

## **DEPARTMENT 5 MEAT GOATS**

Blain Smith – Superintendent

Goats must originate from herds not under quarantine.

1. Judging will be held on Thursday, July 21st start at 1pm or a half hour following the sheep show
2. All Goats must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin Identification tag before they can be exhibited. All goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag or by an official tattoo registered with USDA (to register, call 866-873-2824)
3. 4-H members who exhibit 4-H Market Meat Goats, may, if eligible, exhibit in the FFA Breeding Meat Goat classes. 4-H members are not permitted to show Market Meat Goats in both 4-H and FFA classes. 4-H members who exhibit 4-H Breeding Meat Goats, may, if eligible, exhibit in the FFA Market Meat Goat classes. 4-H members are not permitted to show Breeding Meat Goats in both 4-H and FFA classes.
4. Any questions and/or problems in an animal barn are to be addressed to the superintendent of the barn.
5. **Fitting will be allowed and should be done by the exhibitor as much as possible, with assistance from family members, another 4-H/FFA member or a 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor. Help must be done as an educational component meaning the exhibitor must be in attendance watching and participating in the process. Painting, powdering, dyeing and use of color agents is not allowed. Animals which show evidence of this will not be permitted into the show ring. Any meat goat is subject to wiping with a towel to check for color or coloring agents prior to entering the show ring or upon completion of a class. If a color or coloring agent rubs off an animal rubbed with either a towel or hand, that animal will be disqualified.**
6. **All animals are to be groomed by the exhibitor as much as possible, with assistance from family members, another 4-H/FFA member or a 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor. Help must be done as an educational component meaning the exhibitor must be in attendance watching and participating in the process.**
7. Morning chores should be done by 8:00 a.m. and evening chores should be done by 6:00 p.m.
8. Exhibitors may sell 3 market goats through the livestock sale
9. **Harnesses are not required for exhibitors to wear. Exhibitor number and cards may be pinned to shirt or clipped on a belt holder.**

### **CLASS A – MEAT GOAT SHOWMANSHIP**

Can show either market or breeding for this class.

Lot 1— Senior Showmanship

Lot 2— Intermediate Showmanship

Lot 3— Junior Showmanship

## **CLASS B – MARKET MEAT GOAT**

1. No full body shaving on fairgrounds.
2. Market goats must be full body shaved
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5. Must be shown with choker chains, nylon or leather strap, or halter
6. You cannot show breeding goats as market and as breeding, one or the other.
7. Market goats must be Identified as market by July 2<sup>nd</sup>
8. All goats shown in this class must be does or wethers. No intact males.
9. Goats must be in milk teeth (less than a year)
10. Goats must weigh 50 lbs. or will automatically receive a red
11. Exhibitor has the choice of which class they show in if it is a market dairy crossbred. If dispute arises, the superintendent has final say in placement

Lot 1 – Individuals (can show two)

Lot 2—Pen of 2

**Grand Champion Market Meat Goat**  
**Reserve Grand Champion Market Meat Goat**

**Grand Champion Pen of 2 Market Meat Goat**  
**Reserve Grand Champion Pen of 2 Market Meat Goat**

## **CLASS C – BREEDING MEAT GOAT**

**An Exhibitor may NOT have more than 2 entries per lot**

1. Must be shown with choker chain, Nylon or Leather Strap, or halter
2. Cannot be shown as breeding and market
3. Kids must be under 8 weeks and broke to lead – Nanny and kid class
4. Bucks must be born after August 1<sup>st</sup>,2021

Lot 1 – 0 - 6 months

Lot 2 – 6-12 months

Lot 3 – 12-24 Months

Lot 4 – 24-36 Months

Lot 5 – 36 Months & Over

Lot 6 – Nanny & Kid (8 weeks & under)

### **Buck Classes**

Lot 1 0-3 Months

Lot 2 3-6 Months

Lot 3 6-12 Months

**Grand Champion Breeding Goat**  
**Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Goat**

**CLASS D – COUNTY BORN & RAISED MARKET ANIMAL**

1. All animals entered in this class must have been born as well as raised in Van Buren County.
2. Documentation must be provided with the fair entry regarding birth place
3. Animal must be a market animal identified
4. 1 entry per exhibitor

**Grand Champion County Born & Raised  
Reserve Grand Champion County Born & Raised**

**CLASS U—FARM BUREAU ULTRASOUND**

The animals will be evaluated using a formula, which considers ultra-sound information & A.D.G. to determine pounds of lean muscle produced per days on test. The Van Buren County Farm Bureau Federation will pay for 1 animal per exhibitor per species. Example you want 2 you will have to pay for the other. Will be combined with Dairy Goats

Grand Champion Ultrasound

Reserve Grand Champion Ultrasound