

2025-2026 Gallatin County 4H Dairy Goat Project Contract

The following list states the requirements/rules pertaining to the 2025-2026 Gallatin County 4-H Dairy Goat Project year. In addition to this contract you will also be required to follow all rules set by the Gallatin County 4-H & FFA fair book. There will be no exceptions made for these requirements.

Membership: Members must be enrolled in the Gallatin County 4-H with no outstanding enrollment fees and in the Dairy Goat Project to participate in workshops, meetings and fair.

Workshop requirements: Each member must attend a minimum of 4 workshops. All workshop requirements must be met before June 24, 2026.

Record Books: All members are required to complete 7 activities (as laid out and provided by the Goat Committee) and complete the Animal Financial Records/Journal. These must be turned in to the 4H office no later than June 24, 2026. Books will be reviewed by the Dairy Goat Committee and will be signed. If they are incomplete or need corrections you will receive them back with notations and it is your responsibility to complete your books and make arrangements with your leader to get them signed before your interview, if your books are not signed you will not be able to participate in your interview. If your record books are not turned in by the deadline you will not be able to participate/show at fair. (This is a county wide requirement)

**If you have questions or need help with Record books please let us know!

Animal Quality Assurance (AQA): All members enrolled in a animal project is required to participate in AQA once as a Junior and again once as a Senior. AQA is offered thru the 4-H office and will notify members of dates.

Interview: Interviews will be held July 9-10, 2026, the 4-H office will send out a sign-up via email to families enrolled in fair. Interviews are MANDATORY requirements for participation at fair. If you know you are not able to make these interview dates you will need to contact your leader in advance.

Possession: Each member must have possession of their dairy goats by May 1, 2026 to bring that animal to fair. You will be required to provide proof of ownership, this will include a picture of you with your goat and tattoo number. (the project has a tattoo kit to borrow and use)

Leasing: All leased goats must be in your possession by May 1st; you will be required to provide a copy of your lease agreement with your possession date on the lease agreement signed by the breeder/owner.

CL/CAE testing: All members are required to provide proof of a negative CL/CAE test for all 4-H dairy goats that will be participating in the project. You will be required to email/give to the leader by June 24, 2026. **if you have questions let the committee know

Horns/no horns: All Dairy goats must be disbudded to participate in the show at fair.

Educational posters: Each Junior member is required to make and enter a educational poster pertaining to dairy goat/ husbandry /the dairy industry. Novice member posters are optional but encouraged. Senior members are required to take a test- but are encouraged to still enter a poster. These will be hung up at fair and judged.

Fundraising: All members will be required to participate in one fundraising event by June 24, 2026 to qualify to participate at fair.

Barn Duty: Each member will be required to participate in 'shifts' (sign up will be posted prior to fair) of barn duty. This allows members to interact with the public and also help keep the barn clean, along with watching the animals. Along with Barn duty each member is expected to maintain high quality of care during fair week for their animals. Each member is expected to clean stalls daily (no later than 10am) and be around the barn to ensure animals have water/feed/exercise and to maintain good health.

Show Clothing requirements: Each member is required to wear White pants, a White button up style shirt and close toe style boot/shoe. This is a mandatory requirement to participate in Showmanship.

Code of Conduct: All 4-H members and parents participating must follow the Member Code of Conduct and Family Code of Conduct for 4-H members which includes expectations on behavior, appropriate dress, and alcohol, tobacco and drug use.

(<http://www.montana4h.org/documents/resources/Forms/conduct-new2013.pdf>)

Sportsmanship: All 4-H members, parents, volunteers and staff must conduct themselves in a respectful manner. You must respect all judges and officials, volunteers, competitors, facilities, public, your animals and yourself. All members and families represent Gallatin County 4-H and yourself in a positive manner.

By signing this contract you are acknowledging you have read/understand these requirements/rules and are in agreement. Not abiding by these will make you ineligible to participate at fair/shows.

2025-2026 4H Dairy Goat Project signed contract page:

Member Name:

Member Signature:

Parent Signature:

Date: