

2024 MARKET GOAT

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The objective of the 4-H market goat project is to provide youth with life skills of being responsible, making decisions, planning, organizing and working with others. Most of all, the project member will learn about raising and feeding market goats. The market goat project is designed for animals showing meat qualities such as goats with Boer influence; no hair, dairy or miniature goats will be included in the project.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Training: Exhibitors in beef, dairy cattle, goats, sheep, swine, and market poultry (including production turkeys) must have received Quality Assurance training or testing through a UNL Extension program by the date set by the Extension Office. Anyone not completing the Q.A. training will be ineligible to exhibit at the Buffalo County Fair. Completion of training will be certified by a Buffalo County Extension Educator.

Market goat exhibitors must follow all other county fair livestock project rules. All goats being exhibited need to be individually identified with USDA official ID (Scrapie tag). Market goats must be identified by June 15 of the current year. Animals jointly owned by siblings – ownership will be determined at check-in at fair. A completed Affidavit must be presented with goats at the scale at check-in. To be eligible to show in the Market Goat class, goats must weigh a minimum of 45 pounds and a maximum of 110 pounds. Goats weighing less than 45 pounds may show in a pre-market class but are not eligible to show for Champion Market Goat. After weighing, goats will be divided into classes of wethers and does. Wether and doe classes will then be divided by weight at the superintendent's discretion. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of three head. All goats must be carrying all milk teeth and there shall be no evidence of breaking of the skin or eruption of the two permanent front teeth. All goats must be dehorned or have horns blunted. Goats' hair must be uniformly slick shorn from the knee up. Goats are to be shown with neck chains or smooth collars only. During showmanship, exhibitors are not allowed to slap animals, nor may they lift the front legs off the ground while in the show ring. Goats may be braced but must have all four feet on the ground. Only wether and female kids may be shown — no billies.

Grooming Rule — See General Livestock Rules.

*G058010 Market Goat - Wether

*G058011 Market Goat - Doe

G058001 Bred and Fed Goat Division — This division is designed to honor the outstanding quality of animals produced by Buffalo County 4-H exhibitors on their family's farm or ranch. Goats that are produced from the 4-H member's own herd or the herd of the immediate family's farm or ranch are eligible. The goat's dam must have been bred and kidded at the family's facilities and the goat must have stayed in the ownership of the family since its birth. Bred and fed classes will be divided by weight at the discretion of the supervising committee. An exhibitor is allowed three market goats. If an animal qualifies for Bred and Fed it may show in either that division or the traditional market division. Exhibitors will nominate their Bred and Fed goat(s) at weigh-in and can make the designation at the time of pre-entry.

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All market goats have to be owned by a single exhibitor. These can be of different breeds and sex. Purpose is to match group as to uniformity of size and type.

G0058002 Three market goats

BREEDING DOE

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Exhibitors may show a total of two breeding goats. Animals jointly owned by siblings – ownership will be determined at check-in at fair. Whether that be two does/doelings, two bucklings or one of each. Bucklings must be 12 months or younger. Breeding bucklings are not required to be dehorned. All breeding characteristics will be evaluated during judging including teeth, mouth placement, teats and correct scrotal characteristics. Goats may be mouthed at fair to determine age. Animal identification will be required; can be ear tag or tattoo.

*G059020 Breeding Doe — Doeling. Must have milk teeth.

*G059010 Breeding Doe — Yearling doe. Age 12-24 months.

G059030 Breeding Doe — Aged doe. Age 24 months and older.

G059040 Breeding Buckling – Age being 12 months or younger. Must have milk teeth.

LOTTERY MARKET GOAT

The purpose of the Lottery Market Goat project is to provide Buffalo County 4-H market goat members with a 3 to 4 month educational, interesting and competitive feature at the Buffalo County Fair. This project is intended to help exhibitors find quality goats at a fair and reasonable market price. Youth will learn about production traits, feeding and nutrition for goats, and showmanship techniques. There are two phases to the Lottery Market Goat Project: The Lottery Phase and the Production Phase. The Production Phase of the project will provide competition and demonstrated ability by the goat exhibitor.

Lottery Phase:

Eligibility

1. 4-H'er must be 8 years of age as of January 1 of the current year and enrolled in the market goat project.
2. The 4-H'er must sign up for the Lottery Market Goat project in which each exhibitor must read and sign a Lottery Goat Agreement form and put down a deposit toward the purchase price of the goat by the county deadline.
3. All Lottery Goats will be tagged, weighed and drawn for on the date they pick up their goat. Weighing and identification will be conducted by the Buffalo County 4-H Youth Educator and members of the Sheep/Goat Project Action Team. Goats will be identified with a scrapie tag.

Entry

1. Eligible 4-H'ers will make entry on a Nebraska 4-H Market Goat Ownership Affidavit.

Production Phase:

Eligibility

1. Eligible 4-H'ers must submit their Buffalo County Pre-Fair entry form on or before July 1.
2. Lottery Goats will be wethers. The top two purples from each class will compete for the Division Champion and Reserve Lottery Goat.

Entry

1. 4-H members will be allowed to exhibit up to a maximum of three market goats and one Lottery Goat for a total of four market goats in the Buffalo County 4-H Market Goat Show.

SCORING FOR OUTSTANDING LOTTERY GOAT EXHIBITOR:

Attendance at educational programs – three meetings, 10 points apiece – 30 points

Average daily gain (ADG) calculated from date of getting the goat to check in date of fair – 20 points

Lottery Goat Showmanship (Show day) – 25 points. The judges will assign points at their discretion with a maximum of 25 points. It is possible for more than one animal to receive 25 points.

Interview highlighting what was learned through the project. – 10 points. It is possible for more than one youth to receive 10 points.

Live placing in show ring – 15 points. The judge will assign points at their discretion with a maximum of 15 points. It is possible for more than one animal to receive 15 points.

Lottery Goat classes will be determined after the goats have been weighed in on entry day. Champion and Reserve Champion of lottery goat division will qualify for the regular market goat show and compete for the overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat.

G056001 Lottery Market Goat

MARKET GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Each showman must show his own animal and will enter the class corresponding to his age. The animal shown must be entered and exhibited in a breeding or market class. The judge has the right to ask the showman to exhibit abilities to fit the animal.

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*G057009 Exhibitor 14 years and older (4-H age)

*G057010 Exhibitor 11-13 years old (4-H age)

G057011 Exhibitor 8-10 years old (4-H age)

CLOVER KID GOAT SHOW

Exhibitors must be at least five years of age and not older than eight years of age by January 1 of the current year and enrolled in 4-H Clover Kids program.

Pre-fair registration will be required for this show so that enough staff/volunteers can be available for show arena safety. Exhibitor is eligible to show not more than one goat. Participation ribbons given only; no premiums given. The Clover Kid Goat Show will take place just after the regular 4-H Goat Show during the Buffalo County Fair. Each goat will be brought in the morning of the show and will leave the fairgrounds following the show unless showing a sibling's goat that is already at the fair.

Clover Kids programs involving live animals must adhere to the following Nebraska 4-H guidelines:

1. Exhibition includes discussion with youth based on their knowledge of the care and raising of the animal.
2. Exhibitors show in a non-competitive setting for participation only without rank or placing.
3. Age, size, and temperament of animal projects must be appropriate for the exhibitor's age and size.
4. There will be one adult/teen volunteer present for every two Clover Kids that are handling or exhibiting animals.