

4-H MEAT GOAT DEPARTMENT

4-H Meat Goat Team

Superintendent - Gavin Meyer

4-H Meat Goats will be housed and shown in the Swine Barn.

**Schedule:**

**Wednesday, August 16**

8:00 a.m. Meat Goats may arrive  
10 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Meat Goat check-in  
Noon Meat Goats must be in; Showmanship sign-up deadline  
12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Meat Goat Skillathon - Swine Show Ring  
1:00 p.m. Exhibitor Meeting  
2:30 p.m. Showmanship - West Swine Ring  
After Showmanship Fitting Clinic - West Swine Ring  
After Fitting Clinic Fitting Competition - West Swine Ring

**Thursday, August 17**

8:30 a.m. Market Meat Goat Show  
After Market Breeding Doe Meat Goat Show  
After Show Meat Goats (not entered in Open) released

**Friday, August 18**

7:00 p.m. Meat Goats (not entered in Open) must be out

**Saturday, August 19**

2:00 p.m. Sale of Champions - Cattle Barn Media Center

**Sunday, August 20**

4:00 p.m. Meat Goats (entered in Open) released  
8:00 p.m. Meat Goats (entered in Open) must be out

**ENTRY DEADLINE - JULY 1 through FairEntry (4hOnline)**

**RULES**

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations, 4-H General Rules and Regulations and 4-H Livestock Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. An entry fee of \$5 per head must be paid with entry. No refunds.
3. 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 15.
5. Each 4-H'er is allowed to bring a total of six meat goats (maximum four market). All breeds are eligible.
6. All meat goats must be penned in the assigned pens.

**BEDDING AND FEED. Shavings are preferred to be used in pens. Carpeting is not allowed as bedding. Rubber mats are acceptable but must have a layer of bedding underneath.** You may bring your own bedding or there will be bedding available for purchase on the Fairgrounds. Bring your own feed and water buckets.

7. All meat goats (both market and breeding) will be shown by declared weight. Market meat goats must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds.
8. Market meat goats will be split into four divisions: Light Weight Market Wethers, Medium Weight Market Wethers, Heavy Weight Market Wethers and Market Does. Division champions will show for overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Meat Goat.
9. Breeding meat goats will be split into two divisions: Does - under 1 year of age as of August 1; Does - over 1 year of age as of August 1. Within Divisions, does will be shown by declared weight. Division champions will show for overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Meat Goat. Does under 1 year of age, will be divided into three divisions: Light Weight, Medium Weight, and Heavy Weight. Does over 1 year of age, will be divided in to two or three divisions, depending on numbers: Light Weight, Heavy Weight, and potentially Medium Weight.
10. **DECLARED WEIGHTS.** All meat goats (both market and breeding) will be shown by declared weight. Breeding Meat Goats will be split by birthdate into Does under 1 year of age and Does over 1 year as of August 1. Does will then be divided into classes by weight.

A weight card obtained from show officials must be filled out by all meat goat exhibitors and turned in by the designated time. The weight turned in will become the official weight. If weight cards are not turned in by the deadline those animals will not be eligible to show. Once the weight card is submitted by the deadline, no changes can be made.

Scales will be provided in the barn for exhibitors to test weights upon arrival before turning in their card. These scales will also be used for show weigh-backs.

The top two animals in each class will be weighed immediately following their class to determine if they are eligible to return for division champions. Meat goats not weighing within 5 pounds(+ or -) of its official weight will be disqualified. All meat goats are subject to be selected to be weighed.

11. A check-in card will be distributed to meat goat exhibitors for both market and breeding animals during check-in. Exhibitors will fill out their declared weight, confirm the tattoo (or 4-H tag) and birthdate for all meat goats. The top two animals in each class will have identification and weights verified after the class is completed.
12. Age: Meat goats must have kid teeth in normal positions at time of check-in. Any meat goat having lost any kid teeth will be disqualified.
13. Horns: Exhibitors will be required to have horns disbudded, dehorned or tipped blunt on all market goats before arrival on the Fairgrounds. Removal of horns on Fairgrounds is NOT permitted.
14. Hair: All market wethers AND market does 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 Fairgrounds.
15. **Fitting will be allowed.** Only the 4-H exhibitor, an immediate family member (limited to parent/legal guardian, brother, sister, or step-sibling), or current Iowa 4-H member are allowed to assist in fitting animals. Painting, powdering, dyeing and use of color agents is not allowed. Animals which show evidence of this will not be permitted into the show ring. Any meat goat is subject to wiping with a towel to check for color or coloring agents prior to entering the show ring or upon completion of a class. If a color or coloring agent rubs off an animal rubbed with either a towel or hand, that animal will be disqualified.

16. Bracing is allowed. However, 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. Exhibitors will receive one warning if they are found lifting or slapping goats. Second offenses will result in automatic exhibitor disqualification from the 4-H Meat Goat Show.
17. Injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to or near the tail or anus is prohibited. Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified and exhibitors may face further repercussion.
18. 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.
19. Drenching will not be allowed. Some of the products being used are not labeled for animal use. There are quality assurance issues involved with this practice. If there are health concerns involved regarding dehydration, the State Fair Veterinarian should be contacted.
20. Showmanship: Showmanship will be open to all 4-H meat goat exhibitors. Exhibitors choosing to participate must sign up for showmanship during check-in. There will be three divisions: Junior - Grades 5-6; Intermediate - Grades 7-8; Senior - Grades 9-12. 4-H members must show their own animal. Results will be announced at the conclusion of the contest and recipients will receive awards at that time. All exhibitors designated by the judge as outstanding will receive a purple ribbon. The Iowa State Fair will provide belt buckles for the top individual(s) designated by the judge. An exhibitor who has previously been awarded a belt buckle is not eligible to receive another one and will receive a ribbon only.
21. Should a first placed meat goat be disqualified after winning its class, but before its respective division championship, the second and third place animals will move up to first and second in the class and compete for champion in the division. If a second place animal is disqualified, the third place animal will move up. Should a division meat goat champion be disqualified after winning its division, but before selection of Grand Champion Meat Goat, the reserve division champion will move up to champion and compete for Grand Championship. In this case, no attempt will be made to replace the division reserve champion. If a division reserve champion animal is disqualified, no shifting upward will occur and no attempt to replace the reserve champion will be made.
22. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be selected along with 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place in the championship drive.
22. **PREMIUMS AND RIBBONS.** Each entry will receive a ribbon (purple, blue, red or white) in each class. Monetary premiums will be paid to the top three entries in each class. Premiums paid will be \$20, 10, 5.

### **MARKET MEAT GOAT**

#### **CLASS**

- Light-Weight Market Wethers  
*Champion & Reserve Champion Light-Weight Market Wether*
- Medium-Weight Market Wethers  
*Champion & Reserve Champion Medium-Weight Market Wether*
- Heavy-Weight Market Wethers  
*Champion & Reserve Champion Heavy-Weight Market Wether*
- Market Does  
*Champion & Reserve Champion Market Doe*  
*Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Market Meat Goat*

### **BREEDING MEAT GOAT**

#### **CLASS**

- Does - under 1 year of age as of August 1  
*Division Champion & Reserve Champion*
- Does - over 1 year of age as of August 1  
*Division Champion & Reserve Champion*  
*Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Meat Goat Doe*

### **4-H MEAT GOAT SPECIALS**

**Featherlite Trailers** will donate free use of a topper for one year to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion 4-H Market Meat Goat.

The Third Overall 4-H Breeding Meat Goat will be awarded a banner sponsored by **3D Livestock**, Tracy, IA.

The Fourth Overall 4-H Breeding Meat Goat will be awarded a banner sponsored by **3D Livestock**, Tracy, IA.

The Fifth Overall 4-H Breeding Meat Goat will be awarded a banner sponsored by **3D Livestock**, Tracy, IA.