

Meat Goat

Department G

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Division G059, Meat Goat Rules:

- A. An exhibitor is limited to exhibiting a maximum of **three** breeding meat goats and **three** market meat goats.
- B. Animals are determined to individual exhibitors at weigh-in/check-in, those animals will be the only ones allowed for exhibitors to show during showmanship. Exhibitors are not allowed to show animals not listed on their affidavit sheet or determined to be siblings, cousins, other family members, etc.
- C. Animals must weigh a **minimum of 50 pounds**. Goats weighing 49 pounds or less will be shown in a feeder class. These animals will not be eligible for purple ribbons, champion consideration and are not eligible to sell in the livestock sale. There is no maximum weight on meat goats, but goats must have milk teeth and show no evidence of breaking of the skin/eruption of two permanent front teeth.
- D. Fair entry day check in will be the official weight of the animal for the show and sale.
- E. All meat goats (market & breeding) must be tagged with an official USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) scrapies tag. These tags will be the only approved form of identification. Exhibitors planning to show at the Box Butte County Fair will be required to bring their market animals to mandatory tagging/check in at the fairgrounds. Weigh-in will be optional. Youth will be able to have animals tagged at other county weigh-ins, apart from pigs, in the event they are unable to attend the date set at the Box Butte County Fairgrounds. Animals not checked in at a county weigh-in will be ineligible to be exhibited at the Box Butte County Fair 2024.
- F. A Champion and Reserve Champions will be selected at the discretion of the Judge. **Only purple ribbons will be considered for Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons, Awards and Prizes.**
- G. Goats must have horns blunted. Dehorning is acceptable and preferred.
- H. All meat goats must be slick shorn with 3/8" of hair or less at the time of show. Legs may have hair up to the hock and knee only.
- I. Breeding meat goats may be shown with horns if they are blunted.
- J. Breeding meat goat classes will be does only. No intact male meat goats can be exhibited.
- K. Meat goats may be shown with a pronged collar, smooth collar, or halter. Exhibitors should be aware that pronged collars ARE NOT allowed at the Nebraska State Fair.
- L. **Grooming-** All preliminary clipping of animals must be done prior to arrival at the fairgrounds. Box Butte County allows a **full fit show**. Anyone can assist exhibitors in the clipping, blocking, fitting and/or grooming of an animal if the exhibitor is in attendance and actively involved in the process.
- M. **Dress Code-** When showing animals, exhibitors must wear the official 4-H Council approved t-shirt or FFA shirt. Blue jeans and closed-toed shoes are appropriate.
- N. **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 the yqcaprogram.org website. (see Livestock Handbook for more information)

- L. **Livestock Handbook Agreement**-ALL exhibitors and one parent must review, sign and return, to the Extension Office, the Large Animal Handbook Agreement, to be eligible to show and sell livestock at the Box Butte County Fair. This must be complete by July 1 of the current year.
- M. See the Livestock Handbook for more information.

Meat Goat Showmanship

- G059001** Meat Goat Junior Division (ages 8–10 before January 1 of current year)
- G059002** Meat Goat Intermediate Division (ages 11-13 before January 1 of current year)
- G059003** Meat Goat Senior Division (ages 14-18 before January 1 of current year)

Market Meat Goat

- G059004** 50 pounds (Market Class)

Breeding Meat Goat

- G059006** Junior Kid: born between April 1 and June 1, 2024
- G059007** Intermediate Kid: born between March 1 and March 31, 2024
- G059008** Senior Kid: born between December 1, 2023 and February 29, 2024
- G059009** Dry Yearling (never kidded): born between September 1, 2022 and November 30, 2023
- G059010** Senior Yearling (must have kidded): born between September 1, 2022 and November 30, 2023
- G059011** Senior Doe Two Years and Under Three: born between September 1, 2020 and August 31, 2022
- G059012** Senior Doe Three Years and Older: born prior to January 1, 2021
- G059013** Mother/Daughter Pair: Mother must be over 1 year of age and less than 3 years of age. Daughters must be born after January 1st of that show year.
**Mother/Daughter animals that are entered in any other class must be shown by the same exhibitor as in the previous class.*
- G059014** Best Pair: best pair of does, any age, owned by the exhibitor.