

Goat Skillathon 2022 Study Guide

*Exhibitors will participate in a livestock skillathon for the species they plan to exhibit at the fair. This study guide includes all topics an exhibitor **might** be tested on. Youth will only be tested on a portion of these items. Example questions are given to help study but may not be the same questions asked.*

Be sure to bring your completed project book and show up in proper show dress code as stated in the Jr. Fair rule book for your species.

STATION 1 – Project Book & Interview and Dress Code

Present your completed project book to the judge. The judge will review your record and award points for completion. You will also be asked a series of questions based on the project you are taking. It will be up to you to properly state which project you are enrolled in when you arrive at the interview station. Questions may include general information about your project goals as well as content-based questions. All questions are based on the Goat Resource Handbook. *Examples of the types of questions you may be asked are listed at the end of this guide.* Individuals must dress in the appropriate dress code as listed in the Jr. Fair Rule Book for your species market or showmanship exhibition.

STATION 2 – Skills Station: Feed Identification and Feed Tag

You will be asked to identify real feed ingredients commonly found in a goat ration and answer questions about a feed tag. You can find this information in Chapter 5 of your Goat Resource Handbook

STATION 3 – Quality Assurance

You will be asked questions about Good Production Practices (GPP) # 7, 8 & 9.

GPP #7: Practice good environmental stewardship

GPP #8: Maintain proper workplace safety

GPP #9: Provide proper animal care

Questions will be pulled from information shared at Quality Assurance training as well as Chapter 13: Caring For Animals in your Goat Resources Handbook.

STATION 4 – Parts of a Goat

You will be asked to identify various parts of the goat animal. Use the diagram on page 22 to prepare for this station.

STATION 5 – Market or Breeding specific

For this station, you will only participate in the parts in which you are taking a project in. If you are taking a market and breeding project, you will need to complete both stations. If you are only taking breeding, you will only do the breeding station.

For Market Projects: Cuts of Meat

You will be asked questions about wholesale and retail cuts of meat. You should also be able to tell what wholesale part of the goat a basic retail cut comes from. See Chapter 8 of your Goat Resource Handbook for information on this topic, pages 120-126.

For Breeding/Companion Projects: Mammary Structure

You will be asked to define terminology related to reproduction in goats. For example, you may be asked questions about the heat, artificial insemination, and to locate parts of the female and male reproductive systems. See Chapter 4 of your Goat Resource Handbook for information on this topic.

TIE BREAKER: Goat Breeds

This is an optional station and does not count towards your total score. Score will only be used in the event of a tie. You will be asked to identify less common goat breeds. See Chapter 2 of the Goat Resource Handbook for information on this topic.

Sample Interview Questions

All answers can be found in the Goat Resource Handbook. These are only examples of questions you may be asked.

1. What did you learn this year in your project?
2. What goals did you set this year with your project?
3. What are the 6 essential nutrients for goats?
4. What vitamin is needed by goats for strong bones and teeth?
5. Name four wholesale cuts of Chevon.
6. Where on your meat goat is the degree of finish measured?
7. Milk consists of 87% _____.
8. What are 3 conditions that can be caused by overgrown hooves?

