

OHIO DAIRY GOAT CONFERENCE

Background and Purpose

The purpose of the Ohio Dairy Goat Conference award is to provide recognition for outstanding 4-H members involved in the 4-H Dairy Goat program and to provide them with opportunities for further development of excellence in this subject matter. Four (4) state 4-H award winners are selected annually to attend the Ohio Dairy Goat Conference.

Selection Procedures and Criteria

All 4-H members are eligible who: 1) have at least reached their 14th birthday, but did not reach their 19th birthday, before **January 1, 2012** (Note: 4-H membership ends **December 31** of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19); 2) are currently enrolled as an Ohio 4-H member; 3) have a permanent residence in Ohio at the time they participate in the conference; and 4) have not received this award before.

To apply for this award, members need to complete a State 4-H Achievement Record (according to the directions in the form) and submit it to the County Extension Office before the county deadline. County nominations must be submitted to the State 4-H Office by **February 6, 2012**.

Selections will be made through the 4-H Awards Selection process based on the candidates' project accomplishments in the area of dairy goats and their leadership/citizenship abilities.

Four Ohio Dairy Goat award winners will be selected at the state level by a State Awards Selection Committee.

The Award and Its Presentation

A State 4-H Award announcement letter will be sent to County Extension Offices the first week of March so that Extension Educators can notify winners personally. Individual follow-up letters and commitment forms will be sent directly to winners after **March 20**.

The four state Ohio Dairy Goat Conference award winners will be publicly recognized at the Ohio 4-H Youth Recognition Banquet. Each winner will receive an award plaque honoring their achievements. In addition, The Ohio Dairy Goat Association will sponsor four (4) state 4-H award winners to attend the Ohio Dairy Goat Conference that is scheduled to be held at the Ohio State University sometime in **September/October of 2012**.