

FFA MEAT GOAT DEPARTMENT

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SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 19

1:00 - 5:00 a.m. Meat Goats may arrive (Swine Barn)  
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Noon Meat Goats must be in  
10 a.m. - 2 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 Showing Meat Goats (not entered in Open) released  
Midnight Meat Goats (not entered in Open) must be out

If you have questions, please contact the Iowa State Fair Entry Department at 515-262-3111 ext. 246 or [ffa@iowastatefair.org](mailto:ffa@iowastatefair.org).

DEPARTMENT RULES

1. General rules, regulations and health requirements listed on the Iowa State Fair website and in the FFA section apply in this department, with special emphasis on the following sections: Member Eligibility, Supervision and Lodging, Good Conduct Policy, Medication and Drug Testing, and Showing and Fitting Ethics.
2. **Nominations must be submitted online on or before May 15.** Nomination fee is \$5 per nomination. A maximum of 30 meat goats may be nominated. All meat goats (market and breeding) must also provide a DNA (hair) sample to the Entry Office on or before May 15. Meat goats will be subject to DNA testing at time of exhibition.
3. Meat goats must be owned by the nomination due date by the exhibitor, or in a partnership or a corporation. Ownership must be maintained from the nomination date through the exhibition date of the Iowa State Fair.
4. All meat goats must be identified at nomination time with either an official Iowa State Fair issued FFA tag or purebred does may use recognized registry tattoo numbers (both ears). Yearling and aged does may use previously issued Iowa State Fair FFA tags or may use recognized registry tattoo numbers (both ears). Scrapie tags are not to be used for identification.
5. **Entries must be submitted online on or before July 1.** Entry fee is \$10 per head. Each exhibitor may enter four breeding (commercial and/or purebred) does and four market animals. **Plan up to four animals per pen.**
6. **BREEDING SHOW.** Purebred animals with registration paper will show by age. Commercial animals will show by weight. Registration papers must be in the name of the exhibitor.
7. Does shown as breeding cannot be shown as market.
8. **WEIGHT LIMIT.** Market meat goats must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds. Market goat classes will be divided by weight. No minimum weight on breeding does.
9. **AGE.** Market 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.
10. **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.
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. **PENS.** All meat goats must be penned in the assigned pens (adjustments may be made by show supervisors based on space).
13. FFA chapter signs may be placed above pens to attract people to FFA exhibitor pens. However, individual farm signs and advertising will not be permitted.
14. **BEDDING AND FEED. Shavings are preferred to be used in pens. Rubber mats are acceptable but must have a layer of bedding underneath. Carpeting is NOT ALLOWED.** You may bring your own bedding or there will be bedding available for purchase on the Fairgrounds. Bring your own feed and water buckets.
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 repercussions.
16. **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.
17. 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.
18. No fresh tattoos accepted at check in.
19. Exhibitors are expected to care for their meat goats in an acceptable manner. **NO MUZZLES OF ANY KIND 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.
20. Drenching will not be allowed. There are quality assurance issues involved with this practice. If there are health concerns involved regarding dehydration, the State Fair Veterinarian should be contacted.
21. **DECLARED WEIGHTS.** A declared weight system will be used for official weights. A weight card obtained from the Superintendent must be filled out by all market and commercial 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 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. Exhibitors are not allowed to move or unplug scales.

The top 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.

22. No drugs or medications or medical treatments of any kind may be administered except by the Official Iowa State Fair Veterinarian once an animal arrives on the Iowa State Fairgrounds. All animals are subject to random drug test.
23. **BRACING.** All goats should have four feet on the ground in the show ring. Excessive lifting feet off the ground or placing them on any support or altered ring surface is not acceptable. Goats should have feet on the ground when being evaluated by the judge. Exhibitors will receive one warning if they are found lifting or slapping goats. Second offenses will result in automatic exhibitor disqualification from the FFA Meat Goat Show.
24. **PREMIUMS.** Monetary premiums will be paid to the top three entries in each class. Premiums paid will be \$20, 10, 5.
25. **RIBBONS.** A purple, blue, red or white ribbon will be awarded to each entry. Rosettes will be awarded to Division Champions and Reserve Champions. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market will receive a trophy and banner. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Commercial Doe will receive a trophy and banner. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Purebred Doe will receive a trophy and banner. Only purple and blue ribbon winners can be named champion of show/division/class.
26. **SHOWMANSHIP.** Showmanship will be open to all FFA meat goat exhibitors. Exhibitors choosing to participate must sign up for showmanship during check-in. There will be two divisions based on grade completed in the previous school year: Junior - Middle School – 10th Grade; Senior - 11th grade – out of school membership. FFA members must show their own animal. Champion and Reserve Champion Showperson will each receive a banner. 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.

### MARKET MEAT GOATS - DIVISION 857

#### CLASS

- 1 Market Wethers
- 2 Market Does  
*Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Market Meat Goat*

### COMMERCIAL MEAT GOAT DOES - DIVISION 858

#### CLASS

- 3 Commercial Does - Under 1 Year -- May 15, 2026 - August 2025  
*Junior Division Champion & Junior Division Reserve Champion Commercial Breeding Meat Goat Doe*
- 4 Commercial Does - 1 Year to 2 Years -- July 2025 - August 2024  
*Yearling Division Champion & Yearling Division Reserve Champion Commercial Breeding Meat Goat Doe*
- 5 Commercial Does - 2 Years or Older -- July 2024 or older  
*Senior Division Champion & Senior Division Reserve Champion Commercial Breeding Meat Goat Doe*  
*Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Commercial Meat Goat Doe*

### REGISTERED MEAT GOAT DOES - DIVISION 859

#### CLASS

- 6 Purebred Does - Under 1 Year -- May 15, 2026 - August 2025  
*Junior Division Champion & Junior Division Reserve Champion Purebred Breeding Meat Goat Doe*
- 7 Purebred Does - 1 Year to 2 Years -- July 2025 - August 2024  
*Yearling Division Champion & Yearling Division Reserve Champion Purebred Breeding Meat Goat Doe*
- 8 Purebred Does - 2 Years or Older -- July 2024 or older  
*Senior Division Champion & Senior Division Reserve Champion Purebred Breeding Meat Goat Doe*  
*Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Registered Meat Goat Doe*

### MEAT GOAT CHAPTER AWARDS

THE SUPREME MARKET MEAT GOAT EXHIBITOR'S AWARD recognizes the cooperative efforts of a chapter. The banner/ribbons are awarded to the chapters with outstanding over-all exhibits of market meat goats. No entry form or entry fee will be required. The awards are based on a point system. A committee will tabulate the results during the progress of the show.

Chapter Award: 1<sup>st</sup> - Banner; 2<sup>nd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place - Ribbons

THE SUPREME BREEDING MEAT GOAT EXHIBITOR'S AWARD recognizes the cooperative efforts of a chapter. The banner/ribbons are awarded to the chapters with outstanding over-all exhibits of breeding meat goats. No entry form or entry fee will be required. The awards are based on a point system. A committee will tabulate the results during the progress of the show.

Chapter Award: 1<sup>st</sup> - Banner; 2<sup>nd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place - Ribbons

### FFA MEAT GOAT SPECIALS

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