

## BOER GOATS

Superintendent - Gavin Tindle, Montezuma

*Boer Goats will be stalled and shown in the Swine Barn.*

### SCHEDULE - NOTE TIME CHANGES FROM PRIOR YEARS

#### Friday, August 21

- 1:00 p.m. Boer Goats/Meat Goats may arrive
- 5:00 p.m. Boer Goats/Meat Goats must be in place
- 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Weigh in & check in

#### Saturday, August 22

- 12:30 p.m. Meat Goat Show Exhibitor Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Meat Goat Show (commercial and market classes)
- After Show Meat Goats released
- Midnight Meat Goats must be out

#### Sunday, August 23

- 8:30 a.m. ABGA Boer Goat Show Exhibitor Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. ABGA Boer Goat Show
- 4:00 p.m. Boer Goats released
- 8:00 p.m. Boer Goats must be out

For questions, please contact the Iowa State Fair Entry Department at 515-262-3111 ext. 269 or [entryintern3@iowastatefair.org](mailto:entryintern3@iowastatefair.org).

### RULES

1. The Iowa State Fair Boer Goat Show will be sanctioned by the American Boer Goat Association (ABGA). Awards will be presented by ABGA based on this association's sanction rules. For copies of these rules and regulations contact the American Boer Goat Association, 4258 S. Jackson Street, San Angelo, Texas 76903 or [www.abga.org](http://www.abga.org).  
**Ennobled Herd Book Points.** Only goats entered under their ABGA registration number and presenting their ABGA Certificate of Registration will be eligible to earn points for their actual placing in the show as described in the ABGA "Criteria for Ennoblement of a Boer Goat."
2. Open Class Livestock general rules, regulations and health requirements apply in this department. In case general rules conflict with Boer Goat Department general or special rules, the latter shall govern.
3. **SUBMITTING ENTRIES.** Entries **must be made online** at <https://www.iowastatefair.org/>.
4. **ENTRY DEADLINE IS JULY 1.** Entries must be submitted on or before July 1.
5. **ENTRY FEES.** Each exhibitor, as a requirement for entry, will pay an entry fee of \$7 per head. **Entry Fee must accompany entry or it will be returned.** This entry fee must be paid for all Boer Goats entering Open Class, including those already entered in 4-H or FFA. Tack pens are \$7, if available.
6. **LATE ENTRIES.** Entries submitted July 2 - July 8 will be charged a late fee of \$10 per head in addition to regular entry fees. No entries will be accepted after July 8. Entries are accepted according to earliest submit date.
7. **ENTRY FORM.** Entry form must include division and class number, animal name, tattoos (both right and left ear), tag and birth date. The only information that may be pending at the time of entry is the registration number. Unnamed entries will not be accepted in individual classes. The Superintendent reserves the right to reject incomplete or inaccurate entries.
8. **REFUNDS.** No refunds of fees will be made unless cancellation is received **IN WRITING** (letter or e-mail) by **July 21**. No refunds will be given on tickets, wristbands or vehicle permits. **No refunds of \$10 or less will be issued.** Refunds will be made by mail after the close of the Fair (separate from premium checks).
9. **ADMISSION TO THE FAIR.** Each exhibitor, as a requirement for entry, must purchase two discounted admission tickets at \$11 each when making entry. Additional tickets may be purchased. Discounted tickets for children 6-11 years old may be purchased for \$7 each. Without admission tickets, the full price of \$16 (adults) and \$10 (children) per day will be charged at the gate.
10. **UNLOAD PERMIT. Each exhibitor will be given one unload permit. This permit allows a maximum of 30 minutes to unload animals and tack but does not provide parking.**
11. **VEHICLE PERMITS.** Each exhibitor may purchase a vehicle parking permit at \$10 per day. Each exhibitor is limited to two Fairgrounds lot permits per day. Vehicle permits must be purchased in advance by indicating the specific days needed on the Entry Form. Each vehicle permit will park one car or truck (no trailers) in a Fairgrounds lot for the specified day(s). Vehicle permits are required to park in Fairgrounds lots on a space available basis. Parking will not be available at the gate.

### PENS

12. **TACK PENS.** When requesting tack pens for the Open Show, designate if your animals are also entered in the 4-H or FFA Show. PLEASE NOTE: The number of tack pens assigned will be based on the number of animals brought to the Fair, not the number of animals entered. Tack pen availability: 1-15 animals = 1 tack pen; 16-30 animals = 2 tack pens; 31-45 animals = 3 tack pens; 46 animals and over = 4 tack pens. Two exhibitors may share a tack pen with permission from the Superintendent. Tack pen availability will be calculated on a family or farm basis, not per entry form submitted.
13. **GOAT PENS.** Amount issued depends on availability. 1 pen = 3 market, 3 doe kids, 3 buck kids, 2 yearling does or 1 buck 9-12 months.
14. You may want to bring snow fencing to put around your pens to keep goats in or pen dividers to separate goats that are expected to share a pen.
15. **BEDDING AND FEED. Shavings are preferred to be used in pens. Carpeting is not allowed as bedding. Rubber mats are acceptable.** You may bring your own bedding or there will be bedding available for purchase on the Fairgrounds. Bring your own feed and water buckets.

### ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMALS

16. **REGISTRATION.** All goats participating in the ABGA sanctioned Boer Goat Show must be registered purebred, fullblood or percentage in the herd book of the American Boer Goat Association before the opening date of the Fair. Original registration certificates are required to be presented at show check-in, except that a copy of a registration application, stamped with the date received by the association, can be accepted for kids less than three (3) months of age. Animals over the age of three (3) months must have the original registration certificate in hand at the time of show. Temporary registration certificates generated at the time of online registration with ABGA will be accepted in lieu of the original registration certificate until the expiration date indicated. Animals must be registered in the name of the exhibitor. Exhibitor is defined as the owner of the animal on its registry certificate. Exhibitors that are entering an animal in which the registration certificate names another family, farm or partnership member

please contact the Boer Goat Superintendent to obtain instructions on providing supporting documentation. Proof of birth date will be the date on the registration certificate. Please use the exact information from the registry certificate to complete your entry form.

17. Goats participating in the Meat Goat Show (commercial and market classes) do not require registration certificates.
18. All goats must be appropriately identified and comply with USDA Scrapie Eradication Program Guidelines. Call 1-888-USDA TAG (873-2824) or visit the following website for more information: [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/animal\\_diseases/scrapie/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/scrapie/).
19. All market and commercial animals must be identified with either an Individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag and/or 4-H/FFA tag. This scrapie tag and/or 4-H/FFA tag must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and entry form.
20. **TATTOOS.** All goats must have legible tattoos consistent with the registration certificate or the animal will be disqualified. If an animal is disqualified due to illegible or inconsistent tattoos, all lower placing animals will be moved up in placement. Point winners from each class must have their tattoos read and recorded. The judge will be responsible for ensuring that tattoos are read and properly recorded. The Superintendent will be responsible for recording the tattoos and informing the judge as to which point-eligible goats will need to be checked. The permanent identification must match the registration paper. No tattooing allowed after unloading. If the animal has a microchip as its permanent identification, the exhibitor is responsible for providing a microchip reader.
21. **OWNERSHIP.** It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to refrain from presenting any animal owned by the presiding judge within 90 days prior to the show date.

### CLASSES

22. **COMPUTING AGES.** Birth dates, as listed on the registration certificate, will be used in determining class divisions. In order to calculate the class breaks, take the show date and count back to the birth date to determine the age and the class for the animal. For example, for a December 1 show, an animal with a January 1 birth date would be eleven (11) months old and would show in a kid class.
23. **ENTRIES PER CLASS.** Each exhibitor may show no more than three animals in each class with the exception of market and commercial doe classes. **In the market and commercial doe classes, up to four animals may be shown per exhibitor.** No animals shall be changed from one class to another after entry deadline unless it is ineligible for the class in which it is entered.
24. **NEW IN 2026 - SUBSTITUTIONS.** Substitutions are allowed **within the same division** and must have same ownership as the original entry. Substitutions will be made at check in.
25. **DIVISION ELIGIBILITY.** Percentage doe classes are for goats 50% to 88%, Purebred/Fullblood classes are for does that are 93.75% and higher; 96.87% and higher for bucks. Bucks 96.86% and lower are not eligible to be shown. Progeny of fresh does will not be allowed in the ring with their dam. The Champion and the Reserve Champion classes will be chosen from the first and second place animals in that division. The Division Champions will be selected from the first place winners of the individual classes. The Reserve Division Champions will be selected from the remaining first place class winners of the individual classes plus the second place winner of the class from which the Division Champion was chosen. The Grand Champion will be selected from the Division Champions. The Reserve Grand Champion will be selected from the remaining Division Champions plus the Reserve Division Champion from which the Grand Champion was chosen.
26. **JUDGING.** At the discretion of the judge and superintendent, goats may be turned loose in the ring as a function of judging.
27. **COMMERCIAL BREEDING DOE CLASSES.** Commercial classes are for meat does that are not eligible to be registered in the herd book of the ABGA. Animals that have ABGA tattoos and registration certificates will be ineligible for these classes with the exception of the use of an approved tattoo in an effort to comply with the USDA Scrapie Eradication Program identification requirements. An exhibitor's entry form must include complete and accurate information. This includes noting the date of birth and tag number(s) for each doe entered. Animals that are less than 12 months of age must have their milk teeth. All commercial does will be weighed and teeth will be checked at show check-in to verify the reasonableness of the age reported on the entry form. Commercial doe entries will be disqualified if the Superintendent determines that the exhibitor materially misrepresented the information on the entry form. Entries will be broken into classes at the discretion of the Superintendent by age.
28. **MARKET CLASSES.** All market animals will be weighed at show check in with a minimum acceptable weight of 40 pounds. Market animals will be broken into classes based on weights taken at check in time. There will be 15-20 goats per class. All market animals must have their milk teeth. No adult teeth allowed. Market does will be judged similar to the market wether class. The market doe class is not a breeding class.
29. Goats showing in market doe classes are not eligible to also show in breeding doe classes. Goats showing in the commercial doe classes are not eligible to show in the market or ABGA classes.
30. **SHOWMANSHIP.** Exhibitors can participate in Showmanship Classes during the Meat Goat Show. Showmanship entries will be divided into classes based on age as of January 1 of the current year and in accordance with IMGA age breaks. Exhibitors can sign up for these classes during check in. The State Fair will not provide premiums or awards for these classes. Private donations may be accepted for awards.

### FITTING

31. Injection, drenching or application via any orifice (e.g. mouth, nose, anus/rectum) of any substance is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to transform the true confirmation, configuration or natural color of the goat is prohibited. Animals showing signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified and exhibitors may face further repercussion.
32. No powdering, painting, artificial coloring or external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation or appearance will be allowed. Grooming products that are not restricted from use in Boer goats include: brushes, combs, clippers, hoof trimmers, shampoos, conditioners, oils, mousse, alcohol/liniment and clear adhesives.
33. All **market wethers and market does** must be uniformly clipped with 3/8" length of hair or less above the knee and hock joints, to include the head, excluding the tail, prior to arrival on the grounds.
34. Commercial does will be judged as breeding animals and can be fitted at the discretion of the exhibitor.

### DISQUALIFICATION

35. Any goat showing any pronounced defect or abnormality, such as a weak constitution, unthrifty condition, overshot jaw or undershot jaw, abnormal abscesses, will be barred from showing in any of the classes. Illegible tattoos or tattoos inconsistent with registration will result in disqualification. Identification tag(s) on market wethers inconsistent with entry form and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection will result in disqualification. Any doe over 24 months of age that has not kidded and cannot prove a current pregnancy will not be allowed to show.
36. All bucks must be kept as odor free as possible. If a buck is deemed to be an odor problem and/or hazard by the Superintendent, the buck must be removed from the Fairgrounds.
37. **BRACING.** Excessive animal bracing is not allowed. Front feet must remain on the arena floor during Judge's evaluation. Exhibitors may lift feet off the ground for a period not to exceed 10 seconds when posing the goat (per ABGA Rules). The Superintendent, judge or designated ring staff reserve the right to disqualify any exhibitor for bracing.

38. Muzzling of animals is prohibited.  
 39. **NONCOMPLIANCE.** Noncompliance to show rules will result in dismissal from the show.

**DIVISION 1 - COMMERCIAL CLASS**

**Commercial Breeding Does**

- 1 Commercial Doe Classes  
*Champion & Reserve Champion Commercial Doe*

**DIVISION 2 - MARKET CLASS**

**Market Wethers & Does**

- 2 Open Market Wether Classes  
*Champion & Reserve Champion Open Market Wether*  
 3 Open Market Doe Classes  
*Champion & Reserve Champion Open Market Doe*  
*Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat*

**DIVISION 3 - PERCENTAGE & FULLBLOOD/PUREBRED CLASS**

**Percentage Boer Does (50% - 88%)**

- 4 Doe Kids, 0 to under 3 months -- May 21 - August 17, 2026  
 5 Doe Kids, 3 to under 6 months -- February 21 - May 20, 2026  
 6 Doe Kids, 6 to under 9 months -- November 21, 2025 - February 20, 2026  
 7 Doe Kids, 9 to under 12 months -- August 21 - November 20, 2025  
*Junior Division Champion & Junior Division Reserve Champion*  
 8 Yearling Does, 12 to under 16 months -- April 21 - August 20, 2025  
 9 Yearling Does, 16 to under 20 months -- December 21, 2024 - April 20, 2025  
 10 Yearling Does, 20 to under 24 months -- August 21 - December 20, 2024  
*Yearling Division Champion & Yearling Division Reserve Champion*  
 11 Two Year Old Does, 24 to under 36 months -- August 21, 2023 - August 20, 2024  
 12 Aged Does, 36 months plus -- August 20, 2023 and before  
*Senior Division Champion & Senior Division Reserve Champion*  
*Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion*

**Fullblood/Purebred Boer Does (93.75% & higher)**

- 13 Doe Kids, 0 to under 3 months -- May 21 - August 17, 2026  
 14 Doe Kids, 3 to under 6 months -- February 21 - May 20, 2026  
 15 Doe Kids, 6 to under 9 months -- November 21, 2025 - February 20, 2026  
 16 Doe Kids, 9 to under 12 months -- August 21 - November 20, 2025  
*Junior Division Champion & Junior Division Reserve Champion*  
 17 Yearling Does, 12 to under 16 months -- April 21 - August 20, 2025  
 18 Yearling Does, 16 to under 20 months -- December 21, 2024 - April 20, 2025  
 19 Yearling Does, 20 to under 24 months -- August 21 - December 20, 2024  
*Yearling Division Champion & Yearling Division Reserve Champion*  
 20 Two Year Old Does, 24 to under 36 months -- August 21, 2023 - August 20, 2024  
 21 Aged Does, 36 months plus -- August 20, 2023 and before  
*Senior Division Champion & Senior Division Reserve Champion*  
*Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion*

**Fullblood Boer Bucks (96.87% & higher)**

- 22 Buck Kids, 0 to under 3 months -- May 21 - August 17, 2026  
 23 Buck Kids, 3 to under 6 months -- February 21 - May 20, 2026  
 24 Buck Kids, 6 to under 9 months -- November 21, 2025 - February 20, 2026  
 25 Buck Kids, 9 to under 12 months -- August 21 - November 20, 2025  
*Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion*  
*Premier Breeder*  
*Premier Exhibitor*

**AWARDS, BANNERS AND PREMIUMS**

1. **RIBBONS.** Ribbons will be awarded through 10<sup>th</sup> place.  
 2. **PREMIUM SCALE.** The following scale of premiums shall apply to regular classes, not championship classes, based on the number shown in each class.

Individuals Shown	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
10 or less entries	\$17	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$4
11 or more entries	\$20	\$18	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$6

Grand Champion of each division will receive \$25. Reserve Grand Champion will receive \$15.

3. **PREMIER EXHIBITOR.** A banner will be presented to the exhibitor of animals in the Percentage and Fullblood classes having won the most points in Open individual classes. Points will be awarded in only those classes with four or more goats entered. Points will be based on the following scale:

Placings	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
Points	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

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If an animal becomes a Division Champion or Reserve Division Champion and receives no points because the animal came from a class of three or less goats entered, the Division Champion will be awarded eight points and Reserve Division Champion will be awarded seven points.

In the case of a tie, the banner will be awarded to the exhibitor achieving the most points with the fewest animals.

4. **PREMIER BREEDER.** A banner will be presented to the exhibitor who is the breeder of any number of animals, percentage and fullblood, winning the most points in Open individual classes, regardless of current owner. Points based on same scale as Premier Exhibitor. Points will be awarded in only those classes with four or more goats entered.

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In the case of a tie, the banner will be awarded to the exhibitor achieving the most points with the fewest animals.

5. **BANNERS & TROPHIES.** Banners and trophies will be presented as follows:

<b>Award</b>	<b>Division Honor</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
<b>COMMERCIAL BREEDING DOES</b>		
Trophy	Grand Champion Commercial Boer Goat Doe	
Banner	Grand Champion Commercial Doe	
Banner	Reserve Champion Commercial Doe	
<b>OPEN MARKET WETHERS &amp; DOES</b>		
Banner	Champion Market Wether	Iowa Meat Goat Association
Banner	Reserve Champion Market Wether	Klimesh Family Show Stock, Calmar IA
Banner	Champion Market Doe	Sinclair Tractor
Banner	Reserve Champion Market Doe	
Trophy	Grand Champion Market Boer Goat	
Banner	Grand Champion Market Boer Goat	Iowa Meat Goat Association
<b>PERCENTAGE BOER DOES (50-88%)</b>		
Banner	Junior Champion Percentage Doe	
Banner	Junior Reserve Champion Percentage Doe	Regel Boer Goats - Joel & Amy Pagel, Hawkeye IA
Banner	Yearling Champion Percentage Doe	Handy Boer Goats - Bruce Handy, Fremont IA
Banner	Yearling Reserve Champion Percentage Doe	Pine Hill Family Goats - Jeff & Wyatt McClure, Bloomfield IA
Banner	Senior Champion Percentage Doe	Centerville Produce
Banner	Senior Reserve Champion Percentage Doe	Klimesh Family Show Stock, Calmar IA
Trophy	Grand Champion Percentage Boer Goat Doe	Klimesh Family Show Stock, Calmar IA
Banner	Grand Champion Percentage Doe	Iowa Meat Goat Association
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Percentage Doe	Sinclair Tractor
<b>FULLBLOOD/PUREBRED BOER DOES (93.75% &amp; higher)</b>		
Banner	Junior Champion Fullblood Doe	Rustic Ridge Boer Goats - Jon & Tabitha Poll & Family, Maquoketa IA
Banner	Junior Reserve Champion Fullblood Doe	Regel Boer Goats - Joel & Amy Pagel, Hawkeye IA
Banner	Yearling Champion Fullblood Doe	Sinclair Tractor
Banner	Yearling Reserve Champion Fullblood Doe	Sinclair Tractor
Banner	Senior Champion Fullblood Doe	Pine Hill Family Goats - Jeff & Wyatt McClure, Bloomfield IA
Banner	Senior Reserve Champion Fullblood Doe	Sinclair Tractor
Trophy	Grand Champion Fullblood Boer Goat Doe	Pine Hill Family Goats - Jeff & Wyatt McClure, Bloomfield IA
Banner	Grand Champion Fullblood Doe	Iowa Meat Goat Association
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Fullblood Doe	
<b>FULLBLOOD BOER BUCKS (96.87% &amp; higher)</b>		
Trophy	Grand Champion Fullblood Boer Goat Buck	Pitlick Boer Goats, Jordan MN
Banner	Grand Champion Fullblood Buck	Pitlick Boer Goats, Jordan MN
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Fullblood Buck	
<b>PERCENTAGE &amp; FULLBLOOD/PUREBRED</b>		
Banner	Premier Exhibitor	Iowa Meat Goat Association
Banner	Premier Breeder	Iowa Meat Goat Association