

Meat Goats – Division H

1. All exhibitors are to read and follow all livestock general rules, Code of Ethics, health requirements, and herdsmanship guidelines in the front of the Fair Book. All meat goat exhibitors must be Food Safety and Quality Assurance certified by May 15.
2. **Identification.**
 - a. Meat goats can be wethers (castrated male) or female kids of any meat goat breed (i.e. Boer) or crossbred (i.e. dairy goat wether). No bucks and no pygmy goats may be shown. Meat goats & breeding meat does must have kid teeth in normal position. Classes will be divided by weight if numbers warrant.
 - b. Meat goats must be weighed, tagged and Meat Goat Verification Form completed at spring sheep weigh-in. Registered goats must have tag/tattoo match papers.
 - c. All sexually intact animals must have a scrapie tag listed on the ID report and in the ear. Call the USDA at 866-873-2824 to obtain a Family Farm Identification Number.
3. **Eligibility of animals.**
 - a. Each exhibitor can show a maximum of six (6) animals. Minimum weight at fair is **50 pounds**. Animals under this weight will be considered feeders and not eligible for championship or sale.
 - b. Goats must be broke to lead with a halter or collar and short lead when showing, hooves cleaned and trimmed prior to arrival on the Fairgrounds.
 - c. 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.
 - d. Goats must have horns disbudded, dehorned, or tipped blunt before arrival at fair.
4. **Arrival.**
 - a. **All meat goats must be weighed between 4:00 and 6:30 pm on Wednesday** (same time as sheep). Enter by Main Gate A. Vet will check goats on trailer before unloading. Weigh-in on show ring scale. Pen goats following weigh in. Exit with vehicles by Gate C (by swine barn).
5. **Herdsmanship.** Dairy and meat goats will be judged together. See dairy goat herdsmanship.
6. **Judging.**
 - a. Judging will be based on **market meat goat characteristics**. Judging will be by the sheep judge immediately following the sheep show.
 - b. Classes will be divided by fair weight (minimum 50 pounds) and minimum of 3 animals to break a class.
 - c. No coat compounds (oils, paints, powder), coloring agents or paint allowed.
 - d. No driving or bracing. (Exhibitors cannot lift the front legs off the ground during judging.)
7. **Showmanship.** At judge's discretion, meat goat showmanship may be a separate class or based on show ring performance during judging. Each exhibitor must select one of his/her own animals to show.
8. **Release.** Meat goats will not be sold at the auction. Release of goats will be Sunday at 5 pm from north door of the barn.

- H1 Meat Goat Feeder Class (market animals under 50 pounds)
H2 Market Meat Goat Weight Class
H3 Breeding Meat Goat Doe Under 1 Year of Age
H4 Yearling Breeding Meat Goat Doe (Must have shown at fair last year and exhibit yearling traits)

**Class Winners of H2- H4 compete for
Champion Breeding Meat Goat - Trophy or
Champion Market Meat Goat - Trophy**

- H6 Meat Goat Showmanship (all exhibitors)

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