

Dairy Goat Rules
Buchanan County Fair 2023
Superintendent – Liz Rawson

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 1	Mentor & lease paperwork needs to be turned in.
MAY 15	All Clover Kids and 4-H members must identify animals on 4hOnline, YQCA Completed
JUNE 15	Animal entries completed on Fair Entry, Fair entry fees paid to office

RULES

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. Dairy milking goats must be on the fairgrounds by 8:00 am day of the show. Dairy milking goats must be milked out after 9:00 pm the night before the show. Maximum allowed milk in utter is 12 hours. Dairy milking goats will be released after the show.
3. **All goats** must use wood shavings.
4. The eight recognized breeds by the American Dairy Goat Association are: Nubians, LaManchas, Alpines, Oberhaslis, Togenburgs, Saanens, Sable, and Nigerian Dwarf.
5. Dairy goats must be clipped and groomed before arrival at the fair.
6. Dairy goats must be dehorned before arrival at the fair.
7. The Junior Division consists of does under 24 months of age that are not in milk and have never freshened.
8. No bucks are allowed.
9. All goats must originate from a state-certified brucellosis-free herd or from a class “free” state (brucellosis) or have a negative brucellosis test performed within 90 days of the exhibition. In addition, they must originate from a herd having a negative tuberculosis test within the last twelve months, from a class “free” state (TB); or have a record of a negative tuberculosis test performed within 90 days of exhibition.
10. All goats must have a scrapie tag to be able to be identified. This can be a 4-H tag from the extension or a farm specific scrapie tag, Animals with tattoos only is not allowed.
11. Dairy goats qualify for Dairy Goat Showmanship and for Master Showmanship.
12. When showing Dairy Goats, a plain white shirt and white pants or blue jeans is recommended. May wear 4-H/FFA exhibitor t-shirt.
13. If there are less than three entries in a class, the superintendent will have the choice to group the class with another comparable class.
14. No choke collars may be used in the show ring.
15. Exhibitors are expected to care for their animals in an acceptable manner. Any abusive care (slapping, neglect, etc.) can lead to disqualification. Any concerns about abusive care should be directed to the goat superintendent.
16. Dairy wether goats, please refer to meat goat rules and classes.
17. **One entry per person per class.**
18. Showmanship: Showmanship will be open to all 4-H dairy goat exhibitors. Exhibitors choosing to participate are not required to be signed up ahead of time. There will be three divisions: Junior - Grades 4-6; Intermediate - Grades 7-8; Senior - Grades 9-12. Exhibitors must show their own animal. The judge will place 5 exhibitors in the showmanship class. Results will be announced at the conclusion of the show and recipients will receive awards at that time. The decision of the showmanship judge is final. There will be no interference, and no one is allowed in the ring. The champion will be asked if they would like to participate in Master Showmanship. If the champion has already participated in Master Showmanship and won in their age division, they must pass on to the next exhibitor after the champion.
19. Dairy goat exhibitors will be allowed to participate in the livestock auction with baskets of cheese or dairy products. Sign up will need to be completed on Wednesday, and any questions need to be directed to Liz Rawson.
20. **If a dairy goat is registered and has an ear tattoo, registration papers must be present with the doe at the time of check in. Verification of tattoo and papers are required.**
21. **No fresh tattoos are allowed. All animals must be identified correctly by May 15th.**
22. **No more than 12 hours of milk in the udders is allowed.**
23. **No sealing of teats allowed.**
24. **Extra pens will be allowed to exhibitors if space allows, NO refunds will be issued.**
25. **Wash rack usage will follow the show order of the day. Please be courteous to all species.**

Junior Division Department Classes

22000: Jr Doe - less than 5 mo. old

22001: Jr Doe - 6 mo. - 12 mo. old

22002: Jr Doe - under 24 mo. never freshened

Senior Division Department Classes

22003: Sr Doe - under 24 mo., freshened

22004: Sr Doe - 2 years - 3 years old

22005: Sr Doe - 3 years - 5 years old

22006: Sr Doe - 5 years and over

22007: Milking Mother/Daughter

BUCK CLASS

0-6 Month Bucks are to come the morning of the show and leave immediately after.

223-1: 0-6 Month Buck Class

BEST UDDER IN SHOW

Best Udder is selected by the judge when milking classes are judged and will be named when the winners of the milking classes are named. **(DO NOT SIGN UP ON FAIRENTRY).**

MEAT GOAT/DAIRY GOAT COMPANION CLASS

Companion Class is for meat and dairy goats whose primary purpose is as a pet. Meat and dairy goats entered in the pet category will not be entered in any other class including showmanship. All Other meat goats will be conference judged. Exhibitor must be present and should be able to answer questions about the pet's age, sex, health, care, etc. Pets will be judged on health and conditioning, personality/temper and the owner's knowledge of the pet and its care. Class is for any age does or wethers. NO bucks allowed.

Meat/Dairy Goat Companion Department Class

22200: Goats All other – Companion/Pet