
GOATS

Judged Friday, July 31, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent: Bill Kuhn

Assistant Superintendent: David Vandeburg

Appropriate attire is expected in the show ring and sale ring. Safety should be the issue for the attire. Suggested attire: hard shoes, long pants and a collared shirt. (No shorts, open toed shoes, or hats.)

A 4-H member must be the owner of the animals exhibited at the fair. Professional fitters **will not be allowed** to assist in the 4-H Show. 4-H'ers may be assisted with the fitting of the animal by an immediate family member (mother, father, siblings or legal guardian) or by another 4-H member of DeKalb County.

All youth showing a goat project are required to be certified in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals during the current year.

Decisions made by the superintendents will be final.

Illinois Health Requirements for Goats:

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) means a legible record, made on an official form from the state of origin, containing an accurate description or identification of the animal including age, sex, breed, health status, and vaccination information. The CVI must be signed, dated, and issued by a licensed and accredited veterinarian in that state.
- Submitted CVIs must be as originally issued by the veterinarian; no CVIs with alterations, edits, or changes, will be accepted. The CVI must show that the animal meets all health requirements for the State of Illinois, CVI must show the name and address of the animal's owner or exhibitor.
- CVI must include the animal's Animal Identification Number.
- If one CVI is used for multiple animals, each animal identification must be made on a separate line.
- Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to obtain electronic CVIs whenever possible; IDOA is moving toward only accepting electronic CVIs. Exhibitors shall make CVIs available to Department of Agriculture and County Fair staff on request. If an official electronic CVI is utilized, the exhibitor should be able to log on and show County Fair staff or Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare Personnel the completed CVI.
- If animals are from tuberculosis accredited, brucellosis certified, pseudorabies qualified, or brucellosis validated herds, the identifying herd number(s) along with the date of the last herd test(s) shall appear on the CVI.
- CVIs for out-of-state livestock shall be void thirty (30) days after issuance.
- CVIs for Illinois-origin livestock shall be void ninety (90) days after issuance.

Identification

- Individual identification of each animal shall be by an ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.
- Tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal. If the tattoos are not visible, another form of official identification must be presented.
- Ears should be used for tattooing when possible. If there is no space in the ear, the flank or tail fold may be used.

- When using ear tags, the tag must indicate the premises ID and state of origin. The tag number must be assigned by a state or APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database.

Scrapie: Goats originating from a herd that has previously been classified as either an infected or source herd can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved herd plan.

CVI must include the herd of birth and the herd of origin, if different.

4-H'ers leaving the fairgrounds before the completion of the livestock auction will forfeit auction premiums above floor/market price. All youth and animals are expected and required to remain on the fairgrounds until the completion of the auction.

RULES

1. Entries are limited to a total of twelve animals (10 breeding and 2 market) and no more than two in each age class regardless of breed.
2. 4-H Premiums paid will be using an X factor. Premium values will be:
Blue: 7X, Red: 6X, and White: 5X
3. A goat shown in breeding class cannot be shown in market classes and vice-versa.
4. Market goats for class 112 may be either does or wethers, (wethers are preferred). All market goats must be castrated and fully healed prior to their entry on the fairgrounds. This class is limited to two goats per exhibitor. It is suggested that market goats be born after January 1 of the current year and not be more than one year old.
5. Market goats weigh-in time will be conducted by the superintendents on Friday, July 31 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. All records will be completed by the weighing committee and proper entries made according to these initial weight records.
6. All youth showing a goat project are required to be certified in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals during the current year.
7. For safety purposes **GOATS WITH HORNS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED, UNLESS THEY ARE REGISTERED FEMALE BOER GOATS BEING SHOWN IN CLASSES 107- 111.** This rule applies for both the dairy goat, meat goat and market goat classes.
8. 4-H'ers showing only breeding goats can participate in the auction if they are exhibiting in one of the following classes – Dairy Goats 100 or 101 or Meat Goats 107 or 108. Animals can only be auctioned one time in their 4-H experience.
9. If 4-H'er has a market goat in **Class 112** they are only eligible to sell this goat in the auction.
10. 4-H'ers must retain ownership of their animal. All youth showing a goat project are required to be certified in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals during the current year.
11. ***4-H members are limited to receive one premium per class exhibited in premium eligible projects. Example: If a 4-H'er has 2 Junior Kids in class 100 the 4-H'er will only receive one premium for that class. This rule was established by the Agriculture Premium Fund.***
12. Age of both Dairy and Meat Goats are determined by how old they are as of August 1 of the current show year.
13. **All goats shown in the Dairy or Meat Goat classes must be does (female).** No bucks are allowed in these breeding classes.

4-H DAIRY GOAT CLASSES

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| 100 | JUNIOR KID (Under 6 months old) |
| 101 | SENIOR KID - (6 months to just under 1 year of age) |
| 102 | DRY YEARLING (1-2 years) |
| 103 | MILKING YEARLING (1-2 years) |
| 104 | MILKING DOE - (2-3 years) |
| 105 | MILKING DOE - (over 3 years) |

4-H MEAT GOAT CLASSES

- 107** KID (0-6 months)
- 108** KID (7-12 months)
- 109** DOE (1 year and under 2 years)

- 110** DOE (2 years and under 3 years)
- 111** DOE (3 years and older)

- 112** **MARKET GOAT** – All Market Goats are eligible for 4-H Auction. 4-H’ers may sell one Market Goat in the Livestock Auction but cannot sell more than a total of 2 different species in the auction. 4-H’ers must retain ownership of their animal. All youth showing a goat project are required to be certified in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals during the current year.

GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

1. Showmanship Judging will be based on Appearance of Animals - 40%, Appearance of Exhibitor - 10%; and Showing Animals in Ring - 50%. The showmanship class will take place at the end of the show.
2. There will be three divisions: Junior Division (members 11 years and under as of Sept. 1, 2025); Intermediate Division (members 12-14 years as of Sept. 1, 2025); Senior Division (members 15 years and over as of Sept. 1, 2025)
3. Participants will always compete in their age-appropriate division, and there is no limit to the number of times they may win their age division.
4. The winner in the senior division is eligible to compete in the Showmanship Sweepstakes, which will be held on Sunday, August 2, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the swine arena.
5. Classes are open to all who are interested that are enrolled and exhibiting a goat project.
6. An exhibitor entering showmanship competition is required to show his own animal fitted by herself/himself.
7. The judge will select an award winner for each age group.

GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Senior Showmanship: 15 years & over	<u>4-H</u> Award
Reserve Senior Showmanship	Rosette
Intermediate Showmanship: 12-14 years	Award
Reserve Intermediate Showmanship	Rosette
Junior Showmanship: 11 years & under	Award
Reserve Junior Showmanship	Rosette

GOAT CHAMPIONS

Dairy Goat Junior Champion	<u>4-H</u> Rosette
Dairy Goat Junior Reserve Champion	Rosette
Dairy Goat Senior Champion	Rosette
Dairy Goat Senior Reserve Champion	Rosette
Grand Champion Dairy Goat	Award
Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Goat	Rosette
Meat Goat Junior Champion	Rosette
Meat Goat Junior Reserve Champion	Rosette
Meat Goat Senior Champion	Rosette
Meat Goat Senior Reserve Champion	Rosette

Grand Champion Meat Goat	Award
Reserve Grant Champion Meat Goat	Rosette
Grand Champion Market Goat	Award
Reserve Grand Champ. Market Goat	Rosette

The Department of Agriculture shall use its best efforts to secure sufficient appropriations to fund premiums. In any year for which the General Assembly of the State of Illinois fails to make an appropriation sufficient to pay such premiums, premiums amounts may not be accurately reflected in this Premium Book.