

## Meat Goat Department

Superintendent: Ed Sagar & Brian Wilkinson

1. Exhibitors must be YQCA Certified.
2. All market goats must be weighed and tagged at an approved pre-fair weigh-in day.
  - a. 4-H animals must be ID in 4-H Online by May 15 to be eligible to show.
  - b. FFA animals must be ID by paper form by May 15 to be eligible to show, form needs to be turned into the extension office.
3. All Market animals **must be weighed and verified** at the Polk County Fair by the Goat superintendents.
4. All breeding animals will **be checked in** by the superintendents done in conjunction with Market animal weigh-ins at the fair.
5. Exhibitors must register for classes in FairEntry and all fees paid by July 1 to be eligible to show.
6. 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.
7. All goats must be dehorned or blunted before arrival.
8. Only goats eligible for the show are allowed on fairgrounds.
9. Champion ribbons will be awarded ONLY if the judge feels the exhibit merits the award.
10. All goats must be Vet checked in Rock Island Lot prior to stalling.
11. All 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)
12. Stall assignments will be at the discretion of the Goat Department Superintendents
13. All stalls must have visible Polk County Exhibitor Stall Cards to include emergency contact information on the back.
14. Meat Goats in Division 1 in classes 111 and 112 must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds by fair.
15. Breeding Bucks over one year of age as of the day of the show are not eligible.
16. Breeding does over 24 months of age that have never kidded are not eligible.
17. The show date will be used to determine breeding doe and breeding buck class age breaks.
  - a. Classes may be combined at the discretion of the Goat Department Superintendents.
18. The same animal cannot be shown in both a market and a breeding class.
19. All animals will be judged on individuality only.
20. All livestock must remain in pens until the release time.
21. Any goat in either division is eligible for auction.
22. Division 1 Market and Breeding Grand Champions will be eligible for Heartland Throwdown; however, Division 2 goats will not be eligible for the Heartland Throwdown.
23. Division 1 Champion will compete against Division 2 Champion for a Supreme Champion Meat Goat.
24. Goats entered into class #111 and #211 will be broken into classes by weight after official weigh-in at the discretion of the Goat Department Superintendents
25. Goat Costume Class
  - a. Open to all youth.
  - 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.
26. Showmanship Contest
  - a. In Showmanship classes, Exhibitors must use an animal that is ID'ed by the exhibitor and that they have registered to exhibit in other classes at the Polk County Fair.
  - b. Previous Showmanship Champions are not eligible for this competition in the age divisions they have previously won. With the exception of Master, may continue to compete if exhibitor has not won Supreme Showmanship.
  - c. Showmanship will be broken into three age divisions, as of September 1, previous year.
  - d. See rules for master showmanship in the supreme showmanship department.

**Class Number and Description**

001	Junior Showmanship Grades 4-6
002	Intermediate Showmanship Grades 7-8
003	Senior Showmanship Grades 9-12 & FFA
004	Master Showmanship (Must have won Senior Showmanship)

Division 1: Boer

Division 2: Savannahs, Kiko, Spanish, Pygmy, Myotonic, any Meat/Dairy crosses

**Division 1: Class Number and Description**

101	Breeding Junior Does – April 20- May 15 of current year
102	Breeding Junior Does 3 to under 6 months
103	Breeding Junior Does 6 to under 9 months
104	Breeding Junior Does 9 to under 12 months
105	Breeding Intermediate Does 12 to under 24 months
106	Breeding Senior Does over 24 months
107	Breeding Junior Buck 0 to under 3 months
108	Breeding Junior Buck 3 to under 6 months
109	Breeding Junior Buck 6 to under 9 months
110	Breeding Junior Buck 9 to under 12 months
111	Market Wether/Does under 12 months
112	Goat Costume Class

**Division 2: Class Number and Description**

201	Breeding Junior Does – April 20- May 15 of current year
202	Breeding Junior Does 3 to under 6 months
203	Breeding Junior Does 6 to under 9 months
204	Breeding Junior Does 9 to under 12 months
205	Breeding Intermediate Does 12 to under 24 months
206	Breeding Senior Does over 24 months
207	Breeding Junior Buck 0 to under 3 months
208	Breeding Junior Buck 3 to under 6 months
209	Breeding Junior Buck 6 to under 9 months
210	Breeding Junior Buck 9 to under 12 months
211	Market Wether/Does under 12 months
212	Goat Costume Class

## Youth Open Class Meat Goat

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1. Entry fees and registration are due by July 1 via FairEntry. Entries after July 1 will have a late fee. See general rules for more information.
2. Dress code – See General and Livestock Rules and Regulations for additional information.
3. Exhibitors may exhibit a goat shown in the 4-H/FFA meat goat shows or bring a goat to show.
4. Any 4 y/o through 3<sup>rd</sup> grader (as of July 1) may exhibit in this class.
5. Any doe, buck, or wether under one year of age is eligible.
6. Please sign in at the livestock office upon arrival to receive the pen assignment and pick up a stall card.
7. Health certificates are required. Please provide them to the superintendent at check-in.
8. Exhibitors may exhibit only one animal.
9. Goats may be shown with a halter or lead.
10. Depending on the number of entries, classes will be divided by the age of the exhibitor.
11. Each youth will be interviewed about their knowledge of the care of goats.
12. Conformation of the goat is NOT considered.
13. No premiums paid (ribbons only).
14. Parent or guardian must be present during the show.
15. Fair board is not liable for injuries.
16. Goats not being shown in the 4-H/FFA show are released following the completion of the show.

### **Class Number and Description**

002	Youth Open Meat Goat Class
003	Youth Open Costume Class