

Dairy Goat

Department G

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Division G061, Dairy Goat Rules

- A. **An Exhibitor is limited to exhibiting a maximum of four goats total or no more than two entries in one class.**
- B. Only female goats may be shown.
- C. Animals are determined to individual exhibitors at weigh-in/check-in, those animals will be the only ones allowed for exhibitors to show during showmanship. Exhibitors are not allowed to show animals not listed on their affidavit sheet or determined to be siblings, cousins, other family members, etc.
- D. Scrapies: All dairy goats must be tagged with the official USDA identification scrapies tag. If you purchase goats make sure the BREEDER has tagged them with an official tag, or if the goat is from your herd make sure they are tagged with your herd ID tag. Dairy goats will be checked by the superintendents before unloading at the fairgrounds. If they don't have an official USDA scrapies tag, they WILL NOT be shown.
- E. A Champion and Reserve Champions will be selected at the discretion of the Judge. **Only purple ribbons will be considered for Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons, Awards and Prizes.**
- F. Goats must have horns blunted. Dehorning is acceptable and preferred.
- G. **Grooming-** All preliminary clipping of animals must be done prior to arrival at the fairgrounds. Box Butte County allows a **full fit show**. Anyone can assist exhibitors in the clipping, blocking, fitting and/or grooming of an animal if the exhibitor is in attendance and actively involved in the process.
- H. Goats may be milked out immediately following the show.
- I. Please specify the breed of goat being shown. Classes may be shown together at the discretion of the superintendent.
- J. **Best Dressed Goat Contest:** Exhibitors are encouraged to use their imagination to design a costume of their 4-H Dairy Goat. The attire should emphasize the personality of the animal.
- K. **Dress Code-** When showing animals, exhibitors must wear the official 4-H Council approved T-shirt or FFA shirt (white preferred). White pants and closed-toed shoes are appropriate.
- L. **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)**—Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance training through the yqcaprogram.org website. (see Livestock Handbook for more information)
- L. **Livestock Handbook Agreement-**ALL exhibitors and one parent must review, sign and return, to the Extension Office, the Large Animal Handbook Agreement, to be eligible to show and sell livestock at the Box Butte County Fair. This must be complete by July 1 of the current year.
- M. See the Livestock Handbook for more information.
- N. *Option: All Dairy animals will be given the option of coming in on the day of the show and leaving after the show. If need be, the animal will be returned for Round Robin Showmanship. Stall space may also dictate whether Dairy animals will be allowed to stay at the Fair for the entire week.*

Dairy Goat Showmanship

- G061001** Dairy Goat Junior Division (ages 8-10 before January 1 of current year)
G061002 Dairy Goat Intermediate Division (ages 11-13 before January 1 of current year)
G061003 Dairy Goat Senior Division (ages 14-18 before January 1 of current year)

Dairy Goat Classes

- G061004** Under 5 months
G061005 5 months to 8 months
G061006 8 months to 1 year
G061007 1 year to 2 years - Non-milking Doe
G061008 Under 2 years-Milking Doe
G061009 Over 2 years, under 5 years- Milking Doe
G061010 Over 5 years- Milking Doe
G061011 Junior Herd
G061012 Mother-daughter
G061099 Herd Class – 3 does of any age (limit 1 herd per exhibitor)

There will be a Mardi Gras Parade of Animals in place of the Best Dressed Goat Class this year.