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NEW JERSEY 4-H MEMBERS PREPARE FOR STATE 4-H GOAT SHOW

4-H goat club members from throughout New Jersey will be participating in the State 4-H Goat Show on Thursday, August 25 at the Hunterdon County 4-H and Agricultural Fairgrounds in Ringoes. Fortyfive (45) 4-H members representing nine counties (Atlantic, Burlington, Hunterdon, Monmouth, Morris, Salem, Somerset, Sussex and Warren) will gather to exhibit 125 goats and compete in Meat Goat, Dairy Goat, Fiber Goat, and Showmanship Classes.

"The State 4-H Goat Show is an annual event that offers 4-H'ers an opportunity to compete at an advanced level and meet other 4-H goat project members from around the state. This educational and competitive event promotes the 4-H goat project and sportsmanship among the participants." says Chad Ripberger, State 4-H Goat Program liaison and Rutgers Cooperative Extension Agent for Mercer County.

The State 4-H Championship Goat Show is sponsored in part by the New Jersey Goat Advisory Board as well as by businesses and individuals from throughout the state.

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station - Cooperative Extension. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13(one year out of high school), on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, marital status, domestic partnership status, military service, veteran status and any other category protected by law.

For more information about the New Jersey 4-H Program visit the website at: <u>http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/</u>.

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