

## MEAT GOAT – YQCA Required

### **Superintendent: Megan Bierschenk (641-228-0634)**

#### RULES: (Be familiar with General Livestock Rules)

- 1) Goats must be owned, fed, and cared for by exhibitor. Exhibitors must have proper ID on file in 4-H Online by May 15 of current year to be eligible to show. A maximum of 10 head may be identified.
- 2) **All Market Meat Goats will have to be weighed-in before the Chickasaw County Fair, on May 6<sup>th</sup> at Big 4 Fairground 499 Greenwood Ave, Nashua, IA 50658 from 8:00 AM to 10 AM.**
- 3) Clover Kids can show a market kid (born in the current year) in their respective class for a participation ribbon only. Clover Kids are required to show with an Intermediate or Senior 4-H or FFA member as a team.
- 4) All goats must have individual Scrapies tag or breeding bucks/does may have an official tattoo registered with USDA and show breed papers. Proof of Scrapies required at fair check-in/weigh-in to be eligible to show.
- 5) A goat may only be entered in one department. Pet goats should be entered under the Pet Department. Dairy goats are included in the Dairy Goat page .31 .
- 6) **All meat goat exhibitors must have Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certification by June 15.**
- 7) Goats must be broke to lead. Exhibitors may use halters, Collars, or collar with a short lead. No rope halters or muzzles.
- 8) No powdering, painting, or coloring agent used on any meat goat. Exhibitors in violation will not be allowed to show.
- 9) All goats must always have four feet on the floor in the show ring. Lifting feet off the ground or placing them on any support or altered ring surface is not acceptable, violators will be disqualified. Placing a foot for proper stance is acceptable.
- 10) All meat breeds are eligible to show and must be penned in the assigned pens.
- 11) Exhibitors will provide their own pen covers (if needed) to prevent jumping out.
- 12) A doe may be shown in a market class OR breeding class – not both.
- 13) Horns: Exhibitors will be required to have horns disbudded, dehorned, or tipped blunt on all market goats before arrival on the Fairgrounds. No fresh scabbing or removal of horns on the fairgrounds.
- 14) Exhibitors are expected to care for their meat goats in an acceptable manner. **NO MUZZLES OF ANY TYPE ARE ALLOWED!** Any abusive care including slapping or excessive modification of meat goats will be grounds for disqualification at the discretion of the show officials.
- 15) Drenching will not be allowed. Some of the products used are not labeled for animal use. There are quality assurance issues involved with this practice. If there are health concerns regarding dehydration, the Fair Veterinarian should be contacted.
- 16) **See Auction section for new rules. Animals that are shown by 4-12<sup>th</sup> grade exhibitors in any of the market classes are eligible to be sold in the auction. If an animal is not exhibited in a market class, it will not be allowed to sell in the auction. Meat Goats not sold through the auction can be trucked to the Waverly Sale Barn and sold under the exhibitor's name. Clover Kids market animals ARE NOT eligible to be sold at auction.**
- 17) **Check-out for Meat Goats will be on Monday beginning at noon. Livestock that will not be sold in the auction may leave the fairgrounds Sunday afternoon at 4:30 pm, but exhibitors MUST return on Monday before noon to help with clean-up. See General Livestock Rules for more on the check-out process.**

#### Bucket/Bottle Kid

- 1.) Kid ownership & identification:
  - a. Kid must be born between March 15 and May 15 of the current year.
  - b. Kid must be owned, fed, and cared for by the exhibitor.
  - c. Kid must be identified in 4-H Online by May 15 and entered in Fair Entry by June 15.
  - d. Two kids may be identified but only one kid may be exhibited.
- 2.) Complete Bucket/Bottle record forms and return them by June 15 to the Extension Office. Late reports may receive a point reduction.
- 3.) Class is open to newborn or orphaned kids. Kid must be bucket or bottle-fed, NO nursing.
- 4.) All exhibitors must attend the exhibitor meeting prior to show time in the barn.
- 5.) An interview session with the judge will be held during the judging. Examples of questions:
  - a. What the member has learned about raising and caring for the kid.
  - b. The grooming and cleanliness of the kid. (Use of soap, water, brush, rags, etc.)
  - c. General health, management and condition of the kid and exhibitor's knowledge of this area.
  - d. Confirmation or quality of the kid is NOT to be considered.
- 6.) Classes will be divided by age of youth (and experience) if necessary.
- 7.) All Bucket/Bottle Kid exhibitors completing grades 4-12 must have current Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certification.
- 8.) **BUCKET BOTTLE KIDS WILL BE SHOWN AS THE FIRST CLASS OF THE MEAT GOAT SHOW.**
  - a. **23010: Clover Kid – non-competitive**
  - b. **23011: Exhibitors (Grades 4-12)**

**Breeding Meat Goat – NEW in 2023:** There has been some updates on the divisions and ways to break up the breeding meat goat classes from 2022 to 2023. Birth dates will be used to determine the class divisions and weights now. (We will be using the birth dates that are provided on 4-H Online by May 15 and in Fair Entry.)

**Meat Goat Breeding Does** – Exhibitor may show no more than two animals in each class.

**23110: Does born Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**23111: Does born: July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

**23112: Does born: Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – Jun. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**23113: Does born: before Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.**

**Meat Goat Breeding Buckling**

**23120: Buckling Kid born: Jan – May 2023**

**Clover Kids Meat Goat Class (Non-Competitive Class) (Limit 1 Head)**

- 1) These goats must be born between **Jan 1<sup>sts</sup>. through Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>** of this year.
- 2) The Exhibitor must have completed their K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade school year.
- 3) A halter must be worn by the animal in the show ring and a second show person (Chickasaw Co. 8-12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H or FFA Member) to be able to assist the exhibitor. Iowa 4-H Clover Kids protocols required.
- 4) **These animals will not be eligible for the auction, premiums or ribbon placing beyond a participation ribbon.**
- 5) Market meat goat weights, fitting/grooming will follow general market meat goat requirements below.

**23220: Clover Kids Market Goats (Non-Competitive Class)**

**Feeder Meat Goat**

Market goats weighing under 45 pounds must be exhibited in the feeder class and are ineligible to be sold at the livestock auction. Entries may be doe or wether kids, born after Jan. 1 of the current year. Class winners will not be eligible for market championships.

**23200: Feeder Meat Goat (Under 45 lbs.)**

**Market Meat Goat**

- 1) Meat goats will be identified, weighed, and tagged at the official spring county weigh-in for those entering the market class.
- 2) Market Goat classes are open to wether and doe kids (born on or after Jan. 1 of the current year). Wethers must be visibly evident or have sterility verified in writing by vet and on file in Fair Entry by June 15. Animals appearing to be intact will be shown in breeding class pending age limit or be disqualified.
- 3) Limit of 3 market meat goats may be shown per exhibitor. (3 in 4-H and 3 in FFA.)
- 4) **Hair:** All market animals 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.
- 5) **Weight Limit:** Market meat goats must weigh a minimum of 45 pounds to be eligible to be shown in market class and sold at auction. Goats not meeting the weight minimum will be shown in the Feeder Class. Classes will be divided by weight by superintendent if needed, show order will be lightweight to heavyweight. All market does, market wethers, and breeds will show together.
- 6) **Age/Teeth:** Meat goats must have kid teeth (front pair of milk teeth) in normal positions at time of check-in. Any meat goat that has lost any kid teeth or teeth have been tampered with will be disqualified.

**23210: Market Meat Goat (does and wethers)**

**Livestock Lending Program and Clover Kids Meat Goat Class**

- This class is specific for exhibitors who have entered into an animal sharing agreement with a local producer. These agreements can be requested from the Extension Office and must be returned by April 15.
- Exhibitors may only enter one animal in each eligible specie in the Livestock Lending program.
- All exhibitors completing grades 4-12 must have current Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certification by June 15.
- Animals must be identified on 4-H Online by May 15 and entered in Fair Entry by June 15.
- Exhibitors that participate in the livestock lending program will show in the class or division of which the animal is supposed to show in. **THERE is no separate class for people participating in the Livestock Lending Program**
- Exhibitors may also exhibit their animals in their respective showmanship class.
- Exhibitors are not allowed to sell any of the animals in the auction that participate in the Livestock Lending Program.

**Rate of Gain Contest** – All market goats are automatically entered in this class. All market goats must be weighed and tagged at the office spring weigh-in. This weight will be used to compute rate of gain. End weights will be obtained on an official scale at the fair.

**23300: Rate of Gain Contest**

**Carcass Goat Contest**- Each exhibitor can choose two officially weighed and tagged goats to be enter in the carcass competition. Animals must weigh 45 lbs. or more in order to be scanned. Rankings and premiums earned will be determined by an index score which includes carcass quality and rate of gain. Scanning fees will be billed after the fair and must be paid before receiving the exhibitor's premiums.

- Exhibitors must be present for scanning.

**23400: Carcass Goat Contest**

**Meat Goat Showmanship**

(see General Showmanship Contest rules) Exhibitors will be automatically entered into the appropriate Showmanship class and should notify the Superintendent or Fair Staff if they choose not to participate on the day of the show. Goats shown in showmanship must be shown in an exhibition class by the exhibitor.

**Junior Showmanship**  
**Intermediate Showmanship**  
**Senior Showmanship**

<b>Division</b>	<b>Class</b>		<b>Award</b>
<b>230: Bucket Bottle Goats</b>	23010	Clover Kids	Clover Kids Ribbon
	23011	Grade's 4 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ribbons
<b>23220: Clover Kids Market Meat Goat</b>	23220	Clover Kids- Market Goats (Non-Competitive Class)	Clover Kid Ribbon
<b>231: Breeding Meat Goats</b>	23110	Doe born Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> – May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Ribbons
	23111	Does born July 1 <sup>st</sup> – Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> . 2022	Ribbons
	23112	Does born Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021 – Jun 30 <sup>th</sup> 2022	Ribbons
	23113	Does born before Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> 2021	Ribbons
	<b>23110-23113</b>	<b>Grand and Reserve Breeding Doe</b>	<b>G: Purple Banner R: Pink Banner</b>
	<b>23120</b>	<b>Buckling Kids Born: Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – May 2023</b>	<b>G: Purple Banner R: Pink Banner</b>
<b>23200: Market Meat Goats</b>	23200	Feeder Meats Goats (Under 45 lbs.)	Ribbons
	23210	Market Meat Goats (Does and Weathers)	Ribbons
	<b>23200-23210</b>	<b>Grand and Reserve Meat Goats</b>	<b>G: Purple Banner R: Pink Banner</b>
<b>233: Rate of Gain Contest</b>	23300	Rate of Gain Contest *Top 5 Winners will Walks Through Ring During Show*	<i>G: Purple Banner</i>
<b>234: Carcass Goat Contest</b>	23400	Carcass Lamb Contest *Top 5 Winners will Walks Through Ring During Show*	<i>G: Purple Banner R: Pink Banner</i>
<b>239: Meat Goat Showmanship</b>	<b>23903</b>	<b>Junior Showmanship</b>	<b>G: Purple Banner R: Pink Rosette</b>
	<b>23902</b>	<b>Intermediate Showmanship</b>	<b>G: Purple Banner R: Pink Rosette</b>
	<b>23901</b>	<b>Senior Showmanship</b>	<b>G: Purple Banner R: Pink Rosette</b>