# Newkirk Goat Showing Information

# Types of Goats that can be Shown

- IN OKLAHOMA YOU WANT TO SHOW BOER GOATS
  - o They are typically white, red, red and white, or white with a red, blonde, or black head
- Wethers: Castrated male goats. Can be shown, then sold at Enid or Oklahoma City, or butchered.
- **Does:** Female goats, Can be shown, then sold at Enid or Oklahoma City, kept for breeding, or butchered.
  - I would recommend purchasing a Wether if you do not plan on showing at OYE because in Kay County less does make the premium sale.
  - o I also recommend to buy goats in pairs. They tend to feed better when they have a companion.
- Recommended Ages: For OYE goats should be born between February and June

### Requirements

- Goat Pen: Around 6'x8' per animal, use either wire goat panels or wire combo panels with t-posts
- Housing: Some sort of shelter, dog houses are great, or plywood shed
- Clean Water Source: A bucket clipped onto a fence
- Feeder: Clip-on fence feeder
- Feed: A mixture of show feeds such as Show Rite or Essential
  - O Goats need handfuls of hay or alfalfa 3-4 times per week (Rotate between the two)
- Brush: Stiff scrub brush
- Show Collar and Chain: The spike chains keep the goats from choking while you lead them
- Feed Storage Container: Either a trash can or a Rubbermaid Tub with lid
- Care Products: Shampoo (Treseme, Dawn dishsoap, etc.) and towels
- Tubes and Blankets: When it is cold, keeping your goat warm is a must! Use goat tubes and blankets based on what gender of goat you have so they don't get overly nasty.
- **Heat Source**: Heat lamps work really well
- **Bedding**: Straw or wood chips
- The FFA Chapter has clippers, blow dryers, and stands available for use by FFA and 4-H members

# **How to Make Money Showing Goats**

- Local Show: The Newkirk Livestock Booster Club provides equalization money to students who show in the Newkirk Local Show
  as long as the student and parents attend the Pork Chop Supper and the animal is shown at least two other shows.
- County/Area Premium Sale: During the county and Area shows, the top animals of each breed will show in a sale order. The top ~25 wether goats in the county will be selected for the premium sale. Animals that make the premium sale are not actually sold, but "buyers" (typically local farmers, ranchers, business, and organizations), make a donation to the students project in a sale format.
- Selling at Area/OYE: This is one of the easiest ways to sell an animal when it is done being shown. If you show your animal at the Northwest Area Livestock Show in Enid or Oklahoma Youth Expo in Oklahoma City, there will be a truck stationed at the fairgrounds where you can sell your animal. The animal will be loaded on the truck and they will send you a check in the mail for the animal by the pound at market price.
- Selling locally: Numerous people/families in the Newkirk Area will purchase show animals to have butchered after the show season. Ask around during shows if other exhibitors, parents, and supporters of the Newkirk FFA and 4-H know anyone who would like to purchase a whole or half goat.
- Having your animal butchered: Many families like to have their show animals butchered when show season is over. There are numerous processing facilities in the area which do excellent jobs. It is crucial to book an appointment as early as possible (usually in December or January).

# **Guide to Purchasing a Goat and Information Regarding Nominations and Entries**

- We normally start looking for goats around the 15th of July. The need to be purchased no later than November 5th
- We can usually find goats for \$50 and up
- Some people like to purchase early to have the largest selection but sometimes if you wait later in the year you will be able to find animals a bit cheaper but you won't be able to be as particular about gender, color, etc.
- Animals MUST be nominated for OYE to be shown at the Northwest District Junior Livestock Show and OYE.
  - Nominations are \$20 each.
- All goats must have a scrapie tag which typically comes from the breeder.
- Entry fees for County, Enid, and OYE are due February 1<sup>st</sup> (County \$12, Enid \$20, OYE \$20)
- Jackpots require entries to be paid in cash on the day of the show. Usually \$20.

