

Polk County Fair Book

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Meat Goat Department

Superintendent: James McDaniel & Ed Sagar

1. Exhibitor must be YQCA Certified.
2. All market goats must be weighed and tagged at the **Polk County Fair** goat/sheep **pre-fair** weigh-in day.
 - a. 4-H animals must be ID in 4honline by May 15 to be eligible to show.
 - b. FFA animals must be ID by paper form by May 15 to be eligible to show.
3. **All Market animals must be weighed and verified at the Polk County Fair by the Goat superintendents.**
4. All breeding animals will **be checked in** by the superintendents done in conjunction with Market animal weigh-ins at the fair.
5. Exhibitors must register for classes in FairEntry and **all fees paid** by July 1 to be eligible to show.
6. Breeding does must have permanent ink tattoos that adhere to the USDA scrapies program requirements or have an approved 4-H or FFA ear tag. The chosen id method must be listed on the 4-H Meat Goat Verification form or be submitted through the FFA animal nomination process.
7. Performance Combination Class (#112 and #113)
 - a. All goats **in these classes** must be weighed in and tagged at a goat/sheep weigh-in day.
 - b. Exhibitors can enter up to three goats for this class.
 - c. Goats will be scanned to determine backfat, loin eye, etc. Final placing will be determined by combining scan data and rate of gain.
 - d. A \$7.00 fee/goat scanned is due on July 1 when submitting the Fair entries.
 - e. Goats shown in this class will also be eligible for regular classes. Since the 1st and 2nd place goats will be eligible to be shown in the normal market goat show, the Performance Combination Class will not be included in the Champion Market Drive.
8. Exhibitors must wear only white or gray Polk County Fair T-shirts, 4-H T-shirts, or FFA T-shirts. Long jeans and closed toe shoes must be worn by exhibitors in the show ring. No hats, shorts, or ripped jeans of any kind allowed.
9. **Any** Eligible Polk County 4-H or FFA members exhibiting at the Polk County Fair may help other exhibitors show with multiple entries in the same class provided they are YQCA certified.
10. All goats must be dehorned or blunted before arrival.
11. Only goats eligible for the show are allowed on fairgrounds.
12. Champion ribbons will be awarded **ONLY** if the judge feels the exhibit merits the award.
13. All goats must be Vet checked in Rock Island Lot prior to stalling.
14. All goats must have a completed drug affidavit at the time of check-in at the Polk County Fair. Affidavits can be found at the extension office or on the [Polk County Fair Website](http://polkcountyfairiowa.com/forms) (polkcountyfairiowa.com/forms)
15. Stall assignments will be at the discretion of the Goat Department Superintendents
16. All stalls must have visible Polk County Exhibitor Stall Cards to include emergency contact information on the back.
17. Meat Goats in Division 1 in classes 111 and 112 must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds by fair.
18. Breeding Bucks over one year of age as of the day of the show are not eligible.
19. Breeding does over 24 months of age that have never kidded are not eligible.
20. The show date will be used to determine breeding doe and breeding buck class age breaks.
 - a. Classes may be combined at the discretion of the Goat Department Superintendents.
21. All animals will be judged on individuality only.
22. All livestock must remain in pens until the release time.
23. Any goat in either division is eligible for auction.
24. Division 1 Market and Breeding Grand Champions will be eligible for Heartland Throwdown; however, Division 2 goats will not be eligible for the Heartland Throwdown.
25. Division 1 Champion will compete against Division 2 Champion for a Supreme Champion Meat Goat.
26. Goats entered into class #111 and #211 will be broken into classes by weight after official weigh-in at the discretion of the Goat Department Superintendents

28. Goat Costume Class

- a. Open to all youth.
- b. No toy animals may be entered but may be part of the costume.
- c. Goat and Handler must wear a costume.
- d. Goats must be treated humanely.

29. Showmanship Contest

- a. Exhibitors must be sign-up for the class in order to participate.
- b. Exhibitors showing their livestock in all classes, including showmanship, are eligible to compete for showmanship awards.
- c. Previous winners are not eligible for this competition in the age divisions they have previously won, they will exhibit in one age division up.
- d. Showmanship will be broken into three grade divisions, as of September 1, the previous school year.
- e. See rules for master showmanship in the supreme showmanship department.

Class Number and Description

001	Junior Showmanship Grades 4-6
002	Intermediate Showmanship Grades 7-8
003	Senior Showmanship Grades 9-12 & FFA
004	Master Showmanship (Must have won Senior Showmanship)

Division 1: Boer

Division 2: Savannahs, Kiko, Spanish, Pygmy, Myotonic, any Meat/Dairy crosses

Division 1: Class Number and Description

101	Breeding Junior Does – April 20- May 15 of current year
102	Breeding Junior Does 3 to under 6 months
103	Breeding Junior Does 6 to under 9 months
104	Breeding Junior Does 9 to under 12 months
105	Breeding Intermediate Does 12 to under 24 months
106	Breeding Senior Does over 24 months
107	Breeding Junior Buck 0 to under 3 months
108	Breeding Junior Buck 3 to under 6 months
109	Breeding Junior Buck 6 to under 9 months
110	Breeding Junior Buck 9 to under 12 months
111	Market Wether/Does under 12 months
112	Performance Evaluation
113	Goat Costume Class

Division 2: Class Number and Description

201	Breeding Junior Does – April 20- May 15 of current year
202	Breeding Junior Does 3 to under 6 months
203	Breeding Junior Does 6 to under 9 months
204	Breeding Junior Does 9 to under 12 months
205	Breeding Intermediate Does 12 to under 24 months
206	Breeding Senior Does over 24 months
207	Breeding Junior Buck 0 to under 3 months
208	Breeding Junior Buck 3 to under 6 months
209	Breeding Junior Buck 6 to under 9 months
210	Breeding Junior Buck 9 to under 12 months
211	Market Wether/Does under 12 months
212	Performance Evaluation
213	Goat Costume Class

Youth Open Class Meat Goat

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1. Exhibitors must be registration for classes in Fairentry and all fees paid by July 1 to be eligible to show.
2. Exhibitors may exhibit a goat shown in the 4-H/FFA meat goat shows or bring a goat to show.
3. Any 4 y/o through 3rd grader (as of July 1) may exhibit in this class.
4. Exhibitors must wear only white or gray Polk County Fair T-shirts, 4-H T-shirts, or FFA T-shirts . Long jeans and closed toe shoes must be worn by exhibitors in the show ring. No hats, shorts, or ripped jeans of any kind allowed.
5. Any doe, buck, or wether under one year of age is eligible.
6. Please sign in at the livestock office upon arrival to receive the pen assignment and pick up a stall card.
7. Health certificates are required. Please provide them to the superintendent at check-in.
8. Exhibitors may exhibit only one animal.
9. Goats may be shown with a halter or lead.
10. Depending on the number of entries, classes will be divided by the age of the exhibitor.
11. Each youth will be interviewed about their knowledge of the care of goats.
12. Conformation of the goat is NOT considered.
13. No premiums paid (ribbons only).
14. Parent or guardian must be present during the show.
15. Fair board is not liable for injuries.
16. Goats not being shown in the 4-H/FFA show are released following the completion of the show.

Class Number and Description

002	Youth Open Meat Goat Class
003	Youth Open Costume Class