

MEAT GOAT DEPARTMENT

Superintendents: Rob Vincent & Paul McNeer

Entries – See General Rules and Regulations

1. Only white Polk County Fair, white 4-H, or white FFA T-shirts and jeans may be worn by exhibitor in show ring.
2. Exhibitor must be FSQA Certified.
3. ALL LIVESTOCK MUST BE PLACED BY 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY.
4. Only does and wethers allowed on fairgrounds.
5. Market Goats will be weighed in upon arrival at the fairgrounds on Wednesday.
6. Please find a superintendent upon arrival to turn in Required Health Certificates and to weigh in any market goats.
7. All goats will be inspected by superintendents upon arrival. Superintendents reserve the right to refuse entry to any goats for health related concerns at the time of checkin.
8. All goats must be dehorned or blunt tipped prior to their arrival at the Polk County Fair.
9. All market wethers and market does must be weighed and tagged at the goat/sheep weigh-in day for Polk County.
10. All goats, both market and breeding does, must be verified in person by the superintendents at the weigh-in day.
11. Breeding does must have permanent ink tattoos that adhere to the USDA scrapies program requirements or have an approved 4-H or FFA ear tag. The chosen id method must be listed on the 4-H Meat Goat Verification form or be submitted through the FFA animal nomination process.
12. Iowa 4-H Meat Goat Verification Form or the FFA Meat Goat nomination form must be completed by 4-H or FFA deadline dates to show goats.
13. Meat Goats must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds by fair.
14. Market weathers and market does will be shown in the same classes.
15. All meat goats must have a completed drug affidavit at the time of check in at the Polk County Fair. Can be found on the Polk County Fair Website or picked up at the extension office.
16. The show date will be used to determine breeding doe class age breaks.
17. Breeding does over 24 months of age that have never kidded may not be shown.
18. All animals will be judged on individuality only.
19. Champion ribbons will be awarded ONLY if the judge feels the exhibit merits the award.
20. All livestock must remain in pens until release time of 4:00 P.M. on Sunday.
21. Market wethers and market does are eligible for auction.
22. **PERFORMANCE Combination Class (#50)**
 - a. All goats must be weighed in and identified on the specified county weigh-in date.
 - b. Exhibitors can enter up to three goats for this class. Entries made and paid by July 1 in the Extension Office.
 - c. Goats will be scanned to determine back fat, loin eye, etc. Final placing will be determined by combining scan data and rate of gain.
 - d. A \$7.00 fee/goat scanned is required. The fee is paid by July 1 when submitting the Fair entries.

23. SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

- a. Exhibitors showing their own livestock in all classes including showmanship are eligible to compete for showmanship awards.
- b. Showmanship will be broken into three age divisions, as of September 1, previous year:
 - i. Junior - grades 4 – 6
 - ii. Intermediate - grades 7 – 8
 - iii. Senior - grades 9 – 12

24. Goat Costume Class

- a. Open to all youth and adults.
- b. No toy animals may be entered, but may be part of the costume.
- c. Goat and Handler must wear a costume.
- d. Goats must be treated humanely.
- e. Show will take place at the end of the Meat goat show

CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

45	Breeding Junior Doe – under 1 year
46	Breeding Junior Doe – 1 yr. - 2 years
47	Breeding Senior Doe – over 2 years
48	Market Wether/does – under 1 year
50	Performance Evaluation
52	Goat Costume class

OPEN CLASS GOAT SHOW

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ENTRY FEE DUE by JULY 1 at the Polk County Extension Office.

Exhibitors may exhibit a 4-H goat shown in the 4-H/FFA dairy goat or meat goat shows, or bring their own.

1. Any 4 y/o through 3rd grader, (as of July 1) may exhibit in this class.
2. Any doe or wether may enter this class. Exhibitors may exhibit a 4-H goat shown in the 4-H/FFA dairy goat or meat goat shows.
3. Goats must be penned on the fairgrounds by noon on the day of the show. **Please sign-in at the livestock office upon arrival to receive pen assignment and stall card.**
4. Exhibitor may exhibit only one animal.
5. Goats may be shown with a halter or lead.
6. Depending on number of entries, classes will be divided by age of the youth.
7. Each youth will be interviewed about their knowledge on the care and management of goats.
8. Conformation and quality of the goat is NOT to be considered.
9. No premiums paid (ribbons only).
10. Parent or guardian must be present during the show.
11. Fair board is not liable for injuries.
12. Health certificates are required. Please provide them to the superintendent at check in.
13. Goats not being shown in the 4-H/FFA show are released following the completion of the show.

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51	OPEN GOAT CLASS
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