

2009
MAINE 4-H
EASTERN
STATES DAIRY GOAT
TEAM ELIBILITY
PACKET
AND
INFORMATION

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE MAINE 4-H EASTERN STATES
DAIRY GOAT TEAM YOU MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Have completed at least one full year of the 4-H dairy goat project and be enrolled in the current year.
- Be at least 12 years old but not over 18 years, old as of December 31, 2008.
- Send a letter of intent (available on Maine 4-H website) by March 31, 2009.
- Participate in a 4-H fitting and showing exhibition by August 8, 2009.
- Participate in an ADGA sanctioned goat show by August 8, 2009.
- Have the following forms/items completed and reviewed:
 - 4-H lease form-if you have leased animals (by June 1)
 - 4-H animal approval form (by June 30)
 - ADGA Registration Papers for each goat you are planning to bring (by August 8)
 - 4-H dairy goat project record, up to date (by August 8)
 - Tattoos checked on all goats you are planning to bring (by August 8)
- Provide a letter of recommendation from your 4-H Leader stating that you have demonstrated the ability to represent your state in the event (by August 8)
- Take a general knowledge test and pass with at least a 85% (will be given at Bangor State Fair)
- Complete the Maine Eastern States Dairy Goat Team Eligibility Checklist and submit by August 8, 2009.

**Maine 4-H Eastern States Dairy Goat Team
Eligibility Checklist
(Please Print)**

NAME: _____ DOB: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

COUNTY: _____ E_MAIL: _____

A member of the 4-H dairy goat committee, 4-H leader or an official at the event must sign off the items when you have completed the requirement. It is your responsibility to complete this checklist and return it to Jennifer Mellett by August 8th in order to be considered for membership on the team.

Completed one full year of a 4-H goat project and enrolled in at least the second year of Dairy Goat Project. _____ Leaders Initial

A letter of recommendation from your 4-H Leader stating that you have demonstrated the ability to represent your state in the event

Participated in a 4-H fitting and showing exhibition.

Location where participated _____

Signature of Activity Official _____

Participated in an ADGA sanctioned goat show.

Location where participated _____

Signature of Show Official _____

Have the following forms/items completed and reviewed by ESE Goat Committee Member

Reviewers Initials

- 4-H animal approval form _____
- Goat Registrations/Lease Form dated 6/1 _____
- 4-H Dairy Goat Project Records _____
- Tattoos Checked on all ESE animals _____

Complete General Knowledge Test at Bangor Fair or before August 8th.
Test Score _____ Initials of ESE Goat Committee Member _____

Please complete form and send a check for \$50.00 payable to Pine Tree 4-H Foundation to:

Jennifer Mellett
4 Dusty Acres
Biddeford, ME 04005

MUST BE TURNED IN OR POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 8. IF COMPLETING YOUR
REQUIREMENTS AT BANGOR STATE FAIR PLEASE BE PREPARED TO TURN IN AT THE FAIR.
NO LATE PAPERWORK WILL BE ACCEPTED.

HOW TO COMPLETE MAINE 4-H EASTERN STATES DAIRY GOAT TEAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

4-H Fitting and Showing Exhibition

You will need to participate in a 4-H fitting and showmanship exhibition. You can accomplish the fitting/showmanship requirement and ADGA show requirement by showing at the Bangor State Fair on August 8, 2009 or participating in 4-H fitting & showmanship classes at the following shows:

- Houlton Fair, July
- ADGA National Show, July 18-25, 2009
- Ossipee Valley Fair, July 11, 2009 (County Restrictions)
- Skowhegan State Fair, August 16, 2009
- Union Fair, August 22, 2009

If you are unable to attend a 4-H show by August 8th you must make special arrangements with the ESE subcommittee chair, Scott Raymond, to complete this requirement at one of the later shows.

Vet Health Certificate

A formal veterinary check and health certificate must be obtained from a licensed and accredited veterinarian if you are selected to go to Eastern States Exposition as a member of the Maine 4-H ESE Dairy Goat Team. This certificate must accompany the animals leaving/entering the state and be dated January 1, 2009 or later. You may not unload your goats at the Big E if you do not have this certificate.

General Knowledge Test

You may take the general knowledge test during Bangor State Fair 4-H activities.

If you are unable to attend the Bangor Fair 4-H activities you are responsible for making arrangements with the ESE subcommittee chair, Scott Raymond, to take the test at another goat related activity or at your county extension office. Remember to plan ahead; you must complete the test on or before August 8.

Participate in an ADGA Sanctioned Dairy Goat Show

You must be an exhibitor and show your animals in an ADGA sanctioned show. Options to complete this are:

- HOMDGA Spring Show, Windsor May 23, 2009
- SMDGA Spring Show, Windsor May 24, 2009
- ADGA National Show July 18-25, 2009
- Ossipee Valley Fair, July 12, 2009
- Bangor State Fair, August 8 & 9, 2009
- New Hampshire Dairy Goat, June 6

Eligibility Checklist

Make sure that officials at the various events you attend fill out the "Eligibility Checklist" certifying you have completed all the requirements.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 4-H MEMEMBERS TRYING OUT FOR MAINE 4-H EASTERN STATES DAIRY GOAT TEAM

- ❖ Maine 4-H members may attend Eastern States in up to, but no more than, two commodities for which they qualify, in any given year, as long as their participation in two commodities:
 - a. does not prevent the participation of another 4-H member who would be attending in one commodity and
 - b. if the two commodity programs at the Eastern States Exposition do not conflict or overlap during the Exposition.
- ❖ The State 4-H Dairy Goat Committee reserves the right to make the final decision with respect to membership on the Maine 4-H Eastern States Dairy Goat Team.
- ❖ At Eastern States, only the 4-H'ers may handle and work with the animals, keep the barn areas clean and set up displays. Parents and other adults may only assist in loading and unloading. 4-H'ers may help other 4H'ers. Violation of this rule may result in being expelled from Eastern States.
- ❖ All does in milk brought to Eastern States Exposition will participate in the official milk-out at the event. You will be required to provide your own stainless steel milking pail, bowl or pan. Only stainless steel equipment will be allowed.
- ❖ Any goat that is over 24 months age at the Big E must have freshened prior to participation in this show but do not have to be in milk to be shown.
- ❖ No corn stalks are allowed in the barn area at Eastern States Exposition.
- ❖ Eastern States Exposition will provide hay for your animals.
- ❖ There are no substitutes allowed on animal entries. You may exhibit up to six animals. It is recommended that you register as many animals as possible. It is better to have to scratch an animal than it is to want to show an animal and not have it on your entry.
- ❖ If you are leasing an animal to show be sure to register with ADGA as an agent so that you may sign for any awards taken. Leases must be dated on or before June 1, 2009.
- ❖ You will need to bring clippers, milk stand, feed, feeding and all fitting equipment with you to Eastern States. More information will be provided once this packet is returned. You will be encouraged to share equipment with other team members.
- ❖ One 4-H'er from each state will be selected to receive that states herdsman award.
- ❖ Transportation: Animals will be transported as a group in a large stock trailer. Youth will be transported as a group in a van. Youth will be responsible for getting themselves and their animals to and from predetermined pick-up points. These will be established after team

selected. If someone wants to stay longer or to use another form of transportation it would be at the cost of the individual. Transport to ESE will be on Thursday with return trip on Saturday.

- ❖ Eastern States Exposition dairy goat events are from October 1 - 3, 2009.
- ❖ Educational Exhibit: Each state is expected to present an educational exhibit. All members of the team are expected to participate in creating this. After you are accepted to the team you will be contacted as to how to be a part of preparing this years exhibit.
- ❖ Costs: Each member of the team will be required to pay \$25 to the Pine Tree 4-H Foundation. You will also be asked to participate in other activities to raise money for travel, snacks, jackets, t-shirts, etc.

Contact one of the Activity Coordinators or an Eastern States Sub-Committee member if you have any questions:

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Persons with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in our programs, please call the Michaele Bailey at the State 4-H Office (207) 581-3872 or 1-800-287-0274 at least 10 days prior to the event.