

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 18

8:00 a.m. Meat Goats may arrive
10 a.m. - 1 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
2:00 p.m. Exhibitor Meeting
3:30 p.m. Showmanship - West Swine Ring

Thursday, August 19

After FFA Show Market Meat Goat Show

Friday, August 20

After FFA Show Breeding Doe Meat Goat Show
After Show Meat Goats (not entered in Open) released
7:00 p.m. Meat Goats (not entered in Open) must be out

Saturday, August 21

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

Sunday, August 22

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 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. Weight Limit: Market meat goats must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds. Classes will be divided by weight. All market does, market wethers and breeds will show together.
8. **DECLARED WEIGHTS.** A declared weight system will be used for official weights on market animals. A weight card obtained from show officials must be filled out by all market 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. Market 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.

9. 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 (market animals), and for breeding does, confirm the tattoo (or 4-H tag) and birthdate. The top 2 animals in each class will have identification and weights verified after the class is completed.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. **NO-FIT SHOW.** 4-H and FFA will be no-fit shows for both market and breeding shows. No use of adhesives, paint, color, oils, other aerosols or powder products allowed. Exhibitors in violation will not be allowed to show.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.

18. 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.
19. 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.
20. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be selected along with 3rd, 4th and 5th place in the championship drive.
21. **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 3 entries in each class. Premiums paid will be \$20, 10, 5.

MARKET MEAT GOAT

CLASS

- Market Meat Goat - Wether or Doe
Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion

BREEDING MEAT GOAT

CLASS

- Does - born April 1 - May 15, 2021
- Does - born March, 2021
- Does - born February, 2021
Junior Spring Division Champion & Reserve Champion
- Does - born January, 2021
- Does - born December, 2020
- Does - born September 1 - November 30, 2020
Junior Winter Division Champion & Reserve Champion
- Does - born May 1 - August 31, 2020
- Does - born January 1 - April 30, 2020
- Does - born September 1 - December 31, 2019
Yearling Division Champion & Reserve Champion
- Does - born May 1 - August 31, 2019
- Does - born January 1 - April 30, 2019
- Does - born on/before December 31, 2018
Senior Division Champion & Reserve Champion
Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion

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.

Hummel Livestock will award a Hummel Brahma Webb Goat Halter to the division winners (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) in 4-H Meat Goat Showmanship.