

DEPARTMENT 900 — Market Goats/Meat Breeding Does

Junior Fair Goat Committee

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Exhibitors should enter their Market Classes in FairEntry prior to ID Day in April.

Exhibitors will enter all other classes including showmanship and online add on sale using FairEntry – Entry Deadline is June 1 at 11:59 pm.

All Goats MUST have a Scrapie tag in their ear upon arrival at the fairgrounds which matches their entry in FairEntry.

PRE-FAIR ID DAY/WEIGH IN RULES

1. All market goats **must be identified** at ID Day in April. Exhibitors may identify 4 market goats but only 2 may be brought and shown at the fair.
2. All market goat identification will be done by scrapie tags only.
3. Weigh-In of market goats is optional. You will only need to weigh-in if you wish to participate in the Rate of Gain Contest.
4. Rate of Gain Contest- all market goats weighed at the April ID Day must be **70 lbs. or less** to participate in this contest. The top 5 animals with the most pounds gained, as determined at the fair weigh-in, will be awarded the plaques.

FAIR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Barn Open for Arrival: Saturday August 1, 2026, at 8:00AM

Mandatory Barn Meeting: Saturday, August 1 at 1:00 p.m.

**** All Market & Breeding Goats must be in place in the barn by 12:30 PM****

Market Goat Weigh-In: Saturday, August 1, immediately following the Mandatory Barn Meeting in the Sheep Show Arena.

- At weigh-ins you must identify where the goat will be going after the Fair. The only 2 options are the MARKET TRUCK or HOME. There will be no changes after weigh-in.

Breeding Goat Check-in: Saturday August 1, 2026, beginning at 10:00 AM on the Track

- All Breeding goat trucks and trailers will enter the fairgrounds from Gate A on Haskins Road and will go to the track infield where they will get checked as they come off the trailer. Goats must be checked in on the track infield before they are allowed to enter into the barn.
- **IF THE GOAT DOES NOT HAVE PROPER IDENTIFICATION THEY WILL BE SENT HOME AND NOT ALLOWED TO STAY ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.**

- If any animal is found in the barn that has not been checked in, it will be forced to leave the fairgrounds and will not be permitted to show.

SHOW ORDER: Sunday, August 2 @ 9:00 AM in Pavilion Show Arena

1. Showmanship: Sr. Prelims, Jr. Prelims, Sr. Finals, Jr. Finals
2. Preliminary Market Classes, Light weight, Medium weight, and Heavy weight
4. Overall Market Goat Champion Drive
5. Market Breeding Classes (Meat Does Only)

HEALTH AND CARE OF PROJECT:

1. ODA Livestock Exhibition Rules and Requirements for all livestock can be found in the Health Regulations and Inspection of Livestock section of the book.
2. The fair veterinarian is the only person(s) who may possess and administer controlled substances in the goat barn.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for daily care of their projects, including, but not limited to feeding, watering, cleaning pens and aisles and manure management (all manure must be dumped in appropriate areas). Failure to maintain a healthy and humane environment may result in disciplinary action, which could include forfeiture of premium monies, ability to participate in the online add on sale or expulsion from the show or future shows.
4. Water is the only acceptable topical substance to be used on show day. Example: oils, powders, or paints are unacceptable. If a substance is found, the goat will be disqualified from the show.
5. Pens must be cleaned out on the last day of fair (this includes tack pens). Once completed the exhibitor must check out with the designated fair personnel. Failure to do so will result in loss of the ability to participate in the add on sale.

GENERAL MARKET GOAT DEPARTMENT RULES

1. All Junior Fair Livestock Rules apply.
2. Exhibitors must complete the online DUNF form for each market goat and it must be filled out prior to weigh-in on Saturday, July 26th.
3. The pen tag that is placed on the pen by the Junior Fair Shall be visible at all times. This tag is not to be removed. If there is an issue with your pen assignment, contact the Jr. Fair Coordinator as soon as possible.
4. No barn decorations until Friday, July 25. Once pen assignments are on pens, do not move them. Tack space will be shared.
5. Do not tamper with another exhibitor's goats or pens.
6. All Jr. Fair Goat exhibitors are required to show their projects in the proper classification.
7. Exhibitors may show a maximum of 2 market goats and/or 2 meat breeding does.
8. Drug testing will be done on Champion and Reserve Champion Market Goats.
9. If a goat is brought to the Wood Co. Fair, it must be shown in a minimum of 1 class.
10. The Junior Fair Dress Code will be in effect for all goat exhibitors.

MARKET GOAT RULES

1. Male and female animals may be used for this project. Wethers must be castrated as of the April ID day. Any goats showing evidence of testicular tissue as determined by the goat department superintendent and fair veterinarian will be removed from the fairgrounds.
2. Does may have horns, wethers must be dehorned.
3. All market goats must be slick shorn to an even length of $\frac{3}{8}$ inch or less above the knee and hock.
4. All Market Classes will be broken into 3 Divisions lightweight, medium weight and heavyweight based on the weight of animals.
5. County Born and Raised Market Contest Rules- Exhibitors entering the County Born and Raised Market Goat Contest must identify those animals in Fair Entry by submitting Breeder name, address and phone number. If the animal was born on the home farm and not purchased elsewhere, you still must submit the same information.
6. If you want to be part of the County Born and Raised Classes you must select the appropriate division in Fair Entry.
7. A reasonable amount of time will be given to allow exhibitors to enter the ring or show arena. Beyond that time, the class will be closed, and disqualification will result.

MEAT BREEDING DOES RULES

1. Exhibitors can show meat breeding does with or without horns.
2. Meat Breeding Does cannot be shown in a market goat class.
3. These animals are not eligible for rate of gain contest
4. All Meat Breeding Does must be slick shorn to an even length of $\frac{3}{8}$ inch or less above the knee and hock.
5. Base date for the age of the animal is the day of show.

Meat Breeding Doe Classes

1. 0-6 mo
2. 7-12 mo
3. 13-18 mo
4. 19-24 mo
5. 25-36 mo
6. 37 mo & older

Awards

An Overall Grand and Reserve Champion Meat Doe and 3rd-5th places will receive a banner accordingly.

Market Goat Loadout: Sunday TBD

1. Animals going on the Market Truck - If available, please help load your market goat(s) onto the market truck.
2. Any animal entered as going home will be permitted to begin the load out process a half an hour after the start of the main grandstand entertainment on the last night of the fair. Please see the Livestock release section of the Jr. Fair Rules.