

Meat Goat Rules

Buchanan County Fair 2020

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IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 18 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 FairEntry

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 7th

4:30 PM Meat goat weigh-in – Sheep/Goat Barn

Wednesday, July 8th

4:00 PM Sheep Junior Fun Day – Black Pavilion

3:30 PM Check-in

5:00 PM Meat Goat Show – Black Pavilion

Saturday, July 11th

8:00 AM Master Showmanship – Black Pavilion

12:00 PM Parade of Champions – Black Pavilion

2:00 PM 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction – Black Pavilion

Sunday, July 12th

6 AM – 11 AM Load out of livestock/building projects (Note: Carnival will still be running)

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 meat goats will be checked for ID during check-in. 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. **NEW FOR 2020:** Show Programs: Exhibitors will have a two-hour time frame to meet with their committee members to view and submit any changes to the show program. This will take place in each species' barn and times will be decided by the committee at the pre-fair meeting and will be posted on the 4-H fair office door at the beginning of fair week. There will be no further changes made to the show program after the two-hour review period.
4. All goats brought to the Fair must have a Scrapie tag ID or official 4-H ear tag.
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. Market classes will be divided into dairy/meat categories, and then divided into weight classes.
9. Horns: Exhibitors are required to have horns disbudded, dehorned or blunt tipped on all market goats before arrival on fairgrounds.
10. 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.
11. Bracing is allowed, however, excessive animal bracing is not allowed. Front feet must remain on the arena floor during Judge's evaluation. Exhibitors may lift feet off the ground for a period not to exceed 10 seconds when posing the goat (per ABGA Rules). The Superintendent, judge or designated ring staff reserve the right to disqualify any exhibitor for bracing.
12. Injections and drenching is prohibited.
13. There will be no powdering, painting or coloring agent used on any meat goats.
14. **NEW FOR 2020:** All exhibitors, or a family member, must be present at the barn meeting which will take place 10 minutes BEFORE the weigh-in/check-in process is scheduled to begin.
15. Any meat goat shown in a Full Blood class must have registration papers that show 93.75% (or higher) full blood.
16. Reminder that age classes for animals are the age at time of show, not at the time of registration.
17. Market class includes does and wethers divided by weight only.

18. 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.
19. All bucks must be washed at home prior to bringing to fairgrounds.
20. Meat goats that are specialty and/or all other breeds can be shown in the Meat Goat Companion Class.
21. Market classes will be split into lightweight (49 pounds and under), middleweight (50-69 pounds), and heavyweight (70+ pounds) classes.
22. Any breeding doe over 24 months of age that has not kidded, and cannot prove a current pregnancy, will not be allowed to show.
23. 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, 2020
 - March 2020
 - February 2020
 - January 8 – 31, 2020
 - December 1, 2019 – January 7, 2020
 - November 2019
 - October 2019
 - September 2019
 - August 2019
 - July 8 – 31, 2019
24. 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.
25. Livestock Auction: Exhibitors interested in selling their meat wether at the auction **must notify the superintendent at check-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, 2020 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)

23603: Clover Kids Goat Bucket/Bottle (Grades K-3)

MEAT GOAT COMPANION CLASS

Companion Class is for meat goats whose primary purpose is as a pet. Meat 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 Goat Companion Department Class

23700: Companion

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 February 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 **8:00 am– 9:00 am** 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 derby, 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 Champion Goat.

Novice Goat Department Class

25400: Novice Goat – Individual Goat