

General Market/Meat Goat Rules

Market/Meat Goat Division Rules

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Official Iowa 4-H Regulations Pertaining to County, State and Interstate Shows for Meat Goats (4-H106G)

Ownership

1. All animals must be owned by and identified to the individual 4-H'er. When registration papers are involved, the papers must either be in the 4-H'ers name or show a logical family connection.
2. Animals changing ownership after being identified as a project are ineligible to be exhibited as 4-H animals for the current 4-H year.
3. Animals offered for sale in an auction are considered to have changed ownership even though bought back by the original owner or if the owner refuses a bid or says "No Sale".

Identification

1. All meat goat animals (wethers AND does) MUST have a 4-H tag in place and must have retinal images to be eligible to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair and have a hair DNA sample taken to be eligible to exhibit at AKSARBEN by May 15.
2. All animals must be identified in 4-H Online by May 15 with a maximum of eighteen (18) goats identified per exhibitor.
3. All goats must be entered into FairEntry at <http://sioux.fairentry.com> by June 15 to be eligible to show at the Sioux County Youth Fair. NO LATE ENTRIES PERMITTED.
4. Animals identified as part of a 4-H project cannot also be identified or exhibited as an FFA project.
5. All meat goat animals must be in the possession of the 4-H'er by May 15.

Show Rules

1. Goats must follow identification rules set forth by the Scrapie Program (all sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag or by an official registered tattoo and flock number must be listed with the scrapie program.)
2. All goats must be identified by Registration tattoo or 4-H tag. At fair time tattoos must be well healed and match up exactly with the identification on 4-H Online.
3. Registered or Grade goats may be shown. Base date for determining age will be the date of the show.
4. Any exhibitor may exhibit a maximum of eight (8) goats total in the Meat Goat Divisions with no more than two head in any one class, with the maximum of four (4) exhibited in the Market Goat Class.
5. If two animals are shown in the same class, another current 4-H member or FFA member must show the second animal (see General Livestock Rules #14)
6. Information regarding choosing, preparing and showing your goat is available at the extension office.

Show Order: Breeding Meat Goats, Market Goats.

Breeding Meat Goat Rules

1. Junior does are any animal less than 1 year of age with their milk teeth intact.
2. A breeding meat goat cannot be shown in a market goat class
3. *Best of Pair Breeding Meat Goats will be any two does of the same age. The age of the pair should be within 3 months of each other. All pairs will be shown in their respective divisions (i.e. Junior, Yearling, or Senior), the top pair from each division will compete for Over All Champion and Reserve Champion Pair of Breeding Meat Goats. Pairs will be judged on how uniform they are to each other. Does that are part of the pairs are required to show in their respective breeding meat goat class. A pair must be entered under the exhibitors name and shown by that exhibitor in the breeding class (i.e. Jane and Sally are sisters and both have a 6-9 month old doe. They would not be allowed to combine these two does to show in the Pairs Class. If Jane had two 6-9 month old does, then she could show in the Pairs Class.) Breeding Pairs may be split into age appropriated classes depending on the number of pairs entered; this will be decided after check-in and left to the discretion of the goat superintendent
4. Breeding meat goats do not have to be disbudded or dehorned, it will be left to the discretion of the exhibitor.

Age Classifications

Junior Does

Class 23201	0-3 months
Class 23202	3-6 months
Class 23203	6-9 months
Class 23204	9-12 months

Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Doe

Yearling Does

Class 23205	12-16 months
Class 23206	16 -20 months
Class 23207	20-24 months

Champion and Reserve Champion Yearling Doe

Senior Does

Class 23208	24-36 months
Class 23209	36 months +

Champion and Reserve Champion Senior Does Overall Champion and Overall Reserve Champion Breeding Meat Goat

Class 23210	Best of Pair of Breeding Meat Goats (see rule #3)
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Overall Champion and Overall Reserve Champion Best of Pair Breeding Meat Goat

A champion and reserve champion doe will be selected after each division. After the Senior Champion and Reserve Champion does class, all Champion and Reserve Champion Junior, Yearling and Senior Does will return for Overall Champion and Overall Reserve Champion Breeding Meat Goat.

Market Goat Rules

1. All market goats must be weighed on the first Saturday in May at the fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to noon. Goats need to be tagged before this date or the exhibitor will be charged additional fees for tags and the application of the tag. Tags purchased at the extension office cost \$1.50 each. Tags purchased at the time of weigh-in will be \$2.00 per tag per goat, paid at the scale. No tag, no weight, no entry for the Sioux County Youth Fair.
2. All market goats must not have any yearling teeth.
3. No intact males will be allowed. Market goats with incomplete castrations or pushups will not be allowed to show.
4. Market goats can be a doe or a wether. A market goat cannot be shown in the breeding meat goat classes.
5. A meat type market goat is any animal containing at least 50% of a meat breed, which includes Boer, Spanish, Kiko, Savanna and Myotonic (fainting) Goats.
6. All market goats will be required to have horns disbudded, dehorned or tipped blunt before arrival.
7. Market goats should be clipped over the entire body, except from the knees and hocks down to a maximum hair length of 3/8 inch.
8. Bracing of market goats will be left to the discretion of the exhibitor and judge. All four (4) feet of the goat must be on the ground at all times. Exhibitors must use a collar or halter to control their animal. Abusive treatment of animals is not tolerated. Any violation will result in immediate dismissal.
9. Market goats will be weighed on Monday of the fair week for classes. Weigh-in time will be from 10 a.m. to noon. All goats will be weighed without blankets or covers. Goats will be classed at the discretion of the superintendents.
10. Average daily gain will be calculated on market goats, however there will be no ribbon discount for not meeting a minimum rate of gain.
11. The exhibitors of the top ten rate of gain goats will be announced and recognized at the show (between the breeding meat goat classes and the market goat classes) as "Rate of Gain Class". The top two rate of gain goats will be considered Grand and Reserve Champion Rate of Gain Goats and are eligible to compete for Grand Champion Market Goat.

Class 23101	Dairy Type Market Goat
Class 23102	Meat Type Market Goat

Champion and Reserve Champion Market Goat

Participants are encouraged to sign up for Showmanship by June 15, but will be allowed to enter these classes at check-in.

Class 23003	Junior Showman	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place ribbons
Class 23002	Intermediate Showman	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place ribbons
Class 23001	Senior Showman	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place ribbons

Champion Senior, Intermediate and Junior Meat Goat Showman