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2024 Market/Breeding Meat Goat Project Information

Attention: Market Goat Members and Leaders

From: Bailey Schilling, 4-H Youth Development/Livestock Agent

This letter contains the highlights of the 2024 Meat Goat Project guidelines. Once the Fair Book & schedule are posted online, each member and leader is responsible for reading, understanding, and abiding by all rules and regulations. [4-H and Open Class | The Ranch, Larimer County Fairgrounds & Events Complex \(treventscomplex.com\)](#).

Key Leaders: Shannon Shreve & Stan Heeney

4-H Project Completion Requirements

To complete the Dairy project, members must meet these minimum requirements. Please be aware that some clubs may have additional requirements.

- Participate in a 4-H related (subject matter or audience) demonstration or other speech presentation.
- Participate in a 4-H sponsored community service activity.
- Complete county level requirements such as a record book, Club meeting attendance, etc.

Premises ID

Same as 2023: All animals are REQUIRED to have a valid Premises ID prior to the fair entry date of July 8th, in order to show at the 2024 Larimer County Fair. This does apply to breeding animals. In the instance that a family needs to move an animal from the premise ID that is on file to an alternative premise, the Extension Office must be



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notified immediately, and the new premise ID needs to be recorded. Members who house there animals at the same location will share a premise ID. If you have a lease animal please check with the land owner, stable, dairy, etc. to see if a Premise ID or Federal Identification has been established.

Did you show an animal at the 2023 Larimer County Fair? This means that you already have a Premises ID number and do not need to reapply for one unless you are housing your animal at a different location. If you don't remember your number, you can call the number below and they can provide it to you, or you can contact the Extension Office for your number. If you did not show an animal last year, you will need to obtain a Premises ID. It's easy (and free) to obtain a Premises ID. Your fair entries will not be approved until your Premise ID is uploaded to 4-Honline. You may need to call the Extension Office for assistance if you have already completed your enrollment. You can register by calling 303-869-9130 or go to: <https://ag.colorado.gov/animals/colorado-location-identification-lid-registration-premises>

Animal Care and Housing Form

This form is intended for any members participating in the Livestock or Horse Projects that keep an animal at a location other than the address documented on 4-Honline. This includes any location where the animal may reside for an extended period of time. This form needs to be uploaded under "other documents" to 4-Honline and a hardcopy must be turned into the Extension Office. [Microsoft Word - AnimalCareForm.doc \(colostate.edu\)](#).

Meat Quality Assurance Program

1. **Meat Quality Assurance Program (MQA)** - 4-H members must have completed the Meat Quality Assurance Program requirements to exhibit at the 2024 County Fair and participate in the Jr. Livestock Sale. MQA requirements and other available training dates are listed in the Clover Connection.

2. **Wholesome Meat Animal Assurance Program** - All market animals consigned to the Junior Livestock Sale may be screened for illegal use of drugs or chemicals. Anyone found guilty of illegal drug or chemical use will be barred from future Larimer County Fairs. All 4-H members with meat animals are required, along with a parent/guardian, to sign a "Certificate and

Statement of Disclosure" assuring the animals have not received illegal drugs or chemicals. The statements must be turned in at the County Fair weigh in. (purple sheet)

We encourage you to keep your animals as free as possible of any and all drugs, exhibitors should consult their local veterinarian for any questions regarding this. If you use any drugs or feed containing antibiotics, be sure to follow the correct withdrawal times. If your animal becomes sick prior to the Fair and you must use antibiotics, please notify the Sale Committee or the Extension Office. Be sure to put this information on the "Certificate and Statement of Disclosure" form. Also, be sure to list all vaccines, antibiotics, insecticides, and feed additives given to your project animal and date administered.

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Tentative Meat Goat Workshop Schedule

Subject in workshops below is tentative; information may change based upon audience needs or current events. Workshops following the orientation will have a showmanship component where kids are welcome to bring their animal to practice with.

- ❖ January 12th & 13th -Market & Breeding Goat Show (National Western Stock Show, refer to the NWSS website for more details)
- ❖ February 24th, 9:00-4:00 pm- Livestock Field Day & MQA (McKee Building)
 - Schedule for event will follow (check your email)
- ❖ March 6th, 6:30-8:00 pm- Orientation (McKee Building)
- ❖ April 17th 6:30-8:00 pm- Growing and Feeding Your Animal (New Community Youth Building)
- ❖ May 17th, 4:00 – 7:00 pm- MQA (McKee Building)
- ❖ May 22nd, 6:00 – 8:00 pm- Benefits of Working with Your Veterinarian/Animal Health (New Community Youth Building)
- ❖ June 5th & 6th- Sheep & Goat Camp (New Building)
- ❖ June 12th, 6:00 – 8:00pm- Record Keeping (New Building)
- ❖ June 26th, 6:00-8:00pm- Fitting your animal for exhibition (New Community Youth Building)
- ❖ July 10th, 4pm-7pm, Round Robin Workshop (All Species Invited), New Community Youth Arena- Arena Space

Round Robin Clinic

This year there will not be a Round Robin Clinic during the county fair but rather a social for the members that have qualified for the Round Robin. This is an opportunity to get information from fellow showmen about the animal they qualified with. A Round Robin Clinic will be hosted on July 10th in the New Community building from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. This will be an opportunity for all members to gain hands-on experience and learn more about each of the species.

Sheep/Goat Camp

Sheep/Goat Camp is planned for **June 5th and 6th** at The Ranch. Please watch your email for more details closer to the event.



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USDA's Scrapie Eradication Program

The USDA's Scrapie Eradication Program will be enforced at the 2023 Larimer County Fair. This regulation requires goats to have Scrapie ID (flock ID) ear tags that list their flock of origin. Animals required to have Scrapie tags are:

Goats

All breeding, meat & market goats regardless of age.

Exception: Registered goats (meat and dairy) may use legible tattoos with Breed Registration Numbers (in place of Scrapie tags). Registration papers must be provided for verification. Illegible tattoos must be replaced with a USDA Scrapie ID tag. A purchased animal should have the seller's Scrapie tag. An animal you raised should have your Scrapie tag. Tags can be requested by calling USDA at (866) 873-2824.

Larimer County 4-H prefers that you place all Scrapie ID tags in the animal's left ear.

Tentative 2024 Goat Weigh Day

All prospective market goats must be weighed and tagged to show at the Larimer County Fair.

When: Wednesday, May 8, 2024
Time: 4:00pm-7:00pm
Where: Mac Equipment West Livestock Pavilion, The Ranch in Loveland
Cost: \$5.00 /animal for ear tags and other expenses
2022 Number of Goats: Each member may weigh up to 5 market goats and may show up to 3 market goats at the County Fair.

Special Notes:

- Goat horns must be removed or tipped not to exceed 4 inches in length; no sharp points (Market only).
- Males need to have been banded prior to tag-in
- Goats will be weighed only one time.
- *Neither Larimer County Extension Office nor The Ranch staff nor the volunteers/4-H youth helping process animals can be held responsible for any injuries to the livestock.*



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Tentative County Fair & Jr. Livestock Sale Information

Record Books

For all Livestock projects, record book checks will take place during species designated “set up” time. A member can come to any of the set up times to get their record book checked. Exhibitors must have completed a record book check before they check in their project animal. If you wish to enter your project record book in the Record Book Contest, books must be turned in to the Extension Office by September 23, 2024. Individual Clubs may have an earlier deadline.

Livestock Sale Pictures

Animals that are nominated for the sale must have an official photograph taken with their animal. Members who do not have pictures taken will not be allowed to sell an animal. Pictures will be taken following the market classes. The Champion and Reserve Champion market animals are required to sell in the Junior Livestock Sale. More information regarding the time of photos during or after the show will be provided the closer we get to the County Fair.

Nomination Cards

Members must turn in a nomination card following the show in which the animal was exhibited. If a member chooses to replace an animal that has previously been nominated they will need to submit a new nomination card and replace it with the previous card that had been submitted. For example, John has a market lamb, pig and steer. If he submitted a nomination card for the lamb but decided he would rather sell the steer, he will need to submit a new nomination card and ask for the previously submitted lamb nomination card to be returned to him. If Susan has a market goat and market lamb, and submits a nomination card following the goat show, then decides after the market lamb show she wants to keep her goat nominated for the sale she **doesn't** submit anything for her lambs. The Champion and Reserve Champion market animals are required to sell in the Junior Livestock Sale. **All animals nominated for the Larimer County Junior Livestock Sale must remain on grounds.**

Animal Release

Members who want to take their animals home following the show will be able to do so. **Animals that are nominated for the Larimer County Junior Livestock Sale must remain on grounds.** There will be a period designated for animals to be released (refer to the Fair schedule when it comes out for these times). **Species are not required to leave following their show, they can be released at any of the designated release times.** For example, John shows goats and hogs. He keeps his goats on the grounds until his hogs show, both species can be released during the release time following the hog show. In order for livestock to be released, they will need to go to the species superintendents. The Agent or a member of the show committee will be in the office if a superintendent can't be found.



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Market Show and Sale Weights

Goats:

Minimum Weight: 55 lbs.

Maximum weight: 120 lbs.

There will be no feeder or overweight classes at the fair.

Market Goats must be carrying all milk teeth in normal positions. Goats showing either or both of the first pair of permanent incisors will be disqualified. Members of the Show Management Committee & Superintendents retain the right to check teeth on Market Goats prior to being weighed.

Rate of Gain Contest (Market Goat)

Your animal's weight at weigh day will serve as the beginning weight, and the final weight will be taken at Fair weigh in. An average rate of gain will be computed for all market goats showing at Fair. Under and overweight animals are not eligible for the Rate of Gain contest. Animals will automatically be entered into this contest.

Round Robin

Round Robin- Qualifiers must show the animal they qualified with or another qualified animal under the same participant's name that was exhibited at the fair. For example, a member has 3 market goats, and they take their best 2 home because they are entered in the State Fair. They can show the goat that is nominated for the sale because it was shown at the fair.

Carcass Ultrasound Contest

We will once again have a carcass contest at the 2024 Larimer County Fair. Plans are to use ultrasound on Market Goats. This will be an optional contest, which will cost \$10/animal to enter (in addition to traditional fair entry fees). Entry is due at the same time as the Fair entry deadline **(July 8 or extended deadline of July 10 with late fee)**. Sheep, goats, and swine will all have a designated species time during the day of Saturday, August 3.

Premier Exhibitor Contest – Test & ID will be held on Thursday Aug 1, 2024

1. Exhibitors may have breeding or market projects or both. All ages will compete together within each specie. Exhibitors are allowed to enter the Premier Exhibitor Contest in as many species as they are enrolled in. One winner per species will be awarded.
2. Exhibitors must pre-enter this contest along with their regular fair entries.
3. More information will follow regarding the scoring of this contest.

Awards Winners will be announced after the Round Robin Awards presentation.



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2024 Breeding Goats

- This will be a wether dam show for goats under 12 months of age, which means does will show by weight
- Goats 12 to 24 months of age will grouped together as one class

Tentative County Fair Market/Breeding Goat Show Schedule

Wednesday, July 31st, 4:00-6:00pm

Market Goat Set-up & Record Book
checks

Thursday, August 1st

Check-in / Weigh-in Market Goats
Check-in Breeding Meat Goats

Friday, August 2nd

Market Goat Show

(Tentative) Saturday, August 3rd

Carcass Ultrasound (all species)
Breeding Show followed by
Showmanship

State Fair Information

State Fair Nomination Forms will be available at the check-out table on May 8.

A nomination card must be filled out for all goats you may want to show at the Colorado State Fair. Completed nomination cards signed by the exhibitor are due in the Extension Office by **May 27**. 4-H members must have a Premises ID number on their nomination card when entering the State Fair. **All state fair entries must submit DNA samples. They will need to work directly with the state fair personnel to do this. DNA will be sent directly from member to CSF.**



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