

TO: FFA Meat Goat Exhibitors
FROM: FFA Entry Department



Thank you for entering the Iowa State Fair! Your exhibitor admission ticket and unload permit have been sent to your advisor. Each exhibitor will be given one load/unload permit that allows 30 minutes to load/unload animals and tack, but does not provide parking. The vehicle load/unload permit has been dated for the FFA Meat Goat Show. Please enter the Fairgrounds through **Gate 8**. Vehicles without a permit will not be allowed to enter the Fairgrounds.

All trailers will be parked off grounds. NOTE: Please remember to bring wood blocks to use when parking/setting your trailer.

Upon arrival please take your animals' health certificates to the Veterinary Office (located on the South side of the Cattle Barn) for approval. Health certificates must be examined, approved and stamped by the veterinarian in the Veterinary Office prior to animals being checked in. **Veterinary office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., please plan your arrival accordingly.** Health certificates not completed properly will be denied and the owner will be required to obtain a new certificate at owner's expense. The Iowa State Fair must be listed as the destination.

FFA MEAT GOAT SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, August 19

1:00 – 5:00 a.m.	Meat Goats may arrive (Swine Barn)
8:00 a.m.	Meat Goats may arrive (Swine Barn)
Noon	Meat Goats must be in
10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Meat Goats check-in (East Ring)
2:30 p.m.	Exhibitor Meeting (East Ring)
4:30 p.m.	Showmanship (East Ring)

Thursday, August 20

8:30 a.m.	Market Meat Goat Show (East Ring)
Following Mkt	Breeding Meat Goat Show – Order: Market, Commercial, Registered (East Ring)
After Show	Meat Goats (not entered in open) released
Midnight	Meat Goat (not entered in open) must be out

Note: All does showing in the registered division will need to provide registration paperwork, registered in their name (or partnership agreement) at check-in. Any doe that does not have registration papers will show in the commercial division. All nominated goats are eligible to show with-in the amount of entries paid for by exhibitor.

Each Market Meat Goat exhibitor is required to fill out the Iowa State Fair FFA Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement which can be found at <https://www.iowastatefair.org/competition>. The Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement must be on file before the exhibitor can show their livestock. **ALL treatment given to animals since nomination time must be listed on the Statement.**

Please read all FFA Department and General and rules and regulations listed in the Premium Book sections online. A few rules to note:

- **Fitting will be allowed.** 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.
- Each FFA member shall take responsibility for caring for and grooming his/her own animal(s). If assistance is needed it should be intended to help the FFA member learn new skills. FFA members can only be assisted by an immediate family member, fellow active Iowa FFA member and/or chapter advisor in fitting and grooming their meat goat. No other assistants will be permitted. Anyone found in violation of this rule will be disqualified. Family members include and are limited to: parent/legal guardian, brother, sister or step-siblings.
- **DECLARED WEIGHTS.** A declared weight system will be used for official weights. Exhibitors must go to the East Ring to check-in and obtain their weight card. Weight cards must be filled out by all market goat exhibitors and turned in by the designated time to the Superintendent's Office. 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 in their respective shows. Scales will be provided in areas throughout the barn; such scales are unofficial and are provided for exhibitors' convenience only. Official scales will be used by Superintendents to determine official weights. No other scales will be allowed. 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. Goats not weighing within 5 pounds (+ or -) of its official weight will be disqualified. All market goats are subject to be selected to be weighed.

- All FFA exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves in a cooperative and courteous manner while participating in FFA events at the Iowa State Fair.
- At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises **medication of any kind is to be administered to livestock animals by an Official Iowa State Fair Veterinarian ONLY**. If an FFA exhibitor or his/her assistant administers a shot or medication, this exhibitor shall be barred from showing and premiums will be taken away.
- 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 or being unethically fitted will be disqualified and exhibitors may face further repercussion.
- **THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS AND THE PRESENCE OF DRUG RESIDUE IS PROHIBITED.** Exhibitors may not use stimulants of food or beverage products that may contain stimulants such as caffeine.

Livestock Release Procedure:

To help alleviate traffic congestion and expedite load out procedures, a process for livestock release will be used again this year. Please familiarize yourself with the following steps. Cooperation from all exhibitors is greatly appreciated and will provide a better experience for everyone.

1. Exhibitor will go to the barn office to obtain a release form no earlier than 30 minutes before scheduled release time.
2. Exhibitor will take the release form to the appropriate trailer lot to receive their load-out mirror hanger. **ALL** vehicles picking up livestock **MUST** go to a trailer lot to get a load-out mirror hanger before being allowed on the Fairgrounds.
3. Trucks and trailers will be lined up according to species/barn.
4. Vehicles will be released from trailer lots to the Fairgrounds.

In coordination with Metro Waste Authority, the Iowa State Fair will dispose of waste livestock bedding as a compostable material. In addition to being environmentally friendly, this program puts our waste to better use and helps reduce disposal costs. We need the help of exhibitors, superintendents and attendees to make this program successful. Please make sure to keep bedding clear of unaccepted material such as paper, cans, show supplies, feed bags or leftover food that could disrupt the composting process. Your cooperation is much appreciated!

Please make every effort to keep your entire area clean and neat. The aisles must be open at all times to the public. Thank you for helping us put on a great display of quality show animals for all visitors and other exhibitors.

If you have any questions, please contact the FFA Entry Department at 515-262-3111 ext. 246 or ffa@iowastatefair.org.

Thank you and good luck at the 2026 Iowa State Fair!