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Feed and Bedding – Blue Seal Feeds will donate some grain for does being milked in the milking parlor. However, be prepared to supply some of your own grain to your milkers as necessary. Keep in mind that the donated grain is only to be fed in the parlor! Exhibitors should bring their own grain for all other goats. Sawdust is provided at no charge. Shavings, straw, hay and grain can be brought with you or purchased by calling Mike Teske 315-374-1590 or Harry Moore 315-727-0134 by Aug 19th for delivery to the State Fair.

Judges – Our Dairy Goat Judge is Patricia Ricotta from Albany, NY and our meat goat judge is Brett Lindsay of Central Square, NY. Jeremy Lesniak will conduct the judging competition/clinic with Kay Kotwica assisting on the meat goat portion.

Changes for 2015 Due to popular demand, the Team Goat Fitting Contest is back!! It will be held on Thurs. Aug 27th at 3:30 pm. Each county may enter junior and/or senior teams. Youth not having a team will be assigned to a combined county team. Goats (dairy for dairy teams and meat for meat teams) will be provided. However, if at all possible contact our superintendents in advance if anticipating having a meat goat team. Teams must provide their own supplies.

Teams will be scored as follows:
- Clipping 40 pts.-based on ADGA prescribed standards or ABGA recommendations.
- Cleanliness 25 pts.-based on ADGA standards and ABGA recommendations for fitting.
- Handling the Animal as a Team 5pts.- handling the animal in a kind manner, not causing present or future harm.
- Team Work 15 pts.-An emphasis at the Fair, youth are encouraged to work as a team to get the job done.
- Showing the Animal in the Ring 15 pts.- Show the animal for showmanship following the ADGA showmanship scorecard for dairy goats and ABGA recommendations and the USBGA showmanship scorecard for meat goats.
- Bonus Points-Team Appearance 5 pts.

Total possible points-105

Lease Policy! The NYS Youth Goat Program has revised our lease policy. Youth who own no goats may lease two non-owned goats as 4-H projects but may be restricted to showing only one of these animals per youth fair, youth exhibition, or 4-H show/exhibition at their county’s discretion. Youth owning dairy goats may lease one meat goat. Youth owning meat goats may lease one dairy goat. As with owned goats, all non-owned goats must be designated in the exhibitor’s name and cared for by that exhibitor by no later than June 15 of the current year. A non-ownership certificate, properly filled out and available from county 4-H offices, must be supplied along with registration papers (meat goats do not need to show registration papers if unregistered) to prove designation. A copy of the non-ownership papers must be sent with entries.

The entry office for the NYS Fair has complained adamantly about the number of post entries and last minute substitutions requested by the Youth Dairy Goat Program in recent years. Making major changes to the class lists when animals check in causes unacceptable delays in getting class lists finalized and show books printed out. We understand that some county fairs occur very close to the August 17th deadline for submitting NYS fair
entry forms. If you are in doubt as to which of your animals will qualify, PLEASE list ALL possible entries to the NYS Fair rather than planning on making substitutions. It is far easier for us to delete several extra animals on Thursday rather than having to type in several new animals. Please help us and adhere to this policy!

Although state wide health requirements have loosened slightly with regard to rabies vaccination, **requirements for the NYS Fair fall under the Onondaga Health Department requirements. These state** that “ALL GOATS OVER 3 MONTHS OF AGE (as of 2 weeks prior to arrival at the fair) MUST BE “OFFLABEL” VACCINATED FOR RABIES AT LEAST 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT THE FAIRGROUNDS AND NOT MORE THAN 365 DAYS PRIOR.” **We strongly encourage you to vaccinate any goat that is 84 days or older at least 2 weeks prior to the fair if your veterinarian agrees.** Otherwise, the NYS Fair staff may require that animals that are < 4 months of age and unvaccinated be screened from the public. This would mean that you’d need to crate them or bring along chicken wire to line the pens. So do yourself a favor and vaccinate your 3 mo. old kids!

**Reminders** – All youth goats need to be in place by 9 a.m., Thurs., Aug 27th, and depart on Tuesday evening, Sept 1st. We anticipate having no tack pens available. Please note that Youth Meat Goats that are also competing in the Meat Goat Open Show will need to leave the fair by 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept 1st and return later in the week. Dairy Goats competing in both the Youth show and the Dairy Goat Open Show may stay over.

We urge you to compete in the **Goat Educational Display Contests** taking place in the goat barn during the NY State Fair. One contest is for individuals and the other is for clubs. All entries must be accompanied by an Exhibitor Information Statement Card available from your county’s Cornell Cooperative Extension office and should consist of a poster (at least 14”x 22”) or 3-dimensional exhibit related to goats or the goat industry that can be hung on a wall or fit on a 2’x 3’ counter space. The public will have access to the displays, so please **do not use valuables as part of your display.** Although not mandatory, we strongly encourage you to have your display judged at the county level first to make sure it is well organized and presented. Exhibits should be self-explanatory through the use of appropriate captions, signs or labels. Entries will be evaluated on content, illustration, organization, clarity, visual appeal and readability. Juniors and seniors will be judged separately. Counties with a club or individual educational display will receive a one-time bonus score on goat herdsmanship.

The **Youth Livestock Judging Competition at the NYS Fair may include a class of meat goats.** If you plan to compete in both the Livestock Judging Contest and the Kimber Hamm Goat Rancher Competition at the NYS Fair, you must notify the Youth Meat Goat Assistant Superintendent, Annette Mrzywka, amrzywka@gmail.com prior to August 29th to avoid scheduling conflicts between the 2 competitions.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Youth goat events are held in the Goat Barn or the Goat Tent unless otherwise noted. Please consult the 2015 Youth Department Animal Science Premium Book available on the web at [http://www.nysfair.org/competitions](http://www.nysfair.org/competitions) by clicking on “how to enter” and then scrolling down to Youth Goats – Dairy & Meat. It is also at [http://www.anisci.cornell.edu/4H/nysfair_info.html](http://www.anisci.cornell.edu/4H/nysfair_info.html) on the horizontal menu. All exhibitors, their families, volunteer leaders, and any other persons who will be supervising exhibitors should read and be familiar with the rules and regulations (particularly Section D). Not knowing the rules will not be accepted as an excuse for failure to adhere to them.

2. Youth participants must be at least eight years old by Jan 1st, 2015 and not have reached their nineteenth birthday prior to Jan 1st, 2015. **Junior** youth must be 13 years old or younger and **Senior** youth must be 14 years old or older as of Jan 1st of the current year.

3. Entry forms must be submitted by your County Extension Educators to the State Fair. A photocopy of each exhibitor’s entry form and of the completed non-owned form (leased goats only) must **also** be sent by the County Ext. Educator to: Patsy Graham, Superintendent, 143 Closson Rd., South Otselic, NY 13155.

4. **Original health papers and rabies certificates must accompany each goat for inspection upon arrival on the Fairgrounds.** Leased goats need to be accompanied to the NYS Fair by their completed non-ownership certificate (available at your CCE office). As with owned goats, the goat must be cared for by
the youth and lease papers on file by no later than June 15th or earlier if county rules specify an earlier date.
Youth can exhibit no more than two leased goats. Please refer to our new lease policy for clarification.

5. **No bucks are allowed during the youth goat activities. No horned dairy goats allowed. Meat goats may be horned, but if unruly may be asked to leave or to have their horns artificially tipped.**

6. Only ADGA, AGS, and CGS recorded, registered or applied-for animals recognized by ADGA as dairy animals are accepted in the dairy goat show. **ADGA RULES SHALL GOVERN.** The junior and senior shows are not separately sanctioned.

7. The **original** registration certificate is required for all animals six (6) months of age or older in the dairy goat show. The requirement for animals less than six (6) months of age is either the original registration or recordation certificate, a stamped duplicate application, OR a faxed stamped duplicate application. Purchased goats must be transferred to the youth’s name by June 15th, or earlier if county rules specify an earlier date, and transfers finalized by Aug 26th, 2015.

8. Meat goats do not need to be registered with a breed association. All unregistered meat goats must be eartagged or tattooed with their official scrapie identification. Registered meat goats should be tattooed and accompanied by registration papers.

9. Registered dairy and meat goats have a unique tattoo that is acceptable as scrapie identification in conjunction with their registration papers. They **DO NOT** require eartags.

10. Dress code for dairy goat classes is white shirts and white pants. Dress code for meat goat classes is nice, neat shirts and dark pants. No farm emblems please!

**T Shirts** – We will have a new design for our T shirts promoting NYS 4-H Goats this year! The sale of T shirts provides money for our portion of the matching funds program to help pay goat premiums. We are also in need of donations (from businesses or individuals) for the prizes for the Kimber Hamm Goat Rancher Award. Please contact Annette Mrzywka to donate.

**Absentee Policies** - Youth who cannot participate in the showmanship classes because of work or classes must submit written requests and proof of employment or courses for approval to the Youth Goat Superintendent, Patsy Graham, postmarked by Aug 19th. Her decision is final. **Youth must be present to show their own dairy goats in the breed shows or else their animals will be unable to compete and premiums will be forfeited.**

**Open Shows** – All youth who wish to enter their goats in either the Open Dairy Goat Show or the Open Boer Goat Show must enter through the normal Open Show procedure. Entry forms are on the web at [http://www.nysfair.org/competitions](http://www.nysfair.org/competitions) under “How to Enter”.

**Competitions** – Sample questions for **Goat Bowl** and past **Meat Goat Knowledge Exams** are on the web at [http://www.anisci.cornell.edu/4H/goats](http://www.anisci.cornell.edu/4H/goats) and at [http://4h.anisci.cornell.edu/animal-programs/goats/meat-goats](http://4h.anisci.cornell.edu/animal-programs/goats/meat-goats). The **meat goat project notebook reviews**, **meat goat knowledge exams**, and **meat goat oral interviews** are handled as three separate voluntary activities. Project notebooks (record books) for adult does, yearling does, doe kids and market kids are available on the Cornell Youth 4-H Meat Goat Website. Please **look over the website regularly as we are hoping to revise and update some of the record books early this summer**. Entry in the project notebook review is limited to one notebook per youth. Youth do not have to bring their goats to the NY State Fair in order to participate in these activities.

**Kimber Hamm Goat Rancher Competition** – This optional competition is in memory of Kimber Hamm, one of NY’s premier meat goat farmers. The competition is open to meat goat youth showing a doe, doe kid, or market kid at the NY State Fair Youth Show. This award is given to the junior and senior youth meat goat exhibitor who most demonstrates the diverse qualities of a good meat goat herdperson. These qualities include, but are not limited to 1) a working knowledge of goat health, nutrition, marketing, and management, and 2) the ability to
skillfully evaluate, handle, and raise meat goats, and make financial decisions. There will be cash awards for the highest scoring senior and junior competitor.

1. Competitors must compete in the project notebook competition, the knowledge review, the oral interview, fitting and showmanship (Class #73 or #74), and the Kimber Hamm Conformation Class (#92 or #93).
2. All exhibitors who compete in the above 5 activities and thus are eligible for the Kimber Hamm Goat Rancher Award will receive awards. Ribbons are awarded up to 10th place.

THINGS TO DO PRIOR TO THE FAIR

1. You must have been properly entered by Aug 17th, 2015. Please be sure to read over the Youth Livestock Premium Book at either http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/nysfair_info.html or http://www.nysfair.org/competitions. Review the rules and regulations; the animal health regulations; the general information section; the livestock arrival and release schedule; and especially, Section D - Youth Goats.
2. Request and obtain exhibitor passes and parking permits through your County 4-H office. Parking spots for RV's may be available. Check with State Fair.

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU TO THE FAIR

1. All necessary papers and health certificates. These should be left at the barn with animals at all times.
2. Feeding equipment, milking equipment, grooming equipment, health items, clean-up materials, hay, grain, and salt, show clothes, individual or club display educating people about goats.

OVERNIGHTERS
All Dept 51 participants staying overnight on the New York State Fairgrounds are to sleep in the Youth Dormitories. No Dept 51 participants may sleep in the Youth Department animal exhibit areas. Parents (or legal guardians) may request exceptions to these rules through prescribed written application forms at the discretion of their Cornell Cooperative Extension Offices and will thus assume full responsibility for the action and well-being of each of their children for whom an exception is requested. An adult chaperone must be designated on the form. Forms are available from county offices. Please talk to your county well in advance as some counties do not permit this. Those that do may require background checks on chaperones. Do not leave this for the last minute! Keep in mind that the wine and beer bars at the NYS Fair will now be staying open to 11 pm rather than 10 pm. Therefore revelers may be walking past the barns later at night than in previous years.

WHAT TO DO UPON ARRIVAL

1. All SHEEP, GOATS, LLAMAS have a NEW inspection station. It is located just inside Gate #7 past the state troopers check point. All goats and their health papers must be checked. After your vet check proceed to Gate #11, turn left on Belle Isle and go to the Goat Barn. All goats are to be housed in the Goat Barn. Provide your papers to the Assistant Goat Superintendents immediately to ensure that you get your premiums. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to care for their own animals and the surrounding premises. There is a mandatory meeting for all Youth Goat Exhibitors at 1 p.m. on Thurs., Aug 27th.
2. If competing for the Kimber Hamm Goat Rancher Award, submit your project notebook to the Meat Goat Assistant Superintendent by Thurs., August 27th.

CARE OF ANIMALS

1. All goats will be appropriately fed and watered. It is the youth’s responsibility to care for his or her animals.
2. Keep the area clean and orderly—give the public a positive impression of the goat industry.

OTHER INFORMATION

Please plan on joining us for our picnic gathering for all youth goat exhibitors and their families on Sun., Aug 30th at 7 p.m. Bringing your own table service is appreciated but not required. Food items or monetary donations happily accepted.

Enjoy the Fair!!