May 3, 2021

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TO: Junior Fair Goat Exhibitor
FROM: Lee Ann Gauche Goat Superintendent, Junior Fair Goat Department

We hope your year is going well! If you are planning to show a Goat at this year's fair, there will be a tag-in on Saturday, June 5th, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at the Brown County Fairgrounds in Georgetown.

Quality Assurance - All members in market beef, sheep, swine; members in dairy cattle, dairy & meat goats, meat chickens, turkeys, meat rabbits, ducks and geese, are required to complete a Quality Assurance Program by July 1st. Those wishing to show at the State Fair must complete QA by June 1st. To see a list of Quality Assurance Dates/Options visit: go.osu.edu/bownqa

If you choose to attend QA through a different county or source, you are responsible for any associated fees and must submit your completed paperwork by the deadline of July 1st.

Remember you may only sell one Market Animal. You may tag-in three (3) market goats in June, but only bring and show 2 market goats at the Fair. 2 market goats equals (1) one project. Limit of 1 market project (2 market goats) per exhibitor. Any other combination of 2 goats equals (1) project. Maximum of (4) four goat projects per exhibitor, this number must include your market goat project. No exhibitor will be eligible to bring more than eight (8) goats.

Exhibitors will only sell one goat unless the exhibitor has multiple champions. The second goat can be taken home or put on the truck going to the stockyards. You or a family member must be there to put your goat on the stockyard truck. Please understand that if you have an animal going through the sale that this animal is regarded as a meat animal and goes to slaughter. Please make sure your buyer understands this as well. According to the Ohio Department of Agriculture guidelines, your project is considered terminal once it has been sold and is not to be returned to you by the buyer. Only the champions have to sell.

Remember to show at the fair you must have your Market goats tagged in. There will be no exceptions. All goats must be castrated and dehorned before the June tag-in, with the exception of Boer/Boer cross Breeding does that are being shown in the breeding class. Horned goats are the owner’s responsibility to adjust the pens so the goats do not get their heads stuck and you must leave an emergency phone #. The fair veterinarian will be checking all animals at the fair. Any animal that does not pass the Vet Check will not be eligible to show and may be required to be removed from the fairgrounds. If you are bringing a market goat, be sure you bring required Information Sheets filled out completely to tag-in. If you are not going to be present, please send it with whoever is bringing your animal. All goats MUST have a Scrapie tag or tattoo in their ears before coming to tag-in on June 5th. This includes breeding does & pygmy goats.

If you are showing Breeding Does or Pygmy, you do not need to bring them to tag in, but you will need to bring your paper work on June 5th from 8:00am to 10:00am to the Goat barn to turn in. Declaration of classes are permanent, once you select your classes there is no changing of them.
We ask that everyone attending tag-in please follow all current health guidelines related to COVID-19 for tag-in.

Please keep in mind when selecting a goat for this year's fair, that your market project must be born after January 1, 2021, and must weigh at least 60 pounds at fair time in order to show and sell. This year all animals will be selling by the head. Dress code for showing is: Dark blue pants and a button/snap and collar shirt (western or polo) closed within one button from top. Shirts must be tucked in and no logos except club names. Born and Raised t-shirts will be permitted only during the Born and Raised Show on Wednesday.

Closer to fair you will be receiving information on how to select your classes for the fair. You will be required to log-into an online system and select your classes and declare which animals you intend to show. If showing Market Goats you will be required to upload a picture of you and your goat that is suitable for sharing with buyers.

Check in for the fair will be Sunday, September 26th from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. At this time your animal(s) will be weighed, ear tags checked and you will be assigned a pen. If you are only showing a pygmy or a breeding doe, you can check you animals in from 10:00am- 1:00pm. You are encouraged to invite buyers to support all members of the Junior Fair Sales. When visiting the buyers, thank them for their support in the past, and please encourage them to join us again this year. Please remember that buyers support many organizations throughout the entire year and we are one of many.

Because of limited space in the barn there will be NO companion animals. Only goats that are entered in classes may be at the fair. No goats will be scratched unless under the advisement of the Fair Vet. All goats will be guaranteed a pen; but tack pens are not guaranteed.

JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITORS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE ASKED NOT TO SOLICIT BUYERS DURING THE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY JUNIOR FAIR SALES. PLEASE MAKE CONTACT WITH YOUR BUYERS BEFORE THE FAIR STARTS.

Should something happen to your goat prior to the fair, you may bring a poster or display and be interviewed by the judge at the fair to complete your project.

The goat shows will be held as follows: Monday, September 27th at 9:30 a.m., Dairy Showmanship, Pygmy Showmanship, Dairy Market, Dairy Does, Fiber and all Pygmy goats (Beef Barn). Followed by Sibling Showmanship for all breeds (if permitted); Tuesday September 28th at 3:00 p.m., Boer Showmanship, 6:00 pm Boer Market and Boer breeding does (Wallace Show Arena); Wednesday, September 29th at 3:00 p.m. Brown County Born & Raised Market & Doe Show (Wallace Show Arena). Show times are subject to change; any changes will be announced in advance. You will only be able to enter one showmanship class and you must declare which one on at Sunday check in. It is also recommended that you shear your goat before coming to the fair. We are limited on space.

Please feel free to contact me, Lee Ann Gauche at 513-875-2485 or lagoats@tds.net with questions regarding the goat information in this letter.

c: Jr. Fair Goat Department
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Enclosure: Market Goat Entry Form Born & Raised Market Goat Information Sheet
Goat Entry Form Born & Raised Pygmy Doe
Boer/Boer Cross Doe Entry Form Born & Raised Boer Doe
Dairy Doe Entry Form Born & Raised Dairy Doe