

Goat

Eligibility

Refer to the State Fair Livestock Identification and Nomination Requirements for information on exhibitor eligibility at the State Fair at <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair/live-animal-exhibitor>.

Divisions

Premium: P = \$5.00 B = \$4.00 R = \$3.00 W = \$2.00

Goat Showmanship

Class

5066L - Junior Meat Goat Showmanship – 8 - 10 years old before Jan 1 of the current year.

G058008L - Intermediate Meat Goat Showmanship – 11 - 13 years old before January 1 of the current year.

G058009L – Senior Meat Goat Showmanship – 14 years and up before January 1 of the current year.

7024L – Junior Dairy Goat Showmanship – 8 – 10 years old before January 1 of the current year.

7025L – Intermediate Dairy Goat Showmanship – 11 – 13 years old before January 1 of the current year.

7026L – Senior Dairy Goat Showmanship – 14 years and up before January 1 of the current year.

Rules

- A. **Showmanship** – All 4-H exhibitors are automatically registered but not required to show in Showmanship. Exhibitors must show their own animals and must show them in the class assigned.

Market Meat Goat

Class

G058010 - Market Goats - (wethers and does)

5860L - Progress Market Goat

5862L - Clover Kid Entry (Cannot be sold by Clover Kid at 4-H Livestock Sale)

Rules

- A. **ID Eligibility** – Exhibitors must file the Market Goat ID form with the Extension Office by June 2nd of the current year for meat goats. **Please follow appropriate Scrapie Tag regulations** found at [Sheep and Goat Identification Requirements | Nebraska Department of Agriculture](#). Photos of tagged market goats must be submitted with ID forms to cherry-county@unl.edu.

B. Meat goats should weigh 50-140 pounds for the market class. Meat Goats weighing less than 50 pounds will show in the Progress Meat Goat class and will not be eligible for the Livestock Sale. Meat Goats weighing over 140 pounds will be eligible to show but will not be eligible for the Livestock Sale. Underweight and overweight Meat Goats are not eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion Meat Goat.

C. Class Breakdown - Meat Goat classes are broken and shown by animal weight at the discretion of the Livestock Committee. The Livestock Committee reserves the right to combine Meat Goat classes if there are less than 3 animals entered per class by weight.

D. Horns – Blunting, tipping, and dehorning is permitted.

E. Show class and sex – market goats may be a doe or wether kid. Short scrotum, cryptorchid, and buck kids are not eligible.

F. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) – Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). Refer to the Nebraska State Fair General Rules and Regulations for additional information.

Breeding Meat Goat

Class

05871L - Breeding Goat – (Does Born 9/1/2023 to 8/31/2024). Does born prior to 9/1/2023 are ineligible to show.

05872L - Doe Kids - (Does Born 9/1/2024 to 6/1/2025).

05873L - Junior Herd - (3 goats, any combination of breeds, one of which must be bred by exhibitor, and one must be in milk).

05874L – Clover Kid Entry

Rules

- a. **Goats shown in this division are NOT eligible for the Livestock Sale!**
- b. Exhibitors must file the Breeding Meat Goat ID form with the Extension Office by June 2nd. **Please follow appropriate scrapie tag regulations** at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/cass/scrapie-tags-for-sheep-and-goats>
- c. **Horns** – Blunting, tipping, and dehorning is permitted. Registered does may have horns per ABGA Breed Standard.
- d. **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)** – Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). Refer to the Nebraska State Fair General Rules and Regulations for additional information.

Dairy Goat

Grade and Purebred Dairy Goats will show together. At this time, all breeds are shown together by age.

Class

05884L - Doe Kid - aged 1 year and under

05877L - Non-Milking Doe – aged 1 year and up

05878L - Milking Doe – aged 1 year and up

05881L Junior Herd (does that have not kidded, under age 1 year)

05882L Dairy Herd (does of any age that have kidded, may be in milk)

05883L – Clover Kid Entry (any class)

General Rules:

- 1. Dairy Goats** – Officially identified on the Nebraska 4-H Dairy Goat Identification Affidavits AND official USDA Scrapie Tag needed for breeding and female goats, **unless they are registered, and the tattoos have a unique premise ID and an animal ID. See the USDA website for more details. That website can be found at [USDA APHIS | Registry Tattoos Approved for Use as Official ID for the Scrapie Program](#).**
- 2. Entry limit:** two animals per class
- 3.** All goats, with the exception of dairy goats in milk, must be entered on Thursday of Fair week at the designated time, if space allows. Exhibitors will be notified.
- 4.** Dairy goats in milk may be brought in the day of the goat show and will be released at the conclusion of the show.
- 5.** All does exhibited in a herd should also be shown in their respective age classes.
- 6.** Three Champion Awards will be given for non-herd classes: Champion Kid, Champion Milker, and Champion Non-Milker. Each herd class will also have a Champion named.

Resources

Breeding Meat Goat

Learn about breeding meat goats; Learn how to care for meat goats; Learn to make buying decisions based on performance and visual evaluation

URL: https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/10

Dairy Goat

Learn about goat parts and breeds; Figure the cost to raise goats; Find out how to care for goats

URL: https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/9

Meat Goat

Learn and practice important life skills, such as decision making, record keeping, marketable skills, planning and organizing, and self-responsibility; Demonstrate good caretaking of the animals, land, and other resources involved; Help to spread knowledge about meat goat products and the meat goat industry

URL: https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/11

Pygmy Goat

URL: https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/184