

Meat Goats

Showmanship Premium Code: E

Meat Goat Premium Code: D

Thayer Livestock Record Book Premium Code: A

Rules:

1. **Identification:** Meat goats must be identified, and ear tagged with official 4-H tags. Market goat classes will be determined by weight.
2. **Age-** Market goats are to have milk teeth and there shall be no evidence of breaking of the skin or eruption of the two permanent front teeth.
3. **Horns-** Goats must have horns blunted. Dehorning is acceptable and preferred. Registered does may have horns per ABGA Breed Standard.
4. **Neck Chains & Halters-** Goats are to be shown with either a halter, smooth neck chain, or smooth collars only. Spiked collars are not acceptable.
5. **Classes-** Market goats may be doe or wether kids. Short scrotum, cryptorchid, and buck kids are not eligible. All market goats will be weighed and divided into classes based on total numbers and weight range. Market does and wethers will show together.
6. **Weight Requirements-** Market goats must weigh a minimum of 50 lbs. at county fair check-in. Goats under 50 lbs. will be allowed to show but will not be eligible for champion or reserve champion honors.
7. **THAYER COUNTY ONLY** - Commercial breeding goats will be grouped by weight in the show program. Weigh in at the fair is required for commercial breeding goats.
8. **ENTRY LIMITS:** Homebred & Fed animals count as a market entry.
A maximum of **six meat goats** with not more than three market or three breeding.

Goat Livestock Record Book- Thayer County ONLY

Dept B Division 185

Class

15* Goat Record Book- Thayer County Only

Meat Goat Showmanship

Dept G Division 241

Class

7* Showmanship

Breeding Pygmy Goats

Dept G Division 242

Classes

2 Breeding Doe Kid- Born 9/1/2022-6/1/2023

3 Yearling Doe- Born 9/1/2021-8/31

4* Aged Doe- 2 years and older

5* Buck Kid- Born 9/1/2022-6/1/2023

6* Home Bred & Raised Breeding Goat- Yearling goat that has been on family farm from time of conception to present. Must be owned by 4-Her or family enrolled in County 4-H. Each exhibitor is allowed 1 animal in this class. This is the only class you may exhibit this goat.

7* Breeding Goat Junior Herd- Aged doe, yearling doe and kid from the same farm/operation shown as a group. All must have been shown this year, but Herd class does not count against exhibit limits.

Breeding Meat Goats

Dept G Division 243

Classes

2 Breeding Doe Kid- Born 9/1/2022-6/1/2023

3 Yearling Doe- Born 9/1/2021-8/31/2022

4* Aged Doe- 2 years and older

5* Buck Kid- Born 9/1/2022-6/1/2023

- 6* **Home Bred & Raised Breeding Goat-** Yearling goat that has been on family farm from time of conception to present. Must be owned by 4-Her or family enrolled in County 4-H. Each exhibitor is allowed 1 animal in this class. This is the only class you may exhibit this goat.
- 7* **Breeding Goat Junior Herd-** Aged doe, yearling doe and kid from the same farm/operation shown as a group. All must have been shown this year, but Herd class does not count against exhibit limits.

Market Meat Goat

Dept G Division 244

Class

- 10 **Market Pygmy Goat**
- 20 **Market Meat Doe Goat**
- 30 **Market Meat Wether Goat**
- 35 **Market Meat Home Bred & Fed Goat** - Market animal that was on home farm from time of conception through finishing phase. Each exhibitor is allowed one animal in this class. This is the only class you may exhibit this goat.
- 40 **Pen of Three Market Meat Goats**
- 50 **Meat Goat Club Group of 5-** Animals must be from at least 2 different exhibitors. Premium is awarded to the club.

Meat Goat Rate of Gain & Ultrasound Contest

Dept G Division 245

Class

- 1 **Rate of Gain** - The Rate of Gain contest is required for market goats wishing to be eligible for the Supreme Market contest.
- 2 **Ultrasound- ALL** market goat exhibited will be entered in the ultrasound contest. An ultrasound scanner will be used to provide personnel with information to evaluate the market goat backfat, loin eye area and percent muscling. This information will be compiled, and results will be announced after the 4-H/FFA Goat Show. A fee (estimated around \$7.00) will be charged per animal for scanning. Goats not meeting weight limits will not be eligible for championship or reserve champion trophy/awards but will still be scanned.

Goat	Rate of Gain	Ultrasound (BCTRC Rank)
Purple Ribbon	.66 and over	49.0 and over
Blue Ribbon	.50 - .659	47.7 – 48.9
Red Ribbon	.499 - .33	46.4 – 47.6
White Ribbon	.329 and under	46.3 and under