

MEAT GOAT – YQCA Required

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RULES: (Be familiar with General Livestock Rules)

- 1) Goats must be owned, fed, and cared for by exhibitor. Exhibitor 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 goats must have individual Scrapies tag or breeding bucks/does may have an official tattoo registered with USDA and show breed papers.
- 3) 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 Department.
- 4) **All meat goat exhibitors must have Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certification by June 15.**
- 5) Goats must be broke to lead. Exhibitors may use halters, collars or collar with a short lead. No rope halters or muzzles.
- 6) No powdering, painting, or coloring agent used on any meat goat. Exhibitors in violation will not be allowed to show.
- 7) All goats must have four feet on the floor in the show ring at all times. 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.
- 8) All meat breeds are eligible to show and must be penned in the assigned pens.
- 9) Exhibitors will provide their own pen covers (if needed) to prevent jumping out.
- 10) A doe may be shown in a market class OR breeding class – not both.
- 11) 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.
- 12) 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.
- 13) 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.
- 14) **See Auction section for new rules. Animals that are shown 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.**
- 15) **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 by 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 FairEntry by June 15.
 - d) Two kids may be identified but only one kid may be exhibited.
- 2) Complete Bucket/Bottle Kid record forms and return by June 15 to the Extension Office. Late reports may receive a point reduction.
- 3) Class open to newborn or orphan kids. Kid must be bucket or bottle-fed, NO nursing.
- 4) All exhibitors must attend the exhibitor meeting prior to show time in 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) Clover Kids will show for participation ribbon only. Clover Kids are encouraged to show with another Int. or Sr. 4-H or FFA member present as a team.
- 7) Classes will be divided by age of youth (and experience) if necessary.
- 8) All Bucket/Bottle Kid exhibitors completing grades 4-12 must have current Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certification.
- 9) **BUCKET BOTTLE KIDS WILL BE SHOWN AS THE FIRST CLASS OF THE MEAT GOAT SHOW.**

23010: Clover Kid – non-competitive

23011: Exhibitors (Grades 4-12)

Breeding Meat Goat - Birth dates will be used to determine the class divisions. (Include birth date 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 – May 15, 2020

23111: Does born: Jul 1, 2019 - Dec. 31, 2019

23112: Does born: Jan. 1, 2018 - Jun. 30, 2019

23113: Does born: before Jan. 1, 2018

*Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Does will each receive an award.

Meat Goat Breeding Bucklings

23120: Buckling Kid born: Jan – May 2020

*Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Bucklings will each receive an award.

Feeder Meat Goat

Market goats weighing under 45 pounds must be exhibited in the feeder class and are ineligible to be sold at 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.
- 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 having lost any kid teeth or teeth have been tampered with will be disqualified.

23210: Market Meat Goat (does and wethers)

*Grand and Reserve Champion Meat Goat will be selected for an award.

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.

Senior Showmanship

Intermediate Showmanship

Junior Showmanship