

Section 3 – MEAT GOATS

4-H Meat Goat Superintendent: Scott McClenon

4-H Meat Goat Judge: **TBD**

Decoration Theme: We Feed the World

DAIRY GOAT SHOW: Tuesday, 8:30 am

MEAT GOAT SHOW: Tuesday, following Dairy Goat Show

Be sure to review the 2022 New York State Animal Health Guidelines.

SHOW ATTIRE

Exhibitors of meat goats must wear either clean whites or clean western dress shirts and dark pants.

Exhibitors must present a neat and professional appearance in showmanship and conformation classes. Farm names and letters must not appear on clothing. No sandals, open-toed shoes, tank-tops, midriff or cropped shirts or shorts allowed.

GOAT REGULATIONS

1. Dairy and Meat Goats **MUST** have a current Rabies vaccination.
2. **County and New York State Fair animal entry form deadline is JULY 27.** No late entries will be accepted after the July 27 deadline per the 4-H Program Issue Committee. Scratches can be made at any time.
3. Ownership is required by June 15 of the current 4-H year. Exhibitors who have filed a Non-Ownership Certificate with Cornell Cooperative Extension, Hamden prior to June 15 of the current 4-H year are eligible to show.
4. Entries may be registered or grade.
5. Auction meat goats must be either castrated male or female kids (no adult teeth).
6. Disbudding or dehorning is not required for meat goats. Horns four inches or more must be tipped for New York State Fair.

7. Meat Goat Identification Requirements

All meat goats must be individually identified with USDA approved individual Scrapie program identification. Identification must be one of the following:

USDA Approved Tag, USDA Approved Herd Tattoo, Individual Animal Identification Number, or a Legible Registration Tattoo, accompanied by official registration papers, or electronic identification if the goat is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program and/or the electronic identification is recorded on the goats registration paper (owner must supply a working electronic reader.)

If registered, the meat goat must have a USDA Scrapie Tattoo that matches their registration papers.

If an auction animal, the meat goat must have 2 forms of identification: a USDA Scrapie Tag and a green Delaware County 4-H Tag.

8. Exhibitors will be limited to two entries per class.
9. Classes may be combined or divided depending on number of entries received.
10. Market classes will be assigned based upon Monday's 1 pm weigh-ins during county fair.
11. To compete at the New York State Fair, meat goat breeding stock do not need to be registered with any breed organization. Goats must be owned individually by the exhibitor and registered in the exhibitor's name before June 15 of the current 4-H year. Registered meat goats must be tattooed and accompanied by their registration papers.

CLOVERBUDS

4-H Cloverbuds, ages 5, 6 and 7 will be allowed to participate in a special Cloverbud class in the goat, sheep and swine sections.

1. Cloverbuds will receive an incentive award and will receive a Cloverbud rosette. Participants will not be placed. This is a participation class not a competition class.
2. Cloverbuds must show young animals. Animal should be born after February 1st and the Cloverbud must have worked with the animal. The Cloverbud must be able to control the animal. Halter and leadline are recommended where appropriate.
3. Older members or adults helping in the ring are acceptable.
4. Cloverbuds are not eligible to participate in auction classes or the 4-H Livestock Auction.

MEAT GOAT SHOWMANSHIP CLASS NUMBERS

Showmanship is mandatory. All exhibitors must show in their respective showmanship class. To qualify for Grand Champion Showman, exhibitors must meet show attire rule.

- 230 Cloverbud Showmanship
- 231 Novice Showmanship
- 232 Junior Showmanship – 13 years of age and under
- 233 Senior Showmanship – 14 years and over
Master Showman

MEAT GOAT CONFORMATION CLASS NUMBERS

- 234 Doe Kid, 3 ½ months and under 5 months
- 236 Doe Kid, 5 months and under 8 months
- 238 Doe Kids, 8 months and under 12 months
- 240 Doe, 1 year old under 2; never kidded
- 242 Doe, 1 year old and under 2, kidded
- 244 Doe, 2 years old and over, kidded
- 246 Best Breeding Animal Owned and Bred by Exhibitor
- 248 Dam and Daughter
- 250 Pygmy Goat

MEAT GOAT MARKET CLASS NUMBERS

- 252 Market Animal not registered for auction or not eligible for auction
- 260 Market Animal registered for auction

For each specie (meat goat, beef, sheep, swine) of auction animal, a Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, and Honorable Mention Champion will be selected.

270 Best Market Animal Owned and Bred by Exhibitor

272 Records Class – All exhibitors are required to submit records on the expense involved with raising your animal. All auction exhibitors must submit a 4-H Livestock Auction Project Record.

Auction exhibitors handing in an incomplete Project Record will be disqualified from the auction.

Project Records must be turned into the 4-H Summer Assistant by Monday of fair week at the livestock show ring between 3 to 5 pm. No Project Record will be accepted after 5 pm per the 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee. Animal will be entered into a non-auction class and will be disqualified from the 4-H Livestock Auction. Superintendent or a designee will judge these records during the fair and premiums will be awarded.

4-H MASTER LIVESTOCK SHOWMAN

Meat Goat – Beef – Sheep – Swine

Saturday, August 20, 2022; 9 am

1. Consists of the top senior (13 years and older) showman of the meat goat, beef, sheep and swine shows.
2. A 4-Her can only win the award once.
Please Note: Award winners from previous years are required to compete in regular showmanship classes in their respective shows.
Previous year winner invited back to hand out trophy.
3. Four animals from each species are selected for the competition. None of the animals chosen for the competition will be personally owned by the exhibitors. Each animal will be assigned to the respective showman randomly.
4. A panel of four judges will be selected by the livestock committee to judge the competition. Each judge will have knowledge of at least one of the species.
5. The four species will be shown one after the other. Each exhibitor will be given a numerical ranking of 1 through 4 after each individual specie show. One being the highest and four being the lowest score. The showman with the lowest overall total will be the winner.
6. If a showman is the winner of both the swine and the beef or any other two showmanship classes the reserve champion of one of the species would take their place in the master showmanship competition.
7. Prize awarded to the winner.

MATTHEW TWEEDIE SPORTSMAN AWARD

Matt was an active 4-Her and CCE Summer Assistant. His passion was showing his beef at the fair. He was a tremendous sportsman and a believer in sharing his knowledge with others. Matt helped numerous people during his life to learn more, do more, and do better than they otherwise would have. To honor him, his family and friends have set up a fund to encourage showmanship at the fair to exhibit the good sportsmanship that Matt did.

A plaque will be given to the youth exhibitor in each market class specie area (meat goat, beef, sheep and swine) who displays the qualities most inherent in a good sportsman. These qualities include:

1. Trying your best and trying to improve.
2. Being respectful of yourself, fellow exhibitors, and the event by following the rules.
3. Being gracious in winning or losing.
4. Willingness to help others to improve themselves as an exhibitor and producer.
5. Displaying the qualities of good herdsmanship by keeping your area clean, organized, and attractive.
6. Promoting your specie by willingly and knowledgeably sharing information with others.