

Meat Goat Rules

Buchanan County Fair 2023

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IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 1	Mentor paperwork needs to be turned in.
APRIL 15 th	10 AM – 12PM Pre-fair goat weigh-in and Novice Goat pick-up, Fairgrounds
MAY 15	All Clover Kids and 4-H members must identify animals on 4hOnline
JUNE 15	Animal entries completed on Fair Entry

RULES

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. All meat goats (weathers/does) must have been weighed-in/checked-in at official weigh-in day of fair week. All animals will stay in assigned pens for weigh-in/check-in until released by a committee member. All market class animals will be weighed in. Breeding does will be divided into appropriate age classes (please have birth dates available at check-in). Individuals exhibiting in a Buck Department Class **are** required to check-in on this day as well (please have birth dates available at check-in) but are **not** to bring their buck(s) with them – bucks are not allowed on the fairgrounds until the day of the show.
3. **Only market goats will need to be brought up to the weigh in area. A committee member will check in all breeding does in their pens.**
4. **All goats brought to the Fair must have a USDA scrapie tag ID All market meat goats (wethers or does) 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 and information recorded in 4hOnline by May 15. 4.**
 - **Breeding does must have an official 4-H tag or tattoo (tattoo must follow official guidelines: Left Ear = Individual Animal Identifier; Right Ear = Herd Prefix) and birth date, as well as had retinal images from the nominated animals and information recorded in 4hOnline by May 15th.**
5. Each exhibitor is allowed to weigh in 10 market animals and may show 5 market animals.
6. Each exhibitor is allowed to show 2 breeding class animals in each class.
7. All meat goats must be penned in assigned pens. Animals and stall cards cannot be moved without approval from Superintendent
8. **Extra pens will be allowed to exhibitors if space allows, NO refunds will be issued.**
9. Market classes will be divided into dairy/meat categories, and then divided into weight classes.
10. Horns: Exhibitors are required to have horns disbudded, dehorned or blunt tipped on all market goats before arrival on fairgrounds.
11. Hair: All market animals must be uniformly clipped with 3/8" length of hair or less above the knee and hock joints to include the head, excluding the tail, prior to arrival on fairgrounds.
12. **NEW 2023: Bracing is allowed; however, all goats must always have four feet on the floor when being examined by the judge. Lifting off the ground or placing them on any support or altered ring surface is not acceptable when being examined by the judge. Exhibitors will receive one warning. If they are found lifting or slapping goats, 2nd offence will result in automatic exhibitor DQ from the meat goat show.**
13. **The act of drenching/filling of livestock (forcefully administering any substance orally) including pastes, or any product that is given through the mouth is strictly prohibited unless approved by the meat goat committee. See livestock general rule #28.**
14. There will be no powdering, painting or coloring agent used on any meat goats.
15. **All exhibitors, or a family member, must be present at the barn meeting which will take place approximately 15 minutes BEFORE the weigh-in/check-in process is scheduled to begin.**
16. Any meat goat shown in a Full Blood class must have registration papers that show 93.75% (or higher) full blood.
17. Reminder that age classes for animals are the age at time of show, not at the time of registration.
18. Market class includes does and wethers divided by weight only.
19. All animals shown in the Buck class will be brought in the day of the show, held in the holding pens behind the show arena (not in barn), and taken off fairgrounds or to exhibitor's trailer immediately after they are shown. Bucks will not be allowed in holding pens after the class has shown.
20. All bucks must be washed at home prior to bringing to fairgrounds.
21. Meat goats that are specialty and/or all other breeds will be shown in the Dairy Goat Show – Companion class.
22. Market classes will be split into lightweight (49 pounds and under), middleweight (50-69 pounds), and heavyweight (70+ pounds) classes.
23. Any breeding doe over 24 months of age that has not kidded, and cannot prove a current pregnancy, will not be allowed to show.
24. In the event of a large number of exhibitors registered for Breeding Meat Goat Department Classes 23310: Percentage/Commercial, 0-6 mo. and 23311: Percentage/Commercial, 6-12 mo., these classes will be divided into separate show classes by birthdates. Breakout classes include does born:

- April 1 – May 15, 2023
- March 2023
- February 2023
- January 8 – 31, 2023
- December 1, 2022 – January 7, 2023
- November 2022
- October 2022
- September 2022
- August 2022
- July 8 – 31, 2022

25. **Showmanship:** Showmanship will be open to all 4-H meat 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.
26. **Livestock Auction:** Exhibitors interested in selling their meat wether at the auction **must notify the superintendent at weigh in** One animal per species per exhibitor may be offered for sale. All auction animals must be an exhibit at the current fair. All ear tags must remain in the animal's ear until the animals are released or the exhibitor will not be able to auction an animal in the species. Exhibitors are responsible for daily care of all goats (including auction goats) until the animals are loaded on the truck.

Meat Goat Department Class

- 23200: Market Meat Goats (Meat/Dairy) under 12 mo.
- 23201: Pen of Two Market Meat Goat (Meat/Dairy)
- 23202: Novice Wethers

Breeding Meat Goat Department Class

- 23300: Full Blood, 0-6 months
- 23301: Full Blood, 6-12 months
- 23302: Full Blood, 12-24 months, never freshened
- 23303: Full Blood, under 23 months, freshened
- 23304: Full Blood, 2-3 Years
- 23305: Full Blood, 4 years & older
- 23310: Percentage/Commercial, 0-6 mo.
- 23311: Percentage/Commercial, 6-12 mo.
- 23312: Percentage/Commercial, 12-24 months, never freshened
- 23313: Percentage/Commercial, under 23 months, freshened
- 23314: Percentage/Commercial, 2-3 years
- 23315: Percentage/Commercial, 4 years & older
- 23317: Pen of Two Breeding Stock - Commercial
- 23318: Pen of Two Breeding Stock - Full Blood

Buck Department Class

- 23400: Buck, 0-6 months
- 23401: Buck, 7-12 months

Mother/Daughter Department Class

- 23500: Mother/Daughter

BUCKET/BOTTLE GOAT CLASS

1. Goats must be born between February 1st and April 30th, 2023 and must be in the exhibitor's ownership, possession and care within two weeks of birth. There are no stall fees and goats must be brought the day of show.
2. All goats **must** be identified by a 4-H ear tag. Tags can be purchased at the Extension office.
3. Goats must be bucket or bottle fed (no nursing permitted).
4. All exhibitors **will turn in** the Bucket/Bottle Project Summary (available at the Extension office or online) to the 4-H fair office before the night before the show. All summaries may be picked up at the 4-H fair office by the exhibitor following the show.
5. Goats must remain on halter at all times.
6. Bucket/Bottle goats are not eligible for Showmanship.
7. Short interviews will be conducted during the show.
8. Judging will be based on showing, condition, management of the goat, and what the exhibitor has learned.

Bucket Bottle Department Class

23600: Senior Goat Bucket/Bottle (Grades 9-12)

23601: Intermediate Goat Bucket/Bottle (Grades 7-8)

23602: Junior Goat Bucket/Bottle (Grades 4-6)

NOVICE GOAT PROJECT

The Novice Goat Project is an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to gain valuable experience in raising goats through a partnership with local producers. **This is an introductory class for showing goats, meaning the member is newer to the goat project.** Members can be of any age (4th-12th) and can only participate for 2 years. Members will be able to purchase goats at a fair price. All goats for this project will be sold to members from a pre-determined producer so that all goats have the same genetics.

Enrollment Process

1. Interested members will need to complete the Novice Goats Project entry form that is provided in the March 4-H Newsletter. The entry form must be turned into the Extension office. The money will be paid when the animals are weighed at the pre-fair weigh-in on the given date in the newsletter.
2. Members have the option of purchasing one or two goats.
3. The purchase price of the animals will be determined by averaging the value of the goats using reputable market prices and will be announced as a per pound. Total value of the animals will be determined at the weigh-in by multiplying the beginning weight by price per pound to get the purchase price.

Pick-Up Process

1. The goats will be weighed, and ear tagged prior to the pre-fair goat weigh-in.
2. Participants must pick up their goats between **10:00 am– 12:00 pm** on the designated day of pre-fair weigh-in.
3. Upon arrival, participants will draw numbers out of a bucket. The number correspond with the ear tag numbers on the goat (s). This will ensure that the animals are selected at random.
4. Paperwork will be given to the participants to track the expenses and care of the goat (s). This needs to be completed by fair.
5. The goat committee recognizes that there may be participants who have never raised goats at home before. Therefore, there will be authorized mentors available for anyone who needs assistance with their animals. Participants will need to contact the Extension office in order to have a mentor assigned to them. The goat committee and mentors will not be responsible for the prevention of illness or death of the animals.

Fair Process

1. Goat (s) will need to be on the fairgrounds for goat weigh-in.
2. Participants must bring at least one animal to the fair to exhibit. In the event there are no goats to bring, due to death or illness, the exhibitor must notify the Extension office as soon as possible.
3. The paperwork that participants received at the pre-fair weigh-in must be handed to the Meat Goat Superintendent or 4-H fair office during office hours **no later** than the day following fair weigh-in. Paperwork will be available for pick-up at the 4-H fair office after the show.
4. **The paperwork is an equal portion of the judging experience. Judging will be based 50% on paperwork and 50% in the ring performance.**
5. Participants will follow the same fair process as other goat classes except that the Novice Goats will be shown in separate individual classes. Novice Goats will be in the same, rate of gain, carcass, performance, and pen of two classes with regular market goats.
6. Novice Goats will be able to compete for the Grand Market Champion Goat.

Novice Goat Department Class

23202: Novice Goat – Individual Goat (Market Meat Goat)

HOME BRED AND RAISED Division - New 2023

1. The Home Bred & Raised Meat Goat class is for market meat goats & breeding meat goats (will be shown in separate classes) that have been born and raised on the 4-H or FFA member's farm or livestock home location. The dam must follow ownership rules in the Livestock and Small Animal Rules & Health Regulations portion of the General Livestock Rule Book.
2. The Home Bred & Raised class is a separate class from other market/breeding classes. The winners of this class will be shown in the Champion Drive at the end of the show. To exhibit in the Market Bred & Raised class, you must weigh-in

and designate this animal at the April weigh-in **and** in FairEntry by June 15th. Breeding Home Bred & Raised must be identified in 4-H Online by May 15th and entered in FairEntry by June 15th as Home Bred & Raised. These animals will ONLY be allowed to show in this class.

3. There will be a limit of **ONE (1)** Market Home Bred & Raised and **ONE (1)** Breeding Home Bred & Raised entry per exhibitor.

4. Market Home Bred & Raised Meat Goat class will be divided into dairy/meat categories, and then divided into weight classes. Market Does & Market Wethers will be shown together.

5. Breeding Home Bred & Raised Meat Goat class will not be categorized by Full Blood and Percentage. Breeding Home Bred & Raised Meat Goats will be categorized in two classes, does under 12 mo. and does over 12 mo., and then divided into weight classes.

23700: Market Home Bred & Raised, meat under 12 mo.

23701: Market Home Bred & Raised, dairy under 12 mo.

23702: Breeding Home Bred & Raised, under 12 mo.

23703: Breeding Home Bred & Raised, over 12 mo.

CHAMPION AND RESERVE HOME BRED & RAISED MARKET MEAT

CHAMPION AND RESERVE HOME BRED & RAISED MARKET DAIRY

CHAMPION AND RESERVE HOME BRED & RAISED BREEDING

CLOVER KIDS MEAT GOAT CLASS

Objectives:

- 1. To learn proper health care and nutritional requirements of sheep and meat goats.**
- 2. To learn basic management skills.**
- 3. To learn basic record keeping skills.**
- 4. To gain a learning experience by exhibiting the animals and talking with the judge.**

Rules:

1. Open to Clover Kids in grades K-3rd.
2. Sheep and goats must be born in the current calendar year.
3. Sheep and goats must be identified on 4-H Online by May 15th using <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Exhibitors can only show one animal per species.
4. Animals must be clean and will be shown with a halter. Clipping and grooming is not necessary.
5. The judge will talk with each clover kid on an individual basis asking questions based on what the exhibitor has learned, feeding, animal health, and basic management questions.
6. Sheep and goats must be brought to the fairgrounds on the day of the show, and then will be released after the show. If you would like other accommodations, please contact the County Youth Coordinator or species superintendent.
7. The clover kids shows will be conducted at the beginning of the regular 4-H/FFA show.
8. Clover Kids will be given a participation ribbon as clover kids are not to be competitive.

Clover Kids Meat Goat (Grades K-3)