DEPARTMENT – L-31 – Dairy Goat

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Entries must be completed online at www.carrollcountyfair.com. Entry fees need to be paid by credit card only. No late entries will be accepted.

Due to proposed Maryland budgetary constraints that are beyond the control of the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair Board, Inc., the Board reserves the right to withhold a portion of premium monies, up to and including all of an exhibitor's earned premium payment, for the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair.

- Exhibitors must be enrolled in a dairy goat or veterinary science project to enter the Dairy Goat Department.
- All exhibitors are expected to follow all 4-H and FFA rules, including the Exhibitor Code of Conduct, Animal Ethics and Welfare, General Fair rules, Livestock Sale Committee rules and Department rules for each specific species being exhibitor by 4-H and FFA exhibitors.
- A signed Maryland Show Ring Code of Ethics must accompany entry forms.
- Exhibitors must comply with the 2026 regulations as set forth by the Maryland Department of Agriculture – Animal Health Section, Fair and Show Requirements. Exhibitors must present the "approved" animal health certificate prior to taking animals from the truck or trailer at the fairgrounds. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection & Self Certification sheets may be found at https://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/default.aspx for your updated information website. Please note that Maryland's "Intrastate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection" requires a Scrapie Premises Number.
- ALL dairy goats (dry goats & milkers) are permitted to leave at the end of the dairy goat show. ALL pens MUST be cleaned out and aisle ways swept.
- Exhibitors may choose to leave **dry goats only** at the fair for display purposes. Each FAMILY that wishes to display their dry goats will have 1 pen to use. Goats must be comfortably & reasonably spaced in pen – NO CROWDING. Display goats must leave the fairgrounds by 8:00 a.m. Thursday July 31, 2025. Pens MUST be cleaned out and aisle ways swept.

RULES AND REGULATIONS – Dairy Goat Department

1. All exhibitors must abide by all general rules and livestock requirements that pertain to the Goat project, all club and project animal rules, and conduct themselves in an honest and sportsmanlike manner. Failure to comply with these regulations could result in forfeiture of premiums.
2. This show will be conducted following the rules of the American Dairy Goat Association.
3. Exhibitors are limited to two entries per class in breed classes. Only one entry per exhibitor will be allowed in each group class.
4. All pen assignments are final.
5. All goats must be registered or recorded in the exhibitor's name prior to June 1 of the current year. Kids born up to June 1st may be shown at the Fair provided the dam (mother) was owned by the June 1st deadline. No goats will be permitted without official ADGA paperwork and proper health papers signed by a veterinarian.
6. All junior kids MUST be weaned. No nursing or bottle-fed kids are permitted at the fair.
7. Base date for determining age for classes will be the date of the show at the Fair.
8. Exhibitors may exhibit only those animals meeting their project animal requirements, which include a) females only; b) no horns – animals must be neatly dehorned, disbudded or hornless; c) tattooed – permanent identification and clearly readable; d) recorded or registered – all animals must be recorded or registered by the American Dairy Goat Association. (An animal without known ancestry may be recorded as a Native on Appearance).
9. There is to be no clipping in the aisle of the barn. Final trims and touch-ups are to be done at a designated time and place as determined by the Superintendent.
10. All milking does will be permitted to arrive on the fairgrounds by 8 a.m. on the morning of the Dairy Goat Show.
11. ALL dairy goats (dry goats & milkers) are permitted to leave at the end of the dairy goat show.

12. Dairy goats nominated for Dam and Daughter, Get of Sire, and Produce of Dam will be finalized at check-in. No changes will be accepted after that time. Substitutions will be permitted in the event of illness or death of a previously entered goat.

13. Exhibitors entering the Best Bred & Owned class must be the registered owner of the dam at the time of breeding and kidding.

14. Breed class and milker class substitutions will be permitted in the event of illness or death of a previously entered goat. Substitutions meeting these requirements will be allowed during check-in only. The substitution must have health papers and ADGA registration papers. The substitution MUST be the SAME BREED and SAME AGE as the previously entered goat.

15. Group classes may be made up of one individual exhibitor or two exhibitors may combine for an entry (unless otherwise stated in class). All goats shown in group classes must have been shown in their regular breed class.

16. Feeds and supplements approved for livestock use may be used by exhibitors. If an exhibitor feels their animal needs electrolytes due to health concerns of the animal, they may be administered by recommendation of a veterinarian and by the veterinarian, and in the presence of the Department Superintendents.

17. When an animal is in need of veterinary care while on the Fair Grounds the Department Superintendent must be notified. When an animal requires veterinary treatment while at the Fair, you may use the veterinarian on the grounds at your cost, call your veterinarian at your cost or remove your animal from the Fair.

18. Premiums for group classes cannot be split between exhibitors. The premium will be awarded to the exhibitor who entered the class.

19. Feeding and caring for animals at the fair is the responsibility of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must handle all work in a timely manner, preferably no later than 9am. If there is any issue, the exhibitor is to immediately call the superintendent to make other arrangements.

20. Exhibitors MUST stay in the showring until the judge concludes his/her reasons for placing the class. Any exhibitor who leaves the showring while the judge is still speaking risks losing their premiums.

21. All goats must be wearing a collar on the day of the show and at any time the animals are out of their designated areas. Appropriate show collars would be a small chain link collar.

22. The Dairy Goat show time is firm. Exhibitors entered in other projects that are on the same day as the show must plan accordingly. The dairy goat committee will provide show programs no later than 7:30 am on the day of the show so that exhibitors are aware of their class(es)

23. Premiums – Fitting & Showing - $5 Breed Classes – 1st - $10; 2nd - $9; 3rd - $8; 4th •$7; 5th - $6.50; all below $6

Fitting and Showing – RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Classes are offered for Novice, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior age exhibitors. The novice class is for any exhibitor of any age who is a first-year dairy goat exhibitor.

2. Champion Challenge class is offered only for exhibitors who are previous Grand Champion Fitting and Showmanship winners at the Carroll Co. 4-H/FFA Fair and who are currently enrolled in 4-H or FFA and currently exhibiting dairy goats at the Carroll Co. 4-H/FFA Fair.

3. Any 4-H or FFA member showing a dairy goat for their first year may have fitting assistance from parents, Carroll County 4-H or FFA members or leaders.

Fitting & Showing Division:

Classes:

1. Senior Fitting & Showing (Exhibitors Ages 14-18)
2. Intermediate Fitting & Showing (Exhibitors Ages 11-13)
3. Junior Fitting & Showing (Exhibitors Ages 8-10)
4. Novice Fitting & Showing (All first-year exhibitors regardless of age)
5. Grand Champion Fitting & Showing (Selected from winners of classes 1, 2, 3 & 4)
6. Reserve Grand Champion Fitting & Showing
7. Champion Challenge (Open to previous Grand Champion Fitting & Showing winners at the Carroll Co. 4-H/FFA Fair and are currently enrolled in 4-H or FFA and currently exhibiting at the Carroll Co. 4-H/FFA Fair)

Alpine Division:

Classes:

8. Junior Kid, born April 1 - June 1 of current year
9. Intermediate Kid, born March 1 – March 31 of current year
10. Senior Kid, born December 1, 2025 – February 29 of current year
11. Dry Yearling, born August 1, 2024 – November 30, 2025
12. Junior Champion (selected from winners in classes 8-11)
13. Reserve Junior Champion
14. Milking Yearling, does in milk under 24 months of age
15. 2 yr. Old Milker, 2 years of age but under 3 years
16. 3 yr. Old Milker, 3 years of age but under 4 years
17. 4 yr. Old Milker, 4 years of age but under 5 years
18. Aged Milker, 5 years of age and over
19. Senior Champion (selected from winners in classes 14-18)
20. Reserve Senior Champion
21. Grand Champion (selected from winners of classes 12 & 19)
22. Reserve Grand Champion
23. Best Udder

AOP Division:

Classes:

24. Junior Kid, born April 1 – June 1 of current year
25. Intermediate Kid. born March 1 – March 31 of current year
26. Senior Kid, born December 1, 2025 – February 29 of current year
27. Dry Yearling, born August 1, 2024 – November 30, 2025
28. Junior Champion (selected from winners in classes 24-27)
29. Reserve Junior Champion
30. Milking Yearling, does in milk under 24 months of age
31. 2 yr. Old Milker, 2 years of age but under 3 years
32. 3 yr. Old Milker, 3 years of age but under 4 years
33. 4 yr. Old Milker, 4 years of age but under 5 years
34. Aged Milker, 5 years of age and over
35. Senior Champion (selected from winners in classes 30-34)
36. Reserve Senior Champion
37. Grand Champion (selected from winners of classes 28 & 35)
38. Reserve Grand Champion
39. Best Udder

LaMancha Division:

Classes:

40. Junior Kid, born April 1 - July 1 of current year
41. Intermediate Kid, born March 1 – March 31 of current year
42. Senior Kid, born December 1, 2025 – February 29 of current year
43. Dry Yearling, born August 1, 2024 – November 30, 2025
44. Junior Champion (selected from winners in classes 40-43)
45. Reserve Junior Champion
46. Milking Yearling, does in milk under 24 months of age
47. 2 yr. Old Milker, 2 years of age but under 3 years
48. 3 yr. Old Milker, 3 years of age but under 4 years
49. 4 yr. Old Milker, 4 years of age but under 5 years
50. Aged Milker, 5 years of age and over
51. Senior Champion (selected from winners in classes 46-50)
52. Reserve Senior Champion
53. Grand Champion (selected from winners of classes 44 & 51)
54. Reserve Grand Champion
55. Best Udder

Nigerian Dwarf Division:

Classes:

56. Junior Kid, born April 1 - July 1 of current year
57. Intermediate Kid, born March 1 – March 31 of current year
58. Senior Kid, born December 1, 2025 – February 29 of current year
59. Dry Yearling, born August 1, 2024 – November 30, 2025
60. Junior Champion (selected from winners in classes 56-59)
61. Reserve Junior Champion
62. Milking Yearling, does in milk under 24 months of age
63. 2 yr. Old Milker, 2 years of age but under 3 years
64. 3 yr. Old Milker, 3 years of age but under 4 years
65. 4 yr. Old Milker, 4 years of age but under 5 years
66. Aged Milker, 5 years of age and over
67. Senior Champion (selected from winners in classes 62-66)
68. Reserve Senior Champion
69. Grand Champion (selected from winners of classes 60 & 67)
70. Reserve Grand Champion
71. Best Udder

Nubian Division:

Classes:

72. Junior Kid, born April 1 - July 1 of current year
73. Intermediate Kid, born March 1 – March 31 of current year
74. Senior Kid, born December 1, 2025 – February 29 of current year
75. Dry Yearling, born August 1, 2024 – November 30, 2025
76. Junior Champion (selected from winners in classes 72-75)
77. Reserve Junior Champion
78. Milking Yearling, does in milk under 24 months of age
79. 2 yr. Old Milker, 2 years of age but under 3 years
80. 3 yr. Old Milker, 3 years of age but under 4 years
81. 4 yr. Old Milker, 4 years of age but under 5 years
82. Aged Milker, 5 years of age and over

83. Senior Champion (selected from winners in classes 78-82)
84. Reserve Senior Champion
85. Grand Champion (selected from winners of classes 76 & 83)
86. Reserve Grand Champion
87. Best Udder

Oberhasli Division:

Classes:

88. Junior Kid, born April 1 - July 1 of current year
89. Intermediate Kid, born March 1 – March 31 of current year
90. Senior Kid, born December 1, 2025 – February 29 of current year
91. Dry Yearling, born August 1, 2024 – November 30, 2025
92. Junior Champion (selected from winners in classes 88-91)
93. Reserve Junior Champion
94. Milking Yearling, does in milk under 24 months of age
95. 2 yr. Old Milker, 2 years of age but under 3 years
96. 3 yr. Old Milker, 3 years of age but under 4 years
97. 4 yr. Old Milker, 4 years of age but under 5 years
98. Aged Milker, 5 years of age and over
99. Senior Champion (selected from winners in classes 94-98)
100. Reserve Senior Champion
101. Grand Champion (selected from winners of classes 92 & 99)
102. Reserve Grand Champion
103. Best Udder

Recorded Grade Division:

Classes:

104. Junior Kid, born April 1 - July 1 of current year
105. Intermediate Kid, born March 1 – March 31 of current year
106. Senior Kid, born December 1, 2025 – February 29 of current year
107. Dry Yearling, born August 1, 2024 – November 30, 2025
108. Junior Champion (selected from winners in classes 104-107)
109. Reserve Junior Champion
110. Milking Yearling, does in milk under 24 months of age
111. 2 yr. Old Milker, 2 years of age but under 3 years
112. 3 yr. Old Milker, 3 years of age but under 4 years
113. 4 yr. Old Milker, 4 years of age but under 5 years
114. Aged Milker, 5 years of age and over
115. Senior Champion (selected from winners in classes 110-114)
116. Reserve Senior Champion
117. Grand Champion (selected from winners of classes 108 & 115)
118. Reserve Grand Champion
119. Best Udder

Exhibitor Division:

Classes:

120. Best Bred & Owned Junior Doe, Any Breed
121. Best Bred & Owned Senior Doe, Any Breed
122. Dam and Daughter, any breed
123. Produce of Dam - two daughters from the same dam - any breed
124. Get of Sire - three does sired by the same buck - animals may be dry or milking or a combination of either – any breed
125. Dairy Herd - 3 milking does either owned by an individual exhibitor or herd made up of animals exhibited by the members of one (1) exhibiting family)
126. Best Udder in Show
127. Best Doe in Show