

# 2026 Greene County Goat Rules

**Any/all pre-fair requirements (i.e., QA, pictures, pen assignments, etc.) MUST be completed by posted due date(s). Failure to complete any/all requirements, as required, will result in the exhibitor not being allowed to bring, able to show and/or sell livestock projects.**

The following rules shall be used to govern the goat events at the Greene County Fair. These rules are in conjunction with and do not supersede, the general rules governing the fair. If an incident occurs, either having a contradiction of rules or not having a rule covering the incident, the Goat Committee, Barn Superintendent, and Livestock Chair will resolve the conflict.

## Project numbers

#135BD – Breeding-Dairy Goats

#135BM – Breeding-Meat Goats

#135WD – Breeding: Wether Dam

#135F – Fiber Goats

#135H – Harness Goats

#135M – Meat Market & Dairy Market

#135P – Pack Goat

#135PY – Pygmy Goat

#135C – Companion-Pet Goat

- Classes determined by sex, breed, and date of birth.

o You must know all three of these to properly fill out your fair entry.

## Terminology

**Disbudding:** the removal of horn buds from young goats (usually under 4 weeks old) to prevent horns from developing

**Dehorning:** the surgical removal of existing horns from older goats

**Scurs:** small rudimentary horn growths that occur sometimes after a goat is properly disbudded. Generally, only attached to the skin not the skull

**Buck:** male with testicles or testicular tissue

**Wether:** castrated male

**Doe:** female

**Freshened Doe:** female that has produced milk

**Never Freshened Doe:** female that has never produced milk

**Dry Doe:** doe not in milk but has freshened

**Wether Dam:** a class provided as an opportunity for exhibitors involved in the wether business to showcase animals responsible for creating the next generation of wethers and the entries will be evaluated with the sole purpose in mind

**RFID Tag:** round fair tag that starts with 840

**Scrapie tag:** When we ask for the SCRAPIE TAG NUMBER, we need all the letters and numbers on the female part of the tag. The male part usually has the farm name printed on it. You may have to flip the goat's ear over to look for the entire scrapie number. In this example, the Scrapie number would be XX23730001.



## General Rules that Apply to All Goats:

1. Member must complete Fair Entry by the due date.

2. All exhibitors need #135 Goat Project and Record Book. It is recommended that all members have access to 135R, Goat Resource Handbook.
3. All exhibitors must attend **Quality Assurance** to be able to show at the Greene County Fair.
4. No male goats with signs of testicular tissue will be allowed to enter the barn.
5. Market goats and all Dairy breeds may not have horns.
  - a. **ALL scurs must be less than 1", anything larger will be sent home!**
  - b. Goats with seepage from horn area or bandages will not be allowed to enter the barn
  - c. All market goats must be properly dehorned or removed and healed by the time of the Greene County Fair.
    - i. See terminology for definitions
6. All non-market goats must have a bold readable scrapie tag, registered tattoo number, or microchip. The owner of microchipped goat must provide a microchip scanner.
  - a. All market goats must have a USDA Certified scrapie tag.
  - b. All tattoos must be visible and readable prior to arrival
  - c. All scrapie tags must be attached and in the goats' ear prior to arrival
7. Market goats must be in members' possession by May 1st.
  - 4-H Online must be submitted to the extension office by May 1st.
  - **NO family market animal will be tagged**
  - **NO LEASED Market Goats allowed!**
  - Pictures of both sides, head, and scrapie tag must be submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - This form is available @ greene.osu.edu
8. Homegrown Market goat projects must have Homegrown Form attached to Fair Entry.
  - a. Form is available @ greene.osu.edu.
  - b. Please complete one form per entry.
  - c. **NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED!**
9. The animal must be housed at an immediate family (parent, grandparent, step parent, sibling) members home (owned, rented or leased). Please list relationship to location:
  - a. Producer must be an approved Greene County 4-H/FFA exhibitor.
  - b. Exhibitors must use the same animal for the homegrown class as the jr. fair market class.
  - c. All market homegrown animals must be properly identified (scrapie tag, EID, tattoo, etc.).
  - d. Currently, premises ID is recommended
10. All Market goats (Wethers and Does) must have scrapie tags, this includes LaMancha.
  - a. All Scrapie tags must be attached and in the goat's ear prior to arrival
11. Breed Authenticity forms for Market Dairy goats must be turned in by May 1st.
  - a. Form is available at the Extension Office or greene.osu.edu
  - b. Must be filled out completely and signed by the breeder and uploaded to Fair Entry
12. Only goats that are identified on Fair Entry will be allowed to show and sell at the fair.
13. Exhibitors are allowed to tag-in 4 market animals but can only show or bring 3 market goats to fair.
  - a. Exhibitors may sell one (1) of the qualifying goats and consign the remaining goats
  - b. There will be NO family market animal being tagged
14. After 3 warning notices you will be asked to leave the fairgrounds. A warning could be given for any rule violation (committee, extension and fairboard)
  - a. Written warnings from prior years will carry over to the current year
15. NO outside pen dividers allowed

## POSSESSION OF GOAT

16. All non-market goats must be in members' possession by June 1st of the current year.
  - a. Goats may be leased.
  - b. Leasing paperwork is available from the Extension Office and must be turned in by June 1st.
  - c. Form is available @ greene.osu.edu.
  - d. Exhibitors must personally provide daily and continual care of their animal regardless of where they are housed on and after June 1 of the current year.

## MAY TAG-IN

17. May Tag-in will take place on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 from 8am to 9am. This will take place at the Fairgrounds Recreation Center 210 Fairground Rd, Xenia, OH 45385.
18. All market goats including dairy and homegrown must attend tag-in.
19. The Goat Committee will be charging \$5.00 per RFID tag. Payment must be CASH ONLY!!
20. 4-H electronic forms and pictures will be required before tag-in.
  - a. Electronic Forms include 4-H Online, Homegrown Form (if applicable), and/or Market Dairy Goat Authenticity Form (if applicable)
21. If a goat is homegrown, the online homegrown form must be completed and turned in, following all rules described on the form.
22. All market goats must have an official USDA Scrapie Tag attached and in the goats' ear prior to being tagged.
23. Each exhibitor can tag in up to 4 market goats but can only exhibit 3 at the 2026 Greene County Fair. The extra animal is to compensate for the death of any animal and to give the exhibitor experience in selection.
24. Any market animal that is not tagged on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 will not be eligible to show at the 2026 Greene County Fair
25. All male kids must be banded or castrated at the time of May Tag-in.
26. Do not remove ear tags unless for a medical emergency. If a problem arises due to infected ear or a tag is pulled out, please contact Jennifer at (937) 307-8318 immediately.
27. Goats that do not have both the coordinating scrapie tag and the Greene County Fair RFID tag will not be eligible to show at the 2026 Greene County Fair.
28. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jennifer at (937) 307-8318

## FAIR

29. Goat arrival for all projects is Saturday 8am-10am
  - a. ALL COATS & LEG WRAPS must be completely removed from the animal upon vet check in, if failed to do so you will be sent to the end of the line.
30. Goat Exhibitor meeting 1pm in Barn 1 weigh-in follows
  - a. Upon arrival check-in at the table to receive your exhibitor packet.
31. Exhibitors may exhibit two goats in each class: maximum of twelve goats per exhibitor.
32. All animals should be groomed to breed standards **before entering fairgrounds**. Please check individual breed rules for guidelines.
33. **No full body grooming permitted at fair ONLY grooming touch-ups may be done at fair!**
  - a. **NO GROOMING is to be done inside the barn.**
  - b. All grooming spots will be ASSIGNED
34. Please do not bring a goat that is not healthy. The vet, livestock chair, barn superintendent and goat committee shall send it home.
  - a. All animals shall be FREE of lice!
  - b. No abscess, fever, open wounds or contagious disease deemed by the fair vet will not be allowed in the barn
  - c. If animal is sent home the pen MUST be cleaned upon removal
35. Does within four weeks of expected kidding will not be permitted to attend the fair.
36. Goat kids less than eight weeks are prohibited to attend the fair.

37. All pens must be cleaned when animals have been released.
  - a. Pens can NOT be cleaned until Friday between 7am and 4pm
  - b. All goats MUST CHECK OUT with a committee member, if it is failed to do so you will receive a warning
  - c. All grand and reserve must also clean their sale of champion pen
38. The Goat Committee has the right to add, divide, or combine classes as necessary.
39. NO HAY BAGS are permitted to be used as these are a hazard for goats to be tangled in.
40. Please be sure all fan cords are safely out of goat's reach.

## SHOWING

41. Choker chains are suggested to show animals. Show halters and show leads are permitted if they do not interfere with the animals breathing. If this is the case, the exhibitor will be asked to change the lead immediately.
  - a. No rope halters.
    - b. Pygmy goats may be shown with collar and leash.
    - c. Fiber goats may be shown by their horns.
    - d. See individual rules for Pack and Harness goats.
42. Bracing is at the discretion of the judge; **front feet should stay on the ground**
  - a. The goat should not be lifted off the ground other than to set animal.
43. Clothing to be worn for shows:
  - a. **Dairy Does** - white collared button-up polo type or button-down shirt with sleeves, white pants that fit properly without holes, rips, or frays, and closed-toed shoes or boots.
  - b. **All other exhibitors** - clean neat pants that fit properly without holes, rips, or frays, nice show shirts (no t-shirts) and closed-toed shoes or boots. Belt suggested.

## SALE

44. All Grand and Reserve Champion Market winners must be sold at the Junior Fair Livestock sale and sent to harvest.
45. "Sale" cards for Market goats must be turned into a committee member within one hour of the completion of weigh-in – no exceptions.
46. **"No Sale" market & breeding animals will be released on Friday from 7am to noon**  
All goats MUST check out with a committee member, if failed to do so you will receive a warning
47. All animals being consigned will leave Thursday August 6<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.

## CODE OF ETHICS:

To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity of our Greene County Goat Show any animal found to have been altered, cared for and shown in an unethical manner shall be disqualified and the exhibitor shall forfeit all awards and sale money; and may be barred from participation in future shows.

### Unethical practices shall include, but not be limited to:

- Project groomers at the Greene County Fair are limited to the following: Greene County 4H and FFA members, their immediate families, and any Greene County 4H/FFA Advisors or Greene County Goat Committee Member.  
This grooming rule includes holding, washing, and/or working with the animal while on the fairgrounds.
- Any injection of air, gas, liquid, solid, or any other foreign material under the hide.
- Surgery of any kind to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body. Not including removal of horns, trimming of hooves, clipping of hair, or any medical practice deemed necessary for health reasons performed and verified by a local veterinarian

- Use of any product, such as but not limited to, steroids, diuretics, tranquilizers, ice, ice water, alcohol, aerosol coolant, ether, ice packed towels, wet towel and other abnormal/artificial procedure or practice to change the firmness, muscle tone or mass, and/or weight of the animal.
  - Any attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development.
  - Any dyeing or coloring of the animal which alters its natural coloration. Not including the dressings applied to horns and hooves.
  - Use of illegal substance or procedure that results in condemnation of the carcass.
  - If an animal needs to be drenched, it must be with the aid or permission of the Greene County Fair Veterinarian.
- Acceptable grooming Products include:** any various livestock/human shampoos, waterless shampoo, stain buster shampoo, bluing shampoo, whitening shampoo, adhesive spray, and conditioning spray to keep goats clean (such as Sheen and Weaver's Goat Conditioning Spray)

### Showmanship Classes

47. An exhibitor must show their own goat in showmanship.
  - a. There will be NO family animal
48. Goats shown in showmanship class must be shown in another officially judged 4-H/FFA class.
49. Exhibitors must sign-up on Fair Entry to participate in Showmanship.
  - a. NO ADD INS WILL BE ACCEPTED!
50. Showmanship attire should be breed appropriate.
  - a. **Dairy Does:** white collared button up polo type or button-down shirt with sleeves, white pants, that fit properly without holes, rips or frays, belt and closed toed shoes or boots.
  - b. **All other exhibitors:** clean neat pants that fit properly without holes, rips, or frays, collared show shirt (no tee-shirts), belt, and closed toed shoes or boots.
51. There will be three divisions:
  - a. Junior (ages 8-11)
  - b. Intermediate (ages 12-14)
  - c. Senior (ages 15 and up)
52. Age is as of January 1 of the current calendar year. (4-H Age)
53. Overall Showmanship: the current goat showmanship class winners are eligible to participate in the overall showmanship class.

### #135BD –Breeding: Dairy Goat (Dairy Does) (Use project book #135 Goat Project and Record Book)

54. Refer to General Goat Rules.
55. Does must be 100% dairy origin.
56. Lactating dairy does are required to turn in Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) at the Greene County Fair weigh-in.
57. The Goat Committee and Goat Barn does not provide a milking stand.
58. Classes determined by date of birth and lactating status.

### #135M – Meat Market & Dairy Market

(Use project book #135 Goat Project and Record book)

59. Refer to General Goat Rules.
60. Market goats must be born after November 1st of previous year.
61. Only wethers or dry Does allowed.

### Fair Weigh-In – Market

62. Market goats are required to turn in one Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) per goat at the Fair Weigh-In.
63. Market goats must have all their milk teeth (baby teeth) at Fair Weigh-In.
64. To be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion, goats must weigh between 50 and 130 pounds.

65. Market goats under 50 pounds and over 130 pounds will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion and will not sell through the Junior Livestock Sale, but will be allowed to participate in an under and overweight class.
66. All market goat exhibitors must be in the barn 30 minutes prior to weigh-in.
  - a. The weigh-in time is approximate and is not a set start time.

**Day of Show and Classes - Market**

67. Market goat class will be divided into two groups
68. Dairy – Dairy Market project (DM) must be 100% dairy origin
69. Meat – Meat Market projects (MM) will consist of only animals with any percentage of Meat breed in their bloodline or any project that cannot be certified as a Dairy Market project.
70. Weight classes will be determined after weigh-in at the fair. Goat Committee may add, divide or combine any classes, as necessary.

**Homegrown Meat Market & Dairy Market Classes**

71. Homegrown goats must be born from a doe owned and housed at 4-H/FFA member's parents, legal guardians, and grandparents' property in Greene County, after November 1 of previous year.
  - a. The Greene CO. Producer must live within the geographical boundaries of Greene County or its school district.
72. Must be one of the exhibitor's Junior Fair Market goat projects.
73. Homegrown goats will be also shown in the regular market goat show.
74. Homegrown class will be held separate from general Market goat show.
75. Show classes will be divided according to animal weights after weigh-in.
76. A Champion and Reserve Champion Homegrown Meat Market goat and a Champion and Reserve Homegrown Dairy Market goat will be selected.

**#135BM – Breeding: Meat Goat**

77. Classes for does that are being bred and raised for the purpose of producing market (meat) type offspring rather than those with dairy qualities.
  - a. NO bracing allowed in this class
78. Production Does do not need to be registered or purebred. Crossbreeds are acceptable.
79. Classes will be divided by age and production status.

**#135WD-Breeding: Wether Dams**

80. Does in this class are under 12 months of age with classes divided by age
81. Wether Sire & Slick Shorn dams must be slick shorn
82. Must be slick shorn to even length from the knees and hocks up excluding the head and tail 83. Bracing is permitted

**#135 PY – Pvgmy**

84. Must have a readable registered tattoo or USDA Certified scrapie tag, or microchip.
  - a. The owner of microchipped goat must provide a microchip scanner.
  - b. Scrapie tag must be attached, if not attached the goat will not be permitted in the barn
85. Only Does and Wethers allowed.
86. Classes are determined by gender and date of birth.

**#135 F – FIBER (Angora, Cashmere, etc.)**

87. Does and Wethers permitted
88. Fiber goat projects must meet the county fair and project requirements listed for goats in the Project Guide, except that they may have horns and do not have to be clipped

### **#135 H- Harness**

89. Wethers or Does not in milk.
90. Members may exhibit one goat or one team per harness class
  - a. Class: Single, H1 single, H2 single, etc. Team, H1 team, H2 team, etc.
    - i. H1- must lead on a halter, while doing obstacle course including 3 commands.
    - ii. H2-must wear halter and pull cart. Exhibitor walks behind cart, while doing obstacle course including 3 commands.
    - iii. H4-pulls exhibitor in cart while doing obstacle course including 4 or more commands.
91. Exhibitor must submit their course to a committee member by noon on check-in day.
92. Exhibitors must have goat harnessed and ready to start at show time. (The show is not to be held up)

### **#135P - Pack Goats**

93. Exhibitors must have goat haltered and pack ready to start at show time. (The show is not to be held up) 94. Goat must be weighed following market weigh-in on Saturday.
  - a. Will weigh-in after all market goats have been weighed
95. Pack
  - a. Must be suitable for carrying supplies, as on a hike through the woods.
    - i. Should be appropriate in size to goat.
  - b. Will have weights placed in it - two 16.9 oz. bottles for goats under 50 pounds and four 16.9 oz. bottles for goats over 50 pounds. (exhibitor must supply water bottles)
96. Halter - a halter must be on the goat the entire time it is in the show arena.
  - a. Collars may be on the goat in case the halter slips off but may not be used to lead or direct the goat.

### **PACK GOAT SCORE CARD**

#### Appearance:

- Goat has a well-fitted pack that is realistic for hiking (10 pts.) \_\_\_\_\_
- Goat has a halter, as required (10 pts.) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Obstacles: (each item worth 5 pts.)

- Bridge Crossing – walk up ramp and across 2/4 plank and down ramp. \_\_\_\_\_
- Teeter Totter – walk up one side of teeter totter and down the other side. \_\_\_\_\_
- Tunnel – exhibitor and goat should walk through tunnel. \_\_\_\_\_
- Pole Weave – weave through poles without knocking any over. \_\_\_\_\_
- Log Step-Over – should gracefully step over logs. \_\_\_\_\_
- Water Pool – a pool of water simulating a creek. The goat should walk through the water and not around or jump over it. \_\_\_\_\_
- Ladder Rung Walk – goat should step over rungs. \_\_\_\_\_
- Pole Jump – goat should jump over pole without knocking it over. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Cooperation: (worth 15-40 pts., with 40 being the highest)

- Goat and exhibitor work as a team (it does not look like a one-person or one-goat show).
- Goat is willing to work. Neither goat nor exhibitor is having to be pulled through the obstacle course. Exhibitor displays patience with goat. \_\_\_\_\_

Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_ (100 pts. perfect score)

### **#135C- Companion- Pet Goat**

- Any breed and sex (NO BUCKS), but is kept as a pet and not enrolled in any other project category
- Score card will become available

## **Grooming**

- All animals should be groomed to breed standards **before entering fairgrounds.**
- **No full body grooming permitted at fair ONLY grooming touch-ups may be done at fair!**
  - o **NO GROOMING is to be done inside the barn.**

### **#135BD –Breeding: Dairy Goat**

- Dairy Does should be groomed and fully clipped to within one-half inch or less, including head, legs, and udder. - Trim inside of ears.
- Tail trimmed to look like a blunt paintbrush.

### **#135M – Meat Market & Dairy Market (Homegrown)**

- Market goats hair should be shaved to within one-half inch or shorter, heads blended in. Trim inside of ears.
- Both meat market and dairy market goats do not have to shave hair from knees and hocks to top of hooves, but the hair must be trimmed at the top of hooves.
- It is no longer required to shape meat market and dairy market goat tails like a paint brush. The new standard is to shape the tail like a blunt stinger.

### **#135BM – Breeding-Meat Goats**

- Breeding Does may have horns
- Breeding Does should be groomed according to ABGA/or breeding doe standards. o It is not required that breeding does be shaved.
- It is no longer required to shape production doe tails like a paint brush. The new standard is to shape the tail like a blunt stinger.

### **#135WD-Breeding: Wether Dams**

- Wether Sire & Slick Shorn dams must be slick shorn
- Must be slick shorn to even length from the knees and hocks up excluding the head and tail

### **#135PY – Pygmy Goat**

- Pygmies do not need to be disbudded. o Refer to terminology section
- Trim any stray or long hairs on body, trim ears, trim tail to look like a feather, and trim hair at top of hooves.

### **#135F – Fiber Goats**

- Hooves should be trimmed, polished, and cleaned.
- Horns -rough edge and cracks should be sanded smooth and polished with light oil.
- Fiber goats should be clean and free of chafe and straw.
- Excessive lanolin and dirt should be removed under the legs.
- Clean inside of ears, face and nose.