

Meat Goat Department

Superintendent: Rob Vincent

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 12:00 PM Wednesday.
4. Only goat's eligible for showing are allowed on fairgrounds.
5. Please find a superintendent upon arrival to turn in Required Health Certificates and to weigh market goats.
6. All goats will be inspected by superintendents upon arrival. Superintendents reserve the right to refuse entry of goats for health related concerns.
7. Breeding Buck class, #48. Bucks that are less than one year of age based on the day of the show.
8. All goats must be dehorned or blunted prior to arrival
9. All market goats 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 Goats must be ID in 4-H online or the FFA Meat Goat nomination form must be completed by May 15 to show goats.
13. Meat Goats must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds by fair.
14. All meat goats must have a completed drug affidavit at the time of check in at the Polk County Fair. Affidavits can be found at the extension office or on the [Polk County Fair Website](http://polkcountyfairiowa.com/forms) (polkcountyfairiowa.com/forms)
15. The show date will be used to determine breeding doe and breeding buck class age breaks.
16. Breeding does over 24 months of age that have never kidded may not be shown.
17. All animals will be judged on individuality only.
18. All livestock must remain in pens until release time of 5:00 PM on Thursday.
19. Market wethers and market does are eligible for auction.
20. Performance Combination Class (#107)
 - 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.
 - 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 due on July 1 when submitting the Fair entries.
 - e. Goats entered will also be judged on a live basis. Since the 1st and 2nd place goats will be eligible to be shown in the normal market goat show, the class will not be included in the Champion Market Drive.
18. Showmanship Contest
 - a. Exhibitors showing their own livestock in all classes including showmanship are eligible to compete for showmanship awards.
 - b. Previous winners are not eligible for this competition in the age divisions they have previously won.
 - c. Showmanship will be broken into three age divisions, as of September 1, previous year:

Class Number and Description

001	Junior Showmanship Grades 4-6
002	Intermediate Showmanship Grades 7-8
003	Senior Showmanship Grades 9-12 & FFA

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101	Breeding Junior Doe – under 1 year
102	Breeding Junior Doe – 1 yr. - 2 years
103	Breeding Senior Doe – over 2 years
104	Breeding Bucks – under 1 year
105	Market Wether/Does – under 1 year
106	Performance Evaluation
107	Goat Costume Class

Youth Open Class Meat Goat

Superintendents: Rob Vincent

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

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002	Youth Open Meat Goat Class
003	Youth Open Costume Class