

2009 Iowa State Fair Meat Goats

RULES

Entry Deadline - July 1 to County Extension Office

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. An entry fee of \$3.00 per head must be paid with entry. No Refunds.
3. All market meat goats must have been weighed and tagged at an official verification site (prior to May 15), as well as had retinal images collected from the nominated animals. Breeding does must have tag/tattoo number and birth date listed on the Livestock Verification Form (4-H-106).
4. ENTRY FORM - Copy of the Livestock Verification Form (4-H-106) and Iowa 4-H Meat Goat Verification Form must accompany entry forms with all required information included on the form and submitted to County Extension Office by May 15.
5. Each 4-H'er is allowed to bring up to four meat goats. This includes market and breeding total. All breeds are eligible. Only wethers may be shown in the market class.
6. All meat goats must be penned in the assigned pens.
7. Check In: All market meat goats will be weighed and checked for appropriate county identification during check-in. Any evidence of tampering with the official 4-H tag will be scrutinized. No reweighs will be allowed. Breeding doe classes will be divided by age.
8. Weight Limit: Market meat goats must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds. Classes will be divided by weight. All breeds will show together.
9. Age: Meat goats must have kid teeth in normal positions at time of check-in. Any meat goat having lost any kid teeth will be disqualified.
10. Horns: Exhibitors will be required to have horns disbudded, dehorned or tipped blunt on all market wethers before arrival on the Fairgrounds. Removal of horns on Fairgrounds is NOT permitted.
11. Hair: All market wethers must be uniformly clipped with 3/8 inch length of hair or less above the knee and hock joints to include the head, excluding the tail, prior to arrival on the grounds. All meat goats should arrive on the Fairgrounds clipped and show ready.
12. There will be no coloring agent or paint used on any meat goat. Exhibitors in violation will not be allowed to show.
13. Exhibitors are expected to care for their meat goats in an acceptable manner. Any abusive care including slapping or excessive modification of meat goats will be grounds for disqualification at the discretion of the show officials.
14. Drenching will not be allowed. Some of the products being used are not labeled for animal use. There are quality assurance issues involved with this practice. If there are health concerns involved regarding dehydration, the State Fair Veterinarian should be contacted.
15. Showmanship: Showmanship will be open to all 4-H meat goat exhibitors. Exhibitors choosing to participate must sign up for showmanship during check-in. There will be three divisions: Junior - Grades 5-6; Intermediate - Grades 7-8; Senior - Grades 9-12. 4-H members must show their own animal. The showmanship contest will be held at the conclusion of the regular show. Results will be announced at the conclusion of the contest and recipients will receive awards at that time. All exhibitors designated by the judge as outstanding will receive a purple ribbon. The Iowa State Fair will provide belt buckles for the top individual(s) designated by the judge. An exhibitor who has previously been awarded a belt buckle is not eligible to receive another one and will receive a ribbon only.
16. Should a first placed meat goat be disqualified after winning its class, but before its respective division championship, the second and third place animals will move up to first and second in the class and compete for champion in the division. If a second place animal is disqualified, the third place animal will move up. Should a division meat goat champion be disqualified after winning its division, but before selection of Grand Champion Meat Goat, the reserve division champion will move up to champion and compete for Grand Championship. In this case, no attempt will be made to replace the division reserve champion. If a division reserve champion animal is disqualified, no shifting upward will occur and no attempt to replace the reserve champion will be made.
17. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be selected along with 3rd, 4th and 5th place in the championship drive.
18. Premiums: \$1,000 will be prorated in all divisions on an equal basis for purple, blue, red and white ribbon groups in the ratio of 5, 4, 3, 2. Each animal in a grouping will be awarded the same amount of money.

MARKET MEAT GOAT - DIVISION 25

CLASS

2500 Meat Goat – Wether

BREEDING MEAT GOAT – DIVISION 26

CLASS

- 2601 Does, 0 to 3 months
- 2602 Does, 3 to 6 months
- 2603 Does, 6 to 9 months
- 2604 Does, 9 to 12 months
Junior Division Champion & Junior Division Reserve Champion
- 2605 Does, 12 to 16 months
- 2606 Does, 16 to 20 months
- 2607 Does, 20 to 24 months
Yearling Division Champion & Yearling Division Reserve Champion
- 2608 Does, 24 to 36 months
- 2609 Does, 36 months plus
Senior Division Champion & Senior Division Reserve Champion
Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion