

# 2017 Mercer County 4-H Animal Project Events List

## **STATE 4-H GOAT EXTRAVAGANZA ---- SATURDAY, JANUARY 7**

Come, test your knowledge and learn new things! This event has something to interest everyone, including a mixed-county team poster-presentation contest, eight-station skill-a-thon, team quiz bowl contest, goat-themed art show, ice cream social, and awards ceremony.

A morning workshop will be held for the adult participants. See

<http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/goats/extravaganza/>.

## **STATE 4-H MODEL HORSE SHOW ----- SATURDAY, JANUARY 21**

The Model Horse project is a great opportunity for 4-H members who do not own real horses. 4-H members "show" model horses and tack that they have purchased, made, or customized.

The contest is open to all 4-H members enrolled in the horse project.

## **STATE 4-H HORSE BOWL ----- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

The horse bowl is based on the collegiate bowl contests that used to be on TV. Contestants are asked questions which have been assigned a point value. Contestants use buzzers to be recognized to respond.

4-H members gain knowledge about animal science and horsemanship.

## **STATE 4-H EQUINE ARTS SHOW ----- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

The 4-H Equine Arts Show is a creative and instructional program that invites 4-H members to display their artistic talents and imaginations, while developing life-time skills and abilities.

Participants are able to express their appreciation of the horse through various art mediums, while they are expanding their cultural knowledge. Art projects enable 4-H'ers to learn the value of developing visual exhibits in areas of specific interest.

## **STATE 4-H RABBIT, CAVY, SMALL ANIMAL, HERPETOLOGY & POULTRY SYMPOSIUM-----SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

Rabbit Hopping Contest, Avian Bowl, Poultry & Rabbit Showmanship Workshops, Reptile Workshop, Small Animal Art Show, Small Animal Skill-a-Thon, Animalology Quiz Bowl.

## **STATE 4-H DOG BOWL ----- MARCH 4**

The dog bowl is based on the collegiate bowl contests that used to be on TV. Contestants are asked questions which have been assigned a point value. Contestants use buzzers to be recognized to respond.

4-H members gain knowledge about animal science and the dog project.

## **STATE 4-H DAIRY QUIZ BOWL-----SATURDAY, MARCH TBD**

Through a quiz bowl format, 4-H'ers have an opportunity to learn about all aspects of the dairy industry and to form lasting friendships with their teammates. This invitational competition gives 4-H'ers throughout New Jersey a chance to interact somewhere other than the show ring.

## **STATE 4-H EQUINE PRESENTATIONS ----- SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

The New Jersey 4-H Equine Presentations Project is a project area that is beneficial to the total 4-H Horse Program. By learning to give presentations and demonstrations, 4-H'ers gain self-confidence and speaking abilities that are valuable in many life situations.

**NJ JUNIOR BREEDER SYMPOSIUM ----- SATURDAY, APRIL 1**

Take a trip to Rutgers University Cook Campus to explore the campus farm!  
Participate in equine, dairy cattle, goat, sheep, poultry, and rabbit workshops!

**DAIRY & LIVESTOCK JUDGING ----- SATURDAY, APRIL (TBD)**

Held annually at Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, PA, this event allows youth to socialize with their peers and hone their judging and public speaking skills. Placing well at this event can earn youth a seat on national judging teams!

**HORSE JUDGING --- SUN, APRIL 23  
HIPPOLOGY --- SAT & SUN, APRIL 22 & 23**

Hippology combines horse judging, the technical knowledge learned in horse bowl, and the practical application of various horse related skills. 4-H members put their knowledge to use as they complete an examination phase, a station phase that includes identifying horse-related items, a judging phase, and a team problems phase that emphasizes teamwork and planning.

**STATE 4-H DOG SHOW ----- SATURDAY, APRIL 29**

At this annual event 4-H Dog Care & Training and Seeing Eye Puppy project members demonstrate their accomplishments in a competitive format. It is held in conjunction with Ag Field Day, Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Science's annual spring festival. 4-H'ers and their dogs compete in several divisions: Obedience, Seeing Eye, Junior Showmanship, Agility, and Grooming.

**STATE 4-H GOAT SHOW ----- THURSDAY, AUGUST 24**

The NJ State 4-H Goat Show is an exciting event held at the Hunterdon County 4-H Fairgrounds during the County 4-H Fair that promotes the 4-H goat project and sportsmanship among the participants. Both dairy and meat goat divisions are included.

**INVITATIONAL 4-H SHEEP SHOW ----- FRIDAY, AUGUST 25**

The Hunterdon County Invitational 4-H Sheep Show is the annual showcase event where youth enrolled in the sheep project exhibit the animals they have raised during the project year. 4-H members have the opportunity to display a variety of skills including grooming & showmanship.

**STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW ----- FRI-SUN, AUGUST 25-27**

The New Jersey State 4-H Championship Horse Show is held annually. 4-H'ers in grades 5-13 are eligible to compete. Qualifying shows are held on the county level over the summer, and the top-rated competitors in each class represent their county at the state show. Divisions at the state show include Western, English, Games, Driving, and Dressage. Other events that are held at the state show include the 4-H Youth Art Show, 4-H Drill Team Exhibition, and the Horse Costume Class. This event allows 4-H'ers to compete at an advanced level and meet new friends!

**STATE 4-H SMALL ANIMAL & POULTRY SHOW----- SEPT. 9**

4-H members raising rabbits, covies, mice, and other small animals exhibit their project animals at the annual State 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology, and Poultry Show.

**For more info about these events, contact Altaira at**

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