

KALAMAZOO COUNTY 4-H GOAT PROJECT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

MEETINGS

Question: HOW MANY GOAT PROJECT MEETINGS MUST I ATTEND TO BE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE MY GOAT TO THE FAIR?

Answer: You must attend at least half of the county-wide project meetings offered by the Superintendents. Normally four meetings are scheduled; therefore, you will need to attend at least two. The Goat Superintendents highly recommend that you also attend at least two of the meetings conducted by your Club Goat Project Leader or as many as your particular club's goat project leader requires.

Question: IS THE GOAT FIT AND SHOW CLINIC CONSIDERED A COUNTY-WIDE GOAT PROJECT MEETING?

Answer: Yes. The Goat Superintendents prefer that every member attend the fit and show clinic in addition to at least one of the other county-wide goat project meetings.

Question: DOES THE MANDATORY 4-H LIVESTOCK MEETING COUNT AS A COUNTY-WIDE GOAT PROJECT MEETING?

Answer: No. The Mandatory Livestock Meeting is not a goat project educational forum. Its primary function is to distribute information pertaining to 4-H and Fair policies, 4-H and Fair exhibiting and entry procedures, bringing livestock entries onto the fairgrounds, setting up the livestock barns, and addressing other issues related to exhibiting and showing your animals at upcoming the Fair. You should plan to help clean and set up the goat barn during the mandatory livestock meeting.

GOAT ACQUISITION

Question: WHEN DO I NEED TO HAVE MY GOAT FOR THE FAIR?

Answer: You must have your goat in your possession on or before May 1st in order to take it to the Fair. Your goat should also be tagged or tattooed by May 1st.

Question: WHERE CAN I BUY A GOAT FOR MY PROJECT?

Answer: You can contact the Goat Superintendents or your Club Goat Project Leader if you need help finding a goat. You can also contact goat associations and societies for a list of goat breeders near you. In addition, the internet can be a good resource for locating goat breeders.

Question: DO I HAVE TO OWN A GOAT TO BE IN THE GOAT PROJECT?

Answer: No. You may lease a goat to show at the Fair. Contact your Club Goat Project Leader or Goat Superintendent to get a Goat Lease form.

GOAT IDENTIFICATION

Question: DOES MY GOAT HAVE TO HAVE A TAG IN ITS EAR?

Answer: All goats in Michigan must have Scrapie identification which consists of a Scrapie tag or registration tattoo. Michigan is NOT a SCRAPIE-FREE state. Scrapie identification is a Michigan Department of Agriculture requirement for moving any goat from any goat owner's property for any reason. If your goat is *not* registered, it *must* have a Scrapie tag in an ear or the tail web. If your goat is registered, it does not need a tag; however, it *must* have a legible tattoo of the registration number in the ears or on the tail web as prescribed by the goat registry association or society. Goats without Scrapie identification are not allowed at the Fair. TB (tuberculosis) tags are no longer required and are *not* acceptable as Scrapie identification