats will enter from the side and not through a public walkway.
3. **Goat Fun Classes – Costume Class:** Both the child and the animal are dressed in costume. You will need to turn in a paragraph describing what you are representing. The class is based on the child's imagination and how well they portray what they are dressed as.
4. **Goat Fun Classes – Pack Class:** Children will need a halter or collar, a lead rope and a pack (pack can be made of any material but needs to fit over the goat's back and have a way to secure it to the animal so it won't slip.) The animal/handler will be judged on how well the animal cooperates going through the obstacle course which will consist of a wading pool, a small raised bridge, a small raised jump and weaving in and out of cones. Each animal/handler will be given 3 attempts at each obstacle. A score card will be used for this class.
- a. The Pet Goat class is a part of the Goat Fun Classes. The goat shown in the pet goat class must be dehorned and may not show in a breed or market class, but may show in a showmanship class.
5. An exhibitor whose animal exhibit dies after its designated possession date may complete the project by completing Skillathon. Exhibitor may also display a poster in club booth for a premium.
6. **Unable to Show Animal:** If an exhibitor is unable to show his/her animal due to health concern, another current Jr. Fair exhibitor may be permitted to show the animal based upon PRIOR approval with the Barn Supervisor.
7. **Unruly Animals:** It is up to the Barn Supervisor's discretion to:
- a. Not allow an unruly animal to be unloaded from a livestock trailer
  - b. Not allow an unruly animal to enter a show arena
  - c. Not allow an unruly animal to remain in a show arena.
  - d. The limit on the number of times an exhibitor's animal can get loose in the show arena is two. If it gets loose a third time, the exhibitor will be excused. In this case the animal was exhibited and will be permitted to participate in the livestock sale.
  - e. The Barn Supervisor may send unruly animals home at any time throughout the fair to ensure the safety of exhibitors and the general public.

## B. Showmanship

1. Exhibitors may enter only one showmanship class.
2. Show attire may NOT include a farm name and/or advertisement. It is at the discretion of the Barn Supervisor to ask an exhibitor to change attire for a class.
3. Any exhibitor showing misconduct or poor showmanship in the show area, or barns will have full forfeiture of premiums by decision of the Junior Fair Supervisors.
4. Exhibitor must show own animal for showmanship according to Junior Fair records
5. The following Showmanship Classes apply to all Departments.

<b>Senior Division:</b>	16 - 19 years old as of January 1 of current year
<b>Intermediate Division:</b>	13 - 15 years old as of January 1 of current year
<b>Junior Division:</b>	12 years old and younger as of January 1 of current year
<b>Beginner Division:</b>	Any age but limited to those exhibitors who are taking that Species at the Defiance County Fair for the first time.

## C. Grooming and Livestock Care Guidelines

### 1. Responsibilities of and Assistance to Defiance County Junior Fair Exhibitors

- a. The Defiance County Junior Fair Livestock Committee's goal of opening up of the current grooming guidelines is to encourage others to work with and share knowledge of grooming practices and animal care with our Junior Fair exhibitors.
- b. These new guidelines apply to all livestock departments except Horses and Dogs.

### 2. Guidelines:

- a. A junior fair livestock show exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of livestock entered the junior fair livestock shows. In the event an exhibitor is unable to care for/feed animal(s), he/she must notify the Jr. Fairboard Office of who will be responsible in his/her absence.
- b. An exhibitor may receive assistance (from anyone) in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior fair livestock show.
- c. Violations by the exhibitor, family members or any other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal may result in any or all of the following.
  - Withholding of the exhibitor's premium
  - Recall awards received by the exhibitor
  - Declare an exhibitor ineligible for awards
  - Revoke Ohio State Fair showing rights.
  - Revoke exhibitor's right to participate in the livestock sale
  - Ban exhibitor from showing in future Defiance County Fairs

### 3. **TAMPERING "UNETHICAL FITTING"** – Means to alter or change the natural appearance, weight, musculature or conformation of an animal in an unnatural or artificial manner, including but not limited to, the removal of animal tissue or body part, to cut or tear the hide, to cover, dye or color the hair or hide, to add artificial tailheads, switches, polls, hair or heels, or to administer, feed, give or inject any substance or drug to an animal exhibited, except when medically necessary or when the drug used has been approved for such use by the Food and Drug Administration or United States Department of Agriculture.

- a. Any product which changes, enhances, or alters the natural color of an animal will not be permitted. (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PAINTS, DYE, POWDER, NON-CLEAR ADHESIVE AND FORM OR SHOE POLISH).
- b. Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership, custody and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception.
- c. The use of any unapproved drugs is prohibited.

- d. Should violation be discovered after the Defiance County Junior Fair Livestock Sale, all sale money shall be returned to the buyer and the animal, carcass or carcass value shall be returned to the exhibitor. All placings in show will stand. No animals will be moved up.
- e. Any carcass suspected of being tampered with or suspected of containing drugs will be detained until the investigation is complete.

#### **D. Show Attire**

1. Dairy: White shirt, white pants
1. All Others: western wear or collared shirt, dark pants or jeans.
2. Hard soled shoes (ex: work boots or cowboy boots) no tennis shoes or sandals.
3. No hats or caps. No clothing items with logos visible. No Shorts
4. Show attire may not include a farm name and or advertisement for a farm, breeder, etc.
5. No identifying tags or marks on animals or exhibitors will be permitted. This means no farm tags, special show harnesses or marked show shirts are allowed. Only BEST tags, county fair tags, EID tags and brands will be permitted.
6. It is at the discretion of the Barn Supervisor to ask an exhibitor to change clothing.

#### **E. Barn Guidelines**

1. Sleeping in the barns is not permitted.
2. Couches/Furniture are NOT permitted in any barn. (Picnic tables are allowed.)
3. All livestock barns will be closed to the public at 11:00 pm. Barns are also closed to the general public during livestock shows.
4. All animal washing and grooming must be done in designated areas. Animals must stay in their assigned barn area.
5. Junior Fair members and or family members should not feed other member's animals without permission.
6. All stall decorations, stall cards, signs, etc are to be removed by noon on Saturday in addition to stalls/pens being cleaned or forfeit all premiums.
7. Dogs on the Fairgrounds: Dogs are not allowed on the midway, in or around the livestock barns and/or show arenas. Exception to service dogs.
8. Curfew is 12:30 am every night of the fair.

#### **F. Clean Pen Guidelines**

1. All livestock pens must be kept clean and presentable at all times. Livestock pens must be cleaned at a minimum of once daily and may be cleaned by the exhibitor or family member.
2. Each exhibitor must clean his or her stall/pen prior to leaving the fairgrounds. Exhibitor must wait until animal has been loaded from stall to start cleaning pens. Exhibitor must check out with a Barn representative. Pens must be cleaned by 12:00 noon on Saturday. Failure to do so will result in forfeiting current year premiums and eligibility for exhibition with that species for the following year. Evaluation of the stalls/pens will be done by the Barn Supervisor.
3. Pens, aisles and animals must be kept clean during fair week. Failure to do so will result in forfeiting current year premiums and eligibility for exhibition with that species for the following year. Evaluation of the stalls/pens will be done by the Barn Supervisor.
4. Pens will be inspected on a daily basis. Pens determined not to be presentable will receive a verbal warning from Barn Superintendent. Pen must be cleaned within two hours of receiving the verbal warning.

## G. Code of Conduct

1. Exhibitors are representing their youth organization at Junior Fair events, shows and activities. The 4-H membership agreement extends to all organized Junior Fair activities. The Livestock Committee, in communication with the Extension Educator, will handle behavior and disciplinary action at the Fair as necessitated by a member's inappropriate and/or unlawful behavior.

## H. Awards and Premiums

1. Refer to the Premium List for class premiums.
2. Must have a minimum of three entries to have a trophy or plaque.
3. Ribbons: 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> place ribbons will be awarded for each Junior Fair class.
4. Thank you cards will be required by the end of the week to the Jr. Fair office in order to receive premiums. It is up to the Barn Superintendent as to how to distribute the trophies/thank you cards.

## Ohio Health Exhibition Guidelines

**Health Papers:** Animals imported or brought into Ohio for exhibition must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within thirty days preceding the exhibition opening date.

Any medications that need to be administered to animals during the fair must be coordinated with the **COUNTY FAIR VET** prior to administering the medication. A DUNF form must be completed. Medication may not be performance enhancing.

### 901:1-18-07 Goats

**(A)** Goats moved within Ohio for exhibition: The animal presented for exhibition must show no symptoms or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease. **(B)** Goats imported into Ohio for exhibition: (1) Must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within thirty days preceding the opening date of the exhibition; (2) The animal presented for exhibition must show no symptoms or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease; and (3) The owner and the veterinarian must attest to the following statement on the certificate of veterinary inspection "the goats in this shipment are not known to be under any movement restrictions because of scrapie." (4) Originate from a tuberculosis accredited free herd as defined in rule 901:1-18-02 (G) of the Administrative Code for bovine tuberculosis eradication; or (5) Originate from a bovine accredited free state or zone, or a bovine modified accredited advanced state or zone; or (6) Originate from a bovine modified accredited state or zone must comply with rule 901:1- 7-06 of the Administrative Code. **(C)** If originate from a bovine accreditation preparatory or a bovine non-accredited state or zone are prohibited from exhibition.

## Goat Show Classes

<b>Showmanship</b>	Boer Senior Showmanship (16-19 years) Boer Intermediate Showmanship (13-15 years) Boer Junior Showmanship (12 years and under) Boer Beginning Showmanship
	Dairy Senior Showmanship (16-19 years) Dairy Intermediate Showmanship (13-15 years) Dairy Junior Showmanship (12 years and under) Dairy Beginning Showmanship
	Pygmy/Fainter Senior Showmanship (16-19 years) Pygmy/Fainter Intermediate Showmanship (13-15 years) Pygmy/Fainter Junior Showmanship (12 years and under) Pygmy/Fainter Beginning Showmanship
<b>Market</b>	Dairy Market Goat - no Nigerian, Boer or other meat goat crosses Dairy Market Born & Raised Boer Market Goat Boer Market Born & Raised Pygmy Market Goat Pygmy Market Born & Raised
<b>Dairy</b>	Dairy Jr. Kid Doe (born on or after 4/1) Dairy Int. Kid Doe (born 3/1 thru 3/31) Dairy Sr. Kid Doe (born after 1/1 thru 2/28) Dairy Dry Yearling Doe (under 24 months day of show) Dairy Born and Raised Doe - Dry Division Dairy Does Under Two years (freshened) Dairy Doe Two Years and Under Three Years Dairy Doe Three Years and Under Four Years Dairy Doe Four Years and Under Five years Dairy Doe Five Years and over Dairy Born and Raised Doe Freshened Division Dairy Mother-Daughter ( Enter pair as one entry)
<b>Boer</b>	Boer Jr. Kid Doe (born on or after 4/1) Boer Int. Kid Doe (born 3/1 thru 3/31) Boer Sr. Kid Doe (born after 1/1 thru 2/28) Boer Dry Yearling Doe (under 24 months day of show) Boer Born and Raised Doe - Dry Division Boer Does Under Two years (freshened) Boer Doe Two Years and Under Three Years Boer Doe Three Years and Under Four Years Boer Doe Four Years and Under Five years Boer Doe Five Years and over Boer Born and Raised Doe Freshened Division Boer Mother-Daughter ( Enter pair as one entry)
<b>Miniature Does</b>	Pygmy Jr. Kid Doe (born on or after 4/1) Pygmy Int. Kid Doe (born 3/1 thru 3/31) Pygmy Sr. Kid Doe (born after 1/1 thru 2/28) Pygmy Dry Yearling Doe (under 24 months day of show) Pygmy Born and Raised Doe - Dry Division Pygmy Does Under Two years (freshened) Pygmy Doe Two Years and Under Three Years Pygmy Doe Three Years and Under Four Years Pygmy Doe Four Years and Under Five years



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Fainters Does Under Two years (freshened)  
Fainters Doe Two Years and Under Three Years  
Fainters Doe Three Years and Under Four Years  
Fainters Doe Four Years and Under Five years  
Fainters Doe Five Years and over  
Fainters Born and Raised Doe Freshened Division  
Fainters Mother-Daughter ( Enter pair as one entry)  
Miniature Weather born before Jan 1  
Miniature Weather born after Jan 1

**Thursday Fun Show 4-H Classes** Goat Costume Class  
Pack Class  
Wether Goat Cart Class  
Decorated Goat Pen  
Pet Goat Class