



- Dairy Market does-does the 4-H'er intends to show in a market class NOT in a breeding (age group) class
2. To clarify all breed challenges, the Goat Committee will screen all goats at weigh-in, at check-in, and by a screening committee on Saturday afternoon after check-in. All challenges must be resolved before the show(s).
  3. All male goats must be wethered and dehorned by the mandatory weigh-in date except any goat under 4 weeks of age. Then the 4-H'er must contact the superintendent by May 31st to confirm that the goat in question is wethered and dehorned. Dehorned is defined as obvious signs of disbudding (burned, banded, etc.) with no more than 1/2" remaining. Horn growth on market goats after dehorning is confirmed will be acceptable.

## THE FAIR

1. If tattoo ink is still wet at fair check-in, the goat will be sent home.
2. A pen fee of \$1 per goat will be collected at check-in. No goats are to be penned at the fair prior to being checked in by the goat committee.
3. Bucks are not allowed at the fair, unless the buck kid is younger than 8 weeks and still nursing the dam.
4. All goats must wear a collar and have a tie chain available.
5. By order of the Fire Marshall, tents, awnings, and other such obstructions are not allowed on the south side of the goat barn. This is a fire lane and must be kept clear. However, milking and grooming stands are allowed as long as they are stored parallel to the side of the barn.
6. The Master Showmanship class will be the final showmanship class during the Dairy Goat show on Monday. Both past and present winners of the Meat Goat Specialty Senior Showmanship and the Dairy Senior Showmanship, along with any past Master Showmanship winners may compete for the Master Title. Champions of the Master Title may continue to compete until he or she has won Supreme Showman.
7. 4-H'ers must use their own goat during the showmanship contest. All goats used for showmanship must be shown in a breeding (age group) or, exhibition, or market class.
8. Failure to follow general rules, display exhibitor cards by **NOON** Sunday, or clean pens, after a verbal and/or a written warning may result in a fine, exclusion from the show, and/or other action to be determined by the committee.
9. Goats are released after 9:00 pm on Thursday or earlier with the superintendent's permission.
10. All pens must be cleaned before leaving. 4-H'ers are responsible for removing their gates and tack, unless there are still goats in the pen. A superintendent pen check is required prior to leaving.

## 4-H Goat Royalty-All Breeds

1. The contest consists of a written test and a judging contest with 2 classes.
2. The contest divisions are Junior (grades 3-7) and Senior (grades 8-12).
3. Division winners can no longer participate in that division in the contest. The Junior Division winner will advance to the Senior Division the following year regardless of the exhibitor's grade.
4. 4-H Royalty banners will not be worn during classes.
5. The winners will be announced following showmanship on Sunday.

## General Rules for Classes – All Breeds

1. All dairy goats must be slick shorn with all hair at a uniform length. Slick shorn is defined as hair length no more than ½'. Goat kids that will not show do not need clipped.
2. All Meat Goat Specialty market goats must be slick shorn with all hair at a uniform length between hock/knee and ears. Slick shorn is defined as hair length no more than 1/8' for meat goats. Meat Goat Specialty breeding and percentage does are not required to be clipped.
3. Order of Show: All dairy does will show by ADGA breed in alphabetical order. All Meat Goat Specialty does and Pygmy goats will show by age divisions. All market goats will show by weight divisions.
  - a. **Showmanship Classes:** Seniors, Juniors, Beginners, and Master on Monday.
  - b. **Doe Classes:** Dry Breeds, Dry Championship Drive, Mature/Milking Breeds, Mature/Milking Championship Drive, Best Doe of Show, Milk Production on Monday, and Group Classes.
  - c. **Market Classes:** Market Goats, Market Championship Drive, and Rate of Gain.
4. It is recommended that the **Dairy Exhibitor** wear a white blouse or shirt (required for showmanship) and white or light-colored pants or skirt to show. It is recommended that the **Meat Goat Specialty Exhibitor** wear a nice blouse or shirt and nice pants or skirt to show. 4-H tee shirts are permitted for all exhibitors except for showmanship. The exhibitor's midriff should not be exposed when standing or bending over. Shoes must be worn. Shorts, skorts, sandals, hats, and sunglasses are not permitted during the show. This is not an exclusive list. Show attire is not required for either the 4-H Goat Royalty Contest or the Milk Production Contest.
5. Meat Goat Specialty goats may be shown with either a goat show collar or a goat show halter. Dairy goats must be shown with a goat show collar.
6. Classes with more than 10 goats will be broken into smaller classes.
7. A Grand Champion, a Reserve Grand Champion, and a Grand Champion County Bred and Born will be selected for the Meat Goat Breeding Does, Meat Goat Percentage Does, Meat Goat Wether Dams, Meat Goat Wethers, Pygmy Does, Specialty Does, Dairy Dry Does, Dairy Milking Does, and the Dairy Market Goats.

### General Rules for Market Classes

1. A 4-H member may show 6 market goats with a maximum of 2 Meat Goat Specialty wethers, 2 Meat Goat Specialty Wether Dams, and 2 in the Dairy market classes.
2. All market goats must be shown with their milk teeth in place.
3. All market goats will be weighed at check-in and will show by weight.
4. Market goats may be wethers or does born between December 1 and the May weigh-in of the current 4-H year.
5. Does tagged and entered as market does must be shown in market doe classes, but does entered as market goats in past years may be entered as breeding does in successive years.
6. Any doe shown as a meat goat specialty wether dam or dairy market does is ineligible to show in any breeding doe (age group) class or group classes the same year.
7. Market goats must weigh at least 45 lbs. to be eligible for Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, and Grand Champion County Bred and Born. There is no maximum weight.
8. Market goats near the 45 lbs. minimum weight are allowed 1 re-weigh during check-in hours.

### Rate of Grain

1. Market goats must be shown at the fair to be eligible.
2. Calculations are final weight (fair) minus starting weight (May weigh-in) divided by the days between both dates.
3. The first 5 places will be announced following the market classes.

### General Rules for Breeding Classes

1. 4-H members may show 2 does in each breeding class but are limited to 2 total entries in each group class.
2. Individual doe classes will show by ADGA/ABGA breed and age.
3. All ages are calculated as of July 1 of the current year.
4. **DRY MILKER:** A dry milker is "a doe that has freshened and is no longer in milk." Ref: ADGA handbook
5. **PRECOCIOUS MILKER:** A precocious milker is "a doe that has never freshened and is producing an amount of milk that requires her to be milked regularly." Ref: ADGA handbook

### Group Classes – All Breeds

1. Each exhibitor is limited to 2 entries per class. The focus should be upon herd development and not just a collection of goats to make up a group.
2. All goats must be shown in a breeding doe (age group) class by the exhibitor or a 4-H member of the immediate family before showing them in group classes.
3. Mother and Daughter: To consist of two does any age as long as one is the daughter of the other. Entry must be in the name of the owner of the mother.
4. Produce of Dam: To consist of two female offspring of the same dam regardless of age. Females of different sires are preferred. The entry exhibitor must be declared on Fair Entry.
5. Get of Sire: To consist of two female offspring of the same sire regardless of age. Females of different dams are preferred. The entry exhibitor must be declared on Fair Entry.

### MEAT GOAT SPECIALTY

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1. The term "Meat Goat Specialty" will include all breeds not recognized by the American Dairy Goat Association as dairy breeds.
2. Meat Goat Specialty Cross: Any goat that is not 100% dairy, not a registered meat type Breeding or Percentage doe, or does not conform to the characteristics of a specialty breed will show in the meat goat specialty crossbred class.
3. For does with horns, it is highly recommended that the horn tips be blunted.
4. All meat goat breeds and crosses are eligible for the meat goat specialty wether and wether dam classes. Any doe shown as a meat goat specialty wether dam is ineligible to show in any breeding (age group) class.

#### Meat Goat Specialty Breeding and Percentage Does

1. A purebred breeding doe is defined as 94% (15/16) and higher Boer blood. A percentage doe is less than 94% Boer blood. (Refer: ABGA) Breeding and percentage does must have an official registration paper at check-in to verify they meet the standard. If no registration paper is provided, the doe will show as a Meat Goat Specialty Cross Doe.
2. The Junior Doe Categories (ages calculated as of July 1) are:
  - a. Under 3 months
  - b. 3 months to under 6 months
  - c. 6 months to under 9 months
  - d. 9 months to under 12 months
3. The Yearling Doe Categories (ages are calculated as of July 1) are:
  - a. 12 months to under 16 months

- b. 16 months to under 20 months
- c. 20 months to under 24 months
- 4. The Senior Doe Categories (ages are calculated as of July 1) are:
  - a. 24 months to under 36 months
  - b. 36 months and older

### **Pygmy Does**

- 1. The Pygmy Junior Doe Categories (ages are calculated as of July 1) are:
  - a. Junior Doe kid-under 3 months
  - b. Intermediate Doe kid- 3 months to under 6 months
  - c. Senior Doe kid- 6 months to under 9 months
  - d. Advanced Doe kid- 9 mo. to under 12 mo.
  - e. Junior Unfreshed Yearlings- 12 months to under 18 months
  - f. Senior Unfreshed Yearlings- 18 months to under 24 months
- 2. The Pygmy Senior Doe Categories (ages are calculated as of July 1) are:
  - a. Milking Doe- any age
  - b. Junior Freshened Doe- 12 months to under 18 months
  - c. Senior Freshened Doe- 18 months to under 24 months
  - d. 2-year-old does- 24 months to under 36 months
  - e. 3-year-old does- 36 months to under 48 months
  - f. 4-year-old does- 48 months to under 60 months
  - g. Does 5 years old and over- 60 months and older

### **Pygmy Companion Wether Classes**

- 1. The goat must conform to the Pygmy breed characteristics.
- 2. The goat must be a neutered male.
- 3. Classes will be divided by age.
- 4. This class is not eligible for the Pygmy championship classes.

## **DAIRY GOATS**

### **Dairy Breeds**

- 1. The term "Dairy" will be restricted to those breeds recognized by the American Dairy Goat Association as dairy breeds.
- 2. All goats entered as Dairy breeds must be 100% Dairy and either:
  - a. 100% Dairy purebred or
  - b. a cross of dairy breeds and **ONLY** dairy breeds
- 3. Recorded Grade (crossbred): Any doe that is 2 or more dairy breeds or not conforming to the characteristics of a particular dairy breed will show in the Recorded Grade classes. Refer: ADGA handbook
- 4. All dairy goats MUST BE DEHORND WITH SCURS LESS THAN ½".

### **Dairy Dry Does**

- 1. Any doe under 24 months of age that has never freshened and is not a precocious milker, will be shown as a dry doe.
- 2. Any doe that is 24 months or older that has never freshened and is not a precocious milker, will show in an exhibition class. Exhibition class awards will be participation ribbons only. Exhibition goats are not eligible for breeding or market classes. An exhibition goat is eligible to be used in showmanship.
- 3. The Dairy Dry Doe Categories (ages calculated as of July 1) are as follows:
  - a. Junior Doe – born on or after Apr 1 of current year
  - b. Intermediate Doe – born in March of current year
  - c. Senior Doe – born Jan. 1 to last day of February of current year
  - d. Yearling Doe – born previous calendar year to under 24 months

### **Dairy Milking Does**

- 1. Any doe that has not freshened since last year's fair or that is being milked regularly, will be shown as a milking doe.
- 2. Precocious milkers and dry milker will be shown as milking does regardless of age.
  - a. Any does that aborts or miscarries prior to the fair will be allowed to show in the class in which she would have registered. She will be classified as a dry milker.
- 3. The Dairy Milking Doe Categories (ages are calculated as of July 1) are as follows:
  - a. 1 yr. – born previous calendar year to under 24 mo.
  - b. 2 yrs. – 24 mo. to under 36 mo.
  - c. 3 and 4 yrs. – 36 mo. to under 60 mo.

- d. 5 yrs. and older – 60 mo. and older
- 4. All milking does must be milked out between 6:00 am- 9:00 am, Monday morning. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the disqualification of the goat from the entire show.
- 5. All goats competing for championship honors that are in milk may be required by the judge to be milked out before final places are awarded.

**Milk Production**

- 1. 4-H'ers must sign up for the milk production contest by 7:00 pm Saturday. The doe's freshening date and tattoo, tag, or chip identification number must be provided.
- 2. Enrollment is limited to 2 does per 4-H member. Does must show in a Senior (Milking) Doe class if enrolled in milk production.
- 3. The order of milk out will be by random drawing and the order will remain the same at all milkings.
- 4. Milk out will begin at 8:00 pm, Saturday (to be discarded). The contest will be Sunday, 8:00 am and 8:00 pm.
- 5. Any 4-H member not with his or her goat at these times will be disqualified. The exception being, if the 4-H member is involved in another 4-H event, then prior arrangements must be made with the 4-H Goat Superintendent for another 4-H member to milk out.
- 6. Milk will be scored by adding both weights plus 0.01 point for each day of freshening. A minimum total of 3 pounds is required to be eligible for champion.
- 7. The first five places will be announced following all the doe classes.