

MEAT GOATS

Showmanship Premium Code: **SHOWMANSHIP**

Meat Goat Premium Code: **GOAT**

Rules and General Information:

1. Animals may move to the County Fair from flocks that are not under quarantine for scrapie.
2. Goats that have active club lamb fungus or sore mouth must be removed from the fairgrounds and not be allowed to show.
3. AMINAL ID REQUIREMENTS:
 - A. **THAYER COUNTY ONLY:** Scrapie Tags: All females and males exhibited will need to have the official USDA identification (scrapie tag). This applies to both market and breeding females, regardless of age.
 - B. **NUCKOLLS COUNTY ONLY:** Scrapies tags, EID tags or county ID tags are allowed.
4. **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.
5. Grooming or fitting with foreign material that includes (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. Market Goats must be uniformly slick shorn with 3/8" of hair or less from the knee and up.
6. **Horns-** Goats must have horns blunted. Dehorning is acceptable and preferred. Registered does may have horns per ABGA Breed Standard.
7. **Neck Chains & Halters-** Goats are to be shown with either a halter, smooth neck chain, or smooth collars only. Spiked collars are not acceptable.

MEAT GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Dept G Division 241

Class

7* Showmanship

BREEDING PYGMY GOATS

Dept G Division 242

Classes

2 **Breeding Doe Kid-** (born January-June of current year)

3 **Yearling Doe-** Born before Jan 1 current year.

4* **Aged Doe-** 2 years and older

5* **Buck Kid-** (born January-June of current year)

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 MEATS GOATS

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.

Dept G Division 243

Classes

- 2 **Breeding Doe Kid-** Born 9/1/2023-6/1/2024
- 3 **Yearling Doe-** Born 9/1/2022-8/31/2023
- 4* **Aged Doe-** 2 years and older
- 5* **Buck Kid-** Born 9/1/2023-6/1/2024
- 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 GOATS

Rules:

1. All market goats wishing to enter the rate of gain contest **MUST** be weighed at the beginning weigh day on a certified scale with Extension Staff present.
2. All market goats will be weighed and divided into classes based on total numbers and weight range.
3. **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.
4. Classes will be determined by weight with market does and wethers showing together.
5. Market goats may be doe or wether kids. Short scrotum, cryptorchid, and buck kids are not eligible.
6. **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.
7. **NUCKOLLS COUNTY ONLY:** If market animal male/female classes do not have a minimum of 3 animals per sex, the two market classes will be combined into one general market class.
8. **Final class(es) determination is at the Superintendent's**

discretion.

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 CONTESTS

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. A fee (estimated around \$5.00) 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