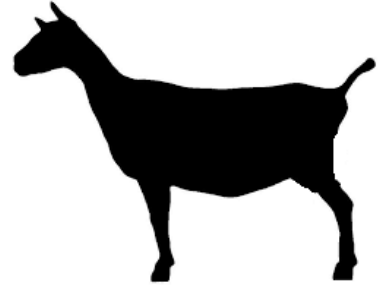


Selection

- Select goats that:
 - Must be from a dairy breed of goats
 - Have a straight top line (back)- depression behind the shoulders is normal
 - Have a wide & slightly sloped hip
 - Show muscle expression in the lower back leg
 - Long & deep bodied
 - Are wide across the back and in the chest
- Goats (wethers only) should have been born late January to late March



Weight

- Ideal market weight is 70 lbs- Delaware County Fair has a range limit of 50lbs-110 lbs
- A normal rate of gain is .25-.35 lbs of gain per day- Average daily gain=.25-.35 lbs/day
- Goats should weigh around 35 pounds the first week of June at ID date to reach ideal weight

Nutrition

- Goats need some hay/ roughage everyday
- Goats can eat 1 lbs- 4 lbs per day depending on desired level of gain
- Goats should start on a higher protein feed
- Goats can eat 16-18% protein feed
- Dairy wethers have a slower growth rate than meat goat kids
- Clean/ fresh water access

Health

- A normal body temperature for goats is 101.5°F- 104°F
- Common health concerns to look for: ringworm, pneumonia, and foot rot
- Goats that do not feel well will stand by themselves, not eat, not stand and move, as well as other symptoms
- It's very important to observe your animal's normal behavior every day so you can notice abnormal behavior.

Facilities and Equipment

- Good ventilation
- Space- 15 square feet per animal is recommended
- Gates should be 3 ft. or more in height
- Fitting stand
- Halter-1 per animal
- Show chain- 1 per animal
- Blanket/ market goat tube- 1 per animal
- Clippers- a fine or surgical (size 10) blade for slick shearing

Dates you need to look for

- Quality Assurance (or test out)-July 1
 - Market animal exhibitors by law must attend
- Animal must be in the possession of the exhibitor by June 1
- Mandatory ID pictures June 7
 - Submit Dairy wether certificate along with ID pictures
- Goat clinic in mid summer
- Entry deadline is the last Friday in August
- Mandatory project book and interview is the second Saturday in September

Additional opportunities

- Ohio State Fair- End of July
 - Entries due June 21
 - Must have attended a Quality Assurance by June 1
 - Read their rules at: <https://ohiostatefair.com/livestock/>
- Hartford Independent Fair
 - For eligibility both the following criteria must be met:
 - (1) They are enrolled in a youth organization in the following townships of Delaware Co. (Harlem/Centerburg Village, Trenton, Porter and Berkshire);
 - (2) They attend school in, or have residence within the specified townships
 - Must have attended a Quality Assurance by June 1
 - Read their rules at: <http://hartfordfair.com/premium-book.htm>