

2018 State Fair of Virginia Junior Meat Goat Show

Entries due August 15

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2018 Official Schedule

See Master Schedule for items pertaining to Junior Meat Goat schedule

Junior Meat Goat Show Rules:

The State Fair General Rules, the Livestock Rules and the Show Ring Code of Ethics apply to this department. By submitting an entry you agree to read and abide by these rules.

1. See General Livestock Rules for information pertaining to health regulations (including Scrapie Identification requirements and issues pertaining to contagious and infectious diseases). The National Show Ring Code of Ethics shall govern the livestock show as found in the General Livestock Rules. The State Fair of Virginia reserves the right to test any entry for violative drug residues as described in the National Show Ring Code of Ethics.
2. **Participants must enter the FairEntry system through the Youth Livestock web site. For State Fair entry system go to www.ext.vt.edu/youthlivestock under 'Shows' and then 'State fair' prior to August 15th. Entries must be made online, printed, signed (FFA Only) and mailed by August 15.**
3. The State Fair of Virginia Junior Meat Goat Show is open to all Virginia 4-H and Virginia FFA youth which are in good standing with their respective organizations and meet the entry requirements of each species division. Exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age by September 30 of the current year (exception for 8 & under sheep costume class) and must not have had their 19th birthday before January 1 of current year. Exhibitor eligibility and entries must be verified through the signature of a county Exhibitor eligibility and entries must be verified through the 4-HOnline system or signature of an FFA advisor on the entry form.
4. All youth exhibiting beef, meat goats, sheep, and swine **must be** YMQA (Youth Meat Quality Assurance) certified before August 15th. For more information about YMQA or to be YMQA certified please contact your local county Extension agent.
5. Goats which have participated in any sale or premium auction associated with another fair or livestock show after the State Fair of Virginia ownership deadline are ineligible for exhibition. This rule applies even if there was not a change in ownership (i.e. goats are ineligible even if they are "bought back" or "no-saled").
6. Exhibitors must show their own entries unless the exhibitor has more than one animal in the same class, or permission is given by the show superintendent. Substitute show persons must be eligible 4-H or FFA members with junior meat goat entries.
7. All youth beef, sheep, goat and swine entries are subject to on-farm inspections to verify entry information. All exhibitors agree to accommodate such inspections.
8. All animal are subject to be used for educational purposes (skillathon contest, judging classes, etc.) upon request by show staff/superintendents. Upon entry, exhibitors agree to providing animals for these purposes upon request.

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9. All goats must remain in the designated penning area and immediate area upon arrival until released from the Fair. Goats are not allowed to be taken to trailers, cattle barns, cattle tie-out area, or other areas away from the goat barn at any time. All tack and fitting areas for goats must remain in the designated area adjacent to the barns as defined by show management.
10. Exhibitors are expected to care for their animals in an acceptable manner and adhere to quality assurance guidelines. Application of ice or iced water in any form is prohibited (sprays, packs, blankets, or towels). Use of irritants including alcohols, sprays, and other irritants is prohibited. The use of external or internal tail stimulants is prohibited.
11. The use of muzzles is prohibited.
12. Drenching of goats is prohibited.
13. The use of coloring agents is prohibited.
14. The use of adhesives and glues for purpose of fitting hair is allowed, however the addition of twine, hair, or any substance (such as to "build" legs) is prohibited.
15. Goats shall be penned on natural bedding (i.e. straw, wood shavings, wood chips, or bark- no carpet).
16. Pen assignments will be by county based on number of entries.
17. Health or other issues that arise with goats which require treatment while at the State Fair of Virginia shall be done with the knowledge and supervision of the show veterinarian and superintendent. The show management reserves the right to remove entries from the fairgrounds for this purpose.
18. Show rails (racks) will not be allowed inside the barns. All show rails must be kept outdoors.

SPECIAL RULES - MARKET GOATS and COMMERCIAL DOES

1. To be eligible for exhibition, market goats and commercial does must have been nominated, weighed, and identified at an official State Fair of Virginia site. Nominations will be taken at several sites around the state in late June. Past exhibitors and county extension offices will be notified as to the dates, times and locations nominations will be taken. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to properly nominate his or her goats at one of the locations. At the time of nomination goats will be weighed, and individually identified with an official ear tag. Only goats that have been nominated and properly weighed and identified will be eligible for competition at the State Fair of Virginia. Each exhibitor may nominate a total of twelve (12) goats (wethers and does, to be shown as either market goats or commercial does). Each exhibitor may nominate goats at only one location.
2. Market goats and Commercial Does should be born on or after January 1 and must have their milk teeth and no eruption of permanent teeth.
3. Market goats and Commercial Does must be owned, separated, and cared for by the exhibitor on or before the date of nomination and continuously thereafter.
4. Market Goats may be wethers or does. Wethers must show no evidence of testicular tissue and be completely healed from castration.
5. Wethers must be dehorned, or have horns blunted.
6. Goats exhibited in the market goat division may not be shown in the commercial or registered breeding doe divisions. Commercial Does may not be shown in the Market Goat or Registered Breeding Doe divisions.
7. Market Goats and Commercial Does will be shown by weight. **Market Goats and Commercial Does must weigh a minimum of 45 pounds (no maximum weight limit).** Re-weights will not be allowed. Class weight breaks and Division assignments will be made at the discretion of show officials. An attempt will be made to limit classes to a maximum of 20 goats and Divisions assigned with a goal of having approximately the same number

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of goats in each Division. All goats weighing under 45 pounds will be allowed to show in a feeder goat class but will not be eligible for premiums or awards.

8. The market goat show will be terminal for the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion goats. Exhibitors of these goats qualify for the Scholarship Program (see Scholarship documents for specific policies, regulations, and details). The show is also terminal for Class Winners participating in the Scholarship Program. Participation in the scholarship program for class winners is optional.
9. Final designation of market goat and commercial doe entries will be made at official weighing.
10. All first and second place class winners must be shown to compete for their respective Grand Champion and Division Champion honors. Failure to do so will be considered a violation of the National Show Ring Code of Ethics and appropriate action taken.
11. A maximum of 4 total market goats and commercial does may be shown per exhibitor.

SPECIAL RULES - REGISTERED BREEDING DOES

1. Does must be owned, separated, and cared for by the exhibitor before July 1 of the current year and continuously thereafter.
2. Registered Does of any meat breed are eligible. Does must be recorded with, and have registration papers issued from, a national breed association. Junior show guidelines established by individual breeds will be followed regarding registration requirements for exhibition. All does must be registered with their respective breed and carry their corresponding tag and/or tattoo.
3. Breeds must have a minimum of 10 does from at least 3 exhibitors to qualify for a breed show. Breeds not meeting this requirement will be exhibited in the All Other Breeds division.
4. All does must be the property of, registered, and certificates issued in the name of the exhibitor prior to July 1 of the current year. Registration papers must be available for inspection at the fair. Ownership of registered does may be joint with an immediate family member, provided exhibitor's name is found on the certificate. For does with joint ownership, entries may be made in the name of only one exhibitor (this also applies to pair/group classes).
5. The date of birth must be verified for all entries by their registration papers.
6. Does exhibited in the youth registered breeding doe division may not be shown in the market goat division or commercial doe division.
7. All exhibitors must check their entries and registration papers with show officials by the designated time.
8. Classes with more than twenty head may be split at the discretion of show officials.
9. Exhibitors are limited to a total of two (2) premiums per class in individual classes, and a maximum of 6 total registered breeding doe entries.

SPECIAL RULES - SHOWMANSHIP

1. Only exhibitors entered in the Junior Meat Goat show are eligible to compete in showmanship classes.
2. Showmanship competition for market goat, commercial doe and registered breeding doe exhibitors will be combined.
3. Showmanship classes will be divided by age as follows:
 - A. Novice Division- for exhibitors showing for the first time at the State Fair, and who are 12 years of age or younger on September 30 of current year
 - B. Junior Division- exhibitors 12 years of age and younger on September 30 of current year
 - C. Intermediate Division- exhibitors 13 to 15 years of age on September 30 of current year
 - D. Senior Division- exhibitors 16 years of age and older on September 30 of current year
4. Classes with a large number of participants may be divided into smaller preliminary classes.

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5. Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship. The animal must be entered in the junior meat goat show. Exhibitor's goats that are eliminated from the show due to weight requirements may be used in showmanship.

SPECIAL RULES - PREMIER EXHIBITOR PROGRAM

1. The Premier Exhibitor Program is designed to recognize junior meat goat exhibitors which demonstrate comprehensive skills related to the meat goat project and industry; including knowledge of production/management practices, genetics, carcass and end product traits, animal health, and nutrition, along with animal evaluation, showmanship, and live animal show ring performance.
2. Premier Exhibitors will be divided into the following age categories for recognition and awards:
 - A. Junior Division- exhibitors 12 years of age and younger on September 30 of current year
 - B. Intermediate Division- exhibitors 13 to 15 years of age on September 30 of current year
 - C. Senior Division- exhibitors 16 years of age and older on September 30 of current year
3. Ranking of exhibitors within each age category will be based on the following:
 - A. 35% Goat Skillathon Contest – The sheep Skillathon will take place at a predetermined time, and exhibitors are responsible for completing the various stations of the contest during the advertised time. The skillathon will test exhibitors' knowledge in four basic areas: nutrition, products, genetics/reproduction, and management. Portions of the skillathon contest may be separate for Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors.
 - B. 30% Goat Quiz – The quiz will be a component of the Skillathon.
 - C. 20% Showmanship – Exhibitors must participate in showmanship.
 - D. 15% Goat Placing – Highest placing on any goat exhibited (market goat, commercial doe, or registered doe).
 - E. Ties in total score within an age category will be broken sequentially on quiz score, skillathon score, and showmanship score.
4. Exhibitors must participate in all areas of Premier Exhibitor program to be eligible for recognition and awards. Exhibitors participating in all categories will automatically be considered for awards.
5. Appropriate recognition and awards will be provided for each age division.

SPECIAL RULES - SHEEP/GOAT COSTUME CLASSES

1. Exhibitors will write a narrative to be read during the competition. Narrative forms will be sent after entries are received.
2. A panel of judges will use the following standards when judging the classes:
 - a. Exhibitor's and animal's costume. Costume may be made by the exhibitor or purchased. Score = 40%
 - b. Poise and appearance (accessories, presentation, appropriate for exhibitor's age and style of garment, etc.). Score = 35%
 - c. Control and presentation of sheep or goat. Score = 25%
3. Sheep and Goat Costume class will be broken by age into the following classes (costume class will be combined for sheep and goats- one entry per exhibitor):
 - a. 8 & Under Division- for contestants not yet old enough for competition at State Fair of Virginia (less than 9 on September 30 of current year)
 - b. Junior Division- exhibitors 13 years of age and younger on September 30 of current year.
 - c. Senior Division- exhibitors 14 years of age and older on September 30 of current year.

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ENTRIES

1. Participants must enter the FairEntry system. For FairEntry system go to www.ext.vt.edu/youthlivestock under 'Shows' and then 'State Fair' prior to August 15th. **Entries must be made online, printed, signed (FFA only) and mailed by August 15.**
2. A \$12 entry fee (per head) will be charged to all animals entered. **Entry fees need to be made payable to Virginia 4-H Foundation.**
3. Include exhibitor birth date on the entry form for use in showmanship classes.
3. Exhibitors are limited to 4 total market goats and commercial does (shown in any combination, total not to exceed 4 head). Nomination tag numbers will be required in the commercial doe and market lamb entries.
4. Registered Breeding Doe entries: Enter class from following list. Include animal tag/tattoo, registration number, and animal birth date on entry form. Enter appropriate breed- Boer, Kiko, Myotonic, Pygmy. If breed is not listed, enter All Other Breeds (AOB) Division and indicate breed on entry. Maximum of 2 entries per exhibitor for individual classes, and total of 6 registered breeding does total.
 - a. Registered Breeding Doe classes:
 - Yearling Does- born 9/1/16-8/31/17
 - Senior Kid- born 9/1/17-12/31/18
 - Intermediate Kid- born 1/1-3/15/18
 - Junior Kid- born 3/16/18 and later

FAIRENTRY SYSTEM

We are utilizing FairEntry to capture entries. This system is tied to 4-HOnline. Please see the tips below for more information on how to best utilize the system. A help sheet with screenshots can be found at:

<http://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/youth-livestock/shows/state-fair.html>

If you are a 4-H Member:

1. Sign-in using your 4-HOnline Family information.
 - a. **CLICK ON THE GREEN "SIGN IN TO 4-HOnline" BUTTON FIRST!**
 - b. If you forgot your password, there is a link to reset it.
 - c. If you reset your password, please remember to reset it in 4HOnline. Please contact Jessica Dotson (ejessica@vt.edu), with any questions.
2. Please choose your family member (exhibitor). Only one child can be entered at a time.
3. Please verify your contact information, including mailing address. **This step is very important, as premium checks will be mailed to this address.**
4. Be sure to enter **ALL EXHIBITORS** within the family prior to clicking submit.
 - a. Once you click submit, your entries are locked until they are approved. Additional family member entries cannot be accepted until they have been approved.
5. Once all family members and exhibitors have been entered, make sure you click submit to finalize your entries. Entries are not final until you have clicked submit.

If you are a FFA member:

1. You will need to create a new account under FairEntry.
 - a. Please use a valid email account, as you will be receiving confirmation messages about your entries.
2. Once you have completed the entry process, make sure you click submit to finalize your entries. Entries are not final until you have clicked submit.



Tips for Exhibitors making Online Entries:

- Recommended browsers: Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox. Older versions of Internet Explorer may cause unexpected results.
- Register all entries for each exhibitor in the family before proceeding to the Payment section.
- Be sure to click the "Submit" button when you have completed your entries. Entries are not final until they have been submitted.
- Check your email inbox for a confirmation email with a list of your entries and any related fees.
- You will receive a second email when your entries have been approved by your fair.

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You will receive a confirmation email with your entries and invoice. Please make sure that you complete the following to finalize your entry into the State Fair:

1. **Print a copy** of the email from FairEntry.
2. **IF YOU ARE AN FFA member, have FFA advisor sign the top of the email.**
3. Enclose a \$12/head registration fee (check payable to VA 4-H Foundation)
4. Mail printed entry form and **payment payable to VA 4-H Foundation** to the following address:

ATTN: Scott Greiner
State Fair of Virginia Entries
366 Litton Reaves Hall (MC 0306)
Blacksburg, VA 24061-0306

PREMIUMS, AWARDS, & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Meat Goat Premium Schedule

	Placing									
	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>
Market Goats	\$50	\$25	\$22	\$19	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$9	\$8
Commercial Does & Registered Does	\$30	\$25	\$22	\$19	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$9	\$8
Costume	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$4
Showmanship	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$23	\$20	\$17	\$14	\$12	\$10

PREMIUMS AND SPECIAL AWARDS FOR MARKET GOATS

Entries must be sold for slaughter to receive the cash premiums listed below.

Grand Champion Market Goat:	\$250, Banner, Scholarship & Market price for animal
Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat:	\$150, Banner, Scholarship & Market price for animal
Division Champion Market Goats:	\$75, Banner
Reserve Division Champion Market Goats:	\$50, Banner
Class Winners: (Scholarship eligible)	Scholarship & Market price for animal

Premiums and Scholarships are not cumulative for the same entry.

PREMIUMS AND SPECIAL AWARDS FOR BREEDING DOES

Supreme Grand Champion Breeding Doe: \$200 & Banner

Reserve Supreme Champion Breeding Doe: \$150 & Banner

The Champion and Reserve Champion Commercial Does and breed Champions and Reserves from the Registered Breeding Doe shows will compete for Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion honors.

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM- MEAT GOATS

Market Goats:

All market goat entries/animals qualifying and designated for the Scholarship Program must be sold and slaughtered. If the animal is condemned for any reason, neither payment nor scholarship will be awarded and the competitor must accept the consequences without recourse against the State Fair of Virginia.

Upon qualifying for and agreeing to participate in the Scholarship Program, the exhibitor will be compensated for his/her entry as set forth in the Scholarship Program.

Overall Grand Champion Market Goat	\$750.00 Scholarship	(1)
Overall Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat	\$500.00 Scholarship	(1)
Class Winners – Market Goats	\$150.00 Scholarship each	(Max of 10)

Scholarships are not cumulative for the same animal. Exhibitors may receive multiple market goat scholarships, which may include any combination of the Grand and Class Winner awards detailed above.

Premier Exhibitor Scholarships - 9 Scholarships (by age group):

Junior	1 st	\$300.00	2 nd	\$200.00	3 rd	\$100.00
Intermediate	1 st	\$350.00	2 nd	\$250.00	3 rd	\$150.00
Senior	1 st	\$400.00	2 nd	\$300.00	3 rd	\$200.00

Meat Goat Promotion & Herdsman Awards

1st Place:	\$100 and Rosette
2nd Place:	\$ 80 and Rosette
3rd Place:	\$ 40 and Rosette

Awarded to the exhibitor whose pen area demonstrates outstanding cleanliness and visitor appeal, and promotes the meat goat industry. Educational content of the exhibit, as well as cleanliness and appearance of the entire pen area and display, will be judged. Exhibitors should be knowledgeable about their exhibit and meat goats in general, courteous and friendly to fellow exhibitors and State Fair guests.