



SO YOU ARE TAKING A GOAT PROJECT

Taking a goat project can be a lot of fun. This page contains some basic information to assist you in preparing for fair. Good luck!

	Market Goats	Breeding Goats
Recommended Breeds	Boer	Meat or Dairy type Breeds
Recommended Age at Fair	6 -7 months	--
Recommended Date of Birth	December-January	Per class entered
Date of Possession	April 15	April 15
Pre-Fair Tag?	Yes	No
DUNF or Health Papers Required?	DUNF, Scrapie ID for Does	Scrapie ID
Exhibit	1 or 2	
Recommended Male/Female	Wethers or Does	Females only
Must Weigh by Fair	50 lbs	--
Recommended Feed	A quality goat feed	
Recommended Bedding	Shavings	Shavings

SCRAPIE

*Scrapie is a degenerative disease that affects the nervous systems of sheep and goats.

*Scrapie ID has been a national requirement since 2002. All sexually intact sheep and goats must be identified by the breeder with a USDA approved ear tag or tattoo.

*Approved ID includes: USDA provided or approved ear tags, USDA assigned tattoos; or registration tattoos when accompanied by a copy of the registration certificate. Do not purchase a goat with a blue scrapie tag.

*The bottom line: unless you purchase a wether, you should not take your animal from the breeder until they have put a Scrapie ID on it!

It's almost Fair Week – What do I need to pack?

Bedding	Bucket for water	Water hose/nozzle	Thank you poster for last year's buyer	DUNF
Feed	Chain collar with lead strap	Washing supplies	Small tack box with your NAME on it	
Feed Pan	Brushes	Grooming Stand	Wheel Barrel (club may share)	

A few things to know:

- ❖ Each exhibitor must register their animals for fair through the online program set up by the Livestock & Sale Committee. On-line registration is open from April 15-May 15.
- ❖ It is important to start working with your animal early. You will need to teach your goat to walk, set-up, figure 8, and “brace” for the show.
- ❖ All market goats must be dehorned. If not de-horned at birth, this can be difficult. If horns must be trimmed, they may not be longer than 2 inches at fair.
- ❖ Goats are prone to urinary calculi. Be sure to feed a quality feed designed for market goats as the proper balance of calcium and phosphorus is very important in preventing urinary calculi.
- ❖ Drenching at the fair is not permitted except by a veterinarian. Drenching is defined as an act of using an instrument placed in an animal's mouth to orally administer a liquid, food, or any other substance.
- ❖ Sale intentions must be made! Sale Intentions are required for every market exhibitor for every market show they participate in, even if it's only one! Sale Intentions tell the Sale Committee which animals you are planning to sell through the Livestock Sale and which animals will be loaded onto the packer truck.
- ❖ At the Sale, make sure your market goats are loaded onto the packer truck even if you did not sell your market goats through the ring.
- ❖ Market goat and lactating Dairy goat exhibitors must complete QA annually. QA training is completed by on-line YQCA and must be complete by May 1 with certification receive at the Extension Office by May 3.