

# Jasper County 4-H FAQ sheet – Goats

## General Information

### Enrollment

- Enroll at [il.4honline.com](http://il.4honline.com) by March 15
- For more information about enrollment in the Jasper County 4-H program, please contact the Jasper County Extension office

### Fair Entry

- Opens May 1
- Go to [fairentree.com](http://fairentree.com) to register for specific classes
- If you are unsure if you will be showing, go ahead and register for the class—it is easier to scratch than add after the show starts
- All entries should be submitted by May 15

\*General-project guidelines updated in March—4-H Handbooks can be viewed online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/cefj/4-h-jasper-county> under the Fairs and Shows tab.

## Project Guidelines

Check guidelines for your project in the 4-H Handbook on the Jasper County 4-H website at <https://extension.illinois.edu/cefj/4-h-jasper-county> under the Fairs and Shows tab.

### Ownership, and Tagging Deadlines

- All livestock and small animals must be owned by April 30
- Every goat is required to have a Scrapie tag. A tagging form & a picture of the Scrapie tag in the animal's ear must be turned into the Extension office by April 30
- **Goats do not need Jasper County tags. Scrapie tags will be used as identification for all goats.**
- Tagging forms and pictures may be brought into the office or e-mailed to [jaspercogoat@gmail.com](mailto:jaspercogoat@gmail.com)
- Animals exhibited at the Illinois State Fair have specific birth & ownership dates; you must follow guidelines listed under the **Illinois State Fair Junior Show** section of the 4-H Handbook

### Birthdates

- Buck Kid – born after Jan. 1 of current year
- Jr Doe Kid – born after Jan. 1 of current year
- Sr Doe Kid – born July of previous year – Jan. of current year
- Doe 1 – 1 year and under 2 years
- Doe 2 – 2 years and under 3 years
- Doe 3 – 3 years and under 4 years
- Doe 4 – 4 years and over
- Market Goats – born after Sept. 1 of previous year (except for a buck that must be born after Jan. 1 of current year)

\*Goats shown in the Market Goat class may *not* be exhibited in a breeding class\*

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## Health Guidelines

- Go to the website provided in the back of the 4-H Handbook for a full list of requirements
- Scrapie tags may be ordered through the USDA-APHIS
- **To request these official sheep and goat tags, a flock or premises ID or both, call 1-866-USDA-Tag (866-873-2824).**

## Certified Veterinarian Inspection (CVI)

- CVI's must be completed within 90 days of the 4-H Goat Show
- CVI papers must be kept at the fairgrounds in case of any questions

## Records

- A livestock record must be up to date for each animal species and turned into the Extension office or emailed to [jaspercogot@gmail.com](mailto:jaspercogot@gmail.com) by June 10.
- 4-H members that are also FFA members may use their SAE record books in place of the 4-H Livestock Record
- Livestock records can be found online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/cefi/4-h-jasper-county> under the Fairs and Shows tab, or can be picked up at the Extension office

## Registration papers

- Registration papers must be kept at the fairgrounds in case of any questions

## YQCA

- Members enrolled in a Goat project must complete YQCA training every year
- This training can be completed online, or face-to-face trainings are offered in the spring

## 4-H Shows

- Animals must be on the fairgrounds by 8 a.m. Monday morning prior to the 4-H Goat Show
- The 4-H member must show his/her own animal (with the exception of the Master Showmanship contest, if the participant does not have a specie needed to show)
- Exhibitors are limited to 2 entries in each class

## Auction – Sponsored and hosted by the Jasper County 4-H Auction Committee

- The 4-H member must be present to sell their animal and are encouraged to arrive at least 1 hour prior to the auction
- Only Market animals will be sold in the 4-H Auction
- There will be a \$5 auction fee and a \$10 waste disposal fee for Goat projects. This fee is to be paid when registering for the auction. Members who choose not to sell their animal will still be responsible for the waste removal fee.
- It is the obligation of the seller to deliver his or her market animal to the place specified by the owner
- Please refer to the 4-H Livestock Auction for a complete list of requirements and guidelines

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**\*\*For a complete list of guidelines and rules, please check the Jasper County 4-H Handbook\*\***

### Sept – December

- Submit previous year's records to the Extension office (permanent record, livestock record(s), Honor Member form, and general project form, if applicable); Deadline to submit records is Sept. 30
- Enroll in 4-H ZSuites

### Jan – Feb

- Order Scrapie tags for sheep and goats

### March – May

- Register online or for an in-person training for YQCA; YQCA **must** be completed before fair in order to exhibit a goat project
- Schedule appointment with your veterinarian to complete a CVI (if needed); CVI's are required within 90 days of the show
- Turn in Tagging form & pictures to the Extension office by April 30; families may email a copy of the document and pictures to [jaspercogoat@gmail.com](mailto:jaspercogoat@gmail.com) or bring a paper copy into the Extension office
- Register for 4-H show classes by May 15 at [fairentury.com](http://fairentury.com)

### June

- Fair clean-up (early June)
- State Fair Jr Show registration, must be signed by FFA or Extension staff by July 1
- Have Livestock record up to date and email to [jaspercogoat@gmail.com](mailto:jaspercogoat@gmail.com) by June 10
- Make sure a copy of registration paperwork (for purebred animals) and CVI are brought with you to the fair & kept on site at the fairgrounds
- Weigh-in/4-H show/Auction/after fair clean-up

### July – August

- Complete livestock records
- Cash checks from the 4-H Auction
- Send Thank You card (cookies, BBQ tickets, etc.) to Award donors and/or Auction buyers

\*In order to advance to the Illinois State Fair for general projects, or to sell an animal at the 4-H Auction, members must attend a minimum of 2 meetings and 1 event. For clarification, please contact your 4-H Leader or the Jasper Co.

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## Helpful Hints to make your show year a success!

- Wear show-appropriate clothing
  - Close toed shoes, preferably boots
  - Long pants
  - Short or long-sleeved shirts
  - No attire promoting business, companies or farm names
- Practice, practice, practice!
  - Work with your animal from beginning of ownership to the show/auction
  - Do a mock show at home with the help of family or friends
- Study up!
  - Reference your 4-H project book
  - Go to Livestock clinics/workshops
  - Check out YouTube videos of other dairy goat & meat goat shows
- Smile 😊
  - While showing, animals may be difficult—it is a new environment for many animals
  - Try to keep a positive attitude and have fun
  - Keep a relaxed smile as much as possible
  - Make eye contact with the judge (but don't try to start a staring contest)
  - Whenever possible, leave several feet between you and the handler in front of you
  - Calm confidence will be part of your overall presentation

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