

MEAT GOATS

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The fitting and preparation of all animals for exhibit is the responsibility of the Exhibitor. Exhibitors may receive guidance only from immediate family members, Maryland 4-H/FFA Members and appointed UME Volunteers/FFA Advisors.

Division Rules & Regulations:

1. Exhibitors and their exhibits must comply with the "General State Fair Rules & Regulations", "General 4-H and FFA Rules & Regulations", "Animal Rules & Regulations", the "Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics", the "Health Regulations for Livestock Exhibited in Maryland", these "Division Rules & Regulations" and the applicable "Section Rules & Regulations".
2. **Entries:** Entries for this division will be **received on Thursday, August 24th, from 7am – 2 pm** in the Sheep, Goat and Swine Barn. Stall assignments will be posted. **All animals must be in place by 2pm Thursday.** Animals will be released in the evening on Sunday, August 27th, 2017. Refer to "Schedule of Events" for additional information. **DO NOT BRING ANIMALS, TACK/DECOR BEFORE THURSDAY!**

Pre-entry is required. **YOU MUST USE THE INTERNET ENTRY SYSTEMS FOUND AT www.marylandstatefair.com** Internet entries are due **July 31st.** Please see the "General Rules" section of the Maryland State Fair website for full information on 2017 Entry system. Exhibitors without internet access should contact their County Extension Educator for assistance. All release forms to be completed via the online entry system at the time of registration. Reminder you must have completed your Quality Assurance to be able to exhibit your animals. Check with your county to make sure you are up to date with this requirement.

3. Proper attire must be worn during all shows.
4. All goats must be properly presented for show. Artificial coloring may not be used on any part of the animal.
5. Teeth Requirements: Kids - all milk teeth must be present; Yearlings - goat may not have more than 2 permanent teeth showing at time of show; Aged Does – Goat should have 4 or more permanent teeth.
6. Horns: Meat goats are allowed to have horns. Horns should be tipped blunt. Blunting (also called tipping) simply means removing the pointy tip of the horn. This can be done with a pair of hoof trimmers. Only a small amount of horn should be removed to prevent bleeding. For the safety of the exhibitors, sharp horns will not be allowed.
7. **Bred and Owned Classes: Exhibitors in the Bred and Owned Classes in 4-H/FFA animal divisions must be the breeder and the first and continuous owner of the animal entered. "Breeder" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time of breeding/service. "First Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time the animal was born.**
8. Bedding may be straw or wood shavings. The initial bedding will be straw and will be supplied by the Fair, additional bedding is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their pens; Exhibitors not cleaning their pens will forfeit all premiums.
9. **Goats must have fresh water at all times.**
10. **During the show, goats must have all four feet firmly on the ground when being braces. The front legs may be picked up for the purpose of setting the feet but must be immediately set back down.**
11. **Prong/pinch collars are not permitted for use.**
12. Exhibitors must identify their goats in their pen with a completed 4-H livestock sign which will be provided by the superintendent on Thursday at the Meat Goat Exhibitors meeting.
13. **Exhibitors must attend the Meat Goat Department Exhibitors meeting Thursday, August 24th at 4pm – Goat show ring.**

MEAT GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Section Rules & Regulations:

1. Exhibitors compete according to their 4-H Age (age as of 01/01/17).
2. Exhibitors may show either a market animal or breeding animal in fitting and showing. All exhibitors are required to have done their own fitting of the animal they are showing.
3. Judging criteria: Fitting of Animal (20pts); Performance in the show ring (50pts), Knowledge of the project (20pts) and Exhibitor's Personal Appearance (10pts).
4. Showmanship Grand Champion will be eligible to participate in the All-Star 4-H Showmanship Contest on Sunday August 26, 2017 @7pm. See Division X Section XV All-Star Showmanship Contest for rules

CLASSES

- C40 Showmanship - (4-H Ages 16-18)
- C41 Showmanship - (4-H Ages 14-15)
- C42 Showmanship - (4-H Ages 11-13)
- C43 Showmanship – (4-H Ages 8-10)
- C45 Showmanship Champion Challenge

C50 Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Showmanship Junior Champion - Rosette

C51 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Showmanship Intermediate Champion - Rosette

C52 Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Showmanship Senior Champion - Rosette

C53 Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Showmanship Grand Champion – Rosette

MARKET GOATS

Section Rules & Regulations:

1. Market Goats must weigh a minimum of 40lbs. Market Goats will be shown by weight; not by breed. Market goats will be weighed and divided into weight classes at superintendent's discretion. The number of classes may vary from year to year.
2. Exhibitors may enter, weigh-in and show a maximum of 5 market goats, with no more than 2 in the same weight class. Goats may be moved to the next higher weight class only when the Exhibitor has more than 2 goats in a class.
3. Only wether and doe kids can be shown in the market classes. Doe kids entered in the market classes are not eligible to compete in the breeding classes.
4. All wether kids must be completely healed. At the superintendent's discretion, wether kids showing signs of testicle presence will be examined further to determine eligibility.
5. Market Goats must be less than 1 year in age and have their milk teeth and may not show any breaking or eruption of either of the two permanent front teeth.
6. Market goats must be shown in uniformly short hair, no more than 3/8 inches long above the knees and hocks.
7. Rate of Gain: starting weight and date must be verified by the local 4-H Extension Educator/FFA Advisor.
8. Ten market goats will be eligible to be sold in the 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale. The Grand Champion MUST BE SOLD. The Reserve Grand Champion, Best Bred and Owned Market Goat, and the Champion Rate of Gain will have the option of being sold. Additional sale animals will be selected by the judge. Exhibitors may nominate one market goat for the sale. Exhibitors are limited to a maximum of two species. Refer to the 4H-FFA Livestock Sale Rules & Regulations found in Division X, Section XIV for additional information.
9. All Market Goats must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and registered in exhibitor's name only by June 1 of the current year. All Market Goats (except La Mancha) must be tagged with a Maryland 4-H Livestock Ear Tag prior to arrival at the fairgrounds. La Mancha market goats must have an assigned 4-H Livestock Ear Tag and the number of the ear tag tattooed in the tail web. At check-in Exhibitors of La Manchas must have the 4-H Market Livestock Ear Tag in their possession to confirm that the Ear Tag number matches the tattoo.
10. County Groups consist of four market goats exhibited by at least three different 4-H'ers from the same county.

CLASS

C60 Market Goats

- C65 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Grand Champion Market Goat - Rosette & Trophy
- C66 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat - Rosette
- C67 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Best Bred & Owned Market Goat - Award

Rate of Gain Production Awards & Premiums

Rate of Gain for each market goat will receive one of the following ribbons: Excellent-blue, Very Good-red, Good-white according to the following schedule: Excellent (≥ 0.30); Very Good (0.20-0.29), Good (0.10-0.19). Premiums will be awarded as follows: Excellent (\$7), Very Good (\$6), Good (\$5).

- C68 Rate of Gain
- C69 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Champion & Reserve Champion Rate of Gain

County Groups

- C70 County Group - Premiums paid to county 4-H Program - \$35, \$25, \$15, \$10

BREEDING GOATS

TWO SHOWS: COMMERCIAL AND REGISTERED

Section Rules & Regulations:

1. The breeding show will be divided into two shows: commercial and registered. Any breed or crossbreed is allowed to compete in the commercial show. Breed association registration papers are not required in the commercial show. Registered full bloods and percentages must compete in the registered show. All breeds will compete together in their respective divisions.
Ownership:
 - a. All Breeding Goats must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and registered in the exhibitor's name only by July 1 of the current year. Joint ownership or ownership in the name of the farm is not allowed.
 - b. Registered breeding meat goats that have breed association registration papers will not need to have MD 4-H livestock tags, so long as the breed registration papers match the goat's tattoo or ear tag and date of ownership can be verified. Unregistered breeding meat goats must be tagged with a Maryland 4-H Livestock tag prior to arrival at the fairgrounds. A copy of the MD Livestock Registration Form must be presented as proof of ownership of commercial breeding stock. Registration papers and MD livestock Registration Forms will be checked by the superintendent on Thursday after the meat goat exhibitor meeting.
2. **Entries:**
 - a. Exhibitors are permitted to make 2 entries in each class.
 - b. Goats shown in breeding classes **MAY NOT BE SHOWN** in the market classes.
 - c. Exhibitors may substitute one animal for another within a class.
 - d. Breeding animals must be shown in the proper age category. Kids may not be moved up.
 - e. **Breeding animals that have been pre-registered and are present on the fairgrounds must be shown by the exhibitor unless permission is granted by the superintendent.**

CLASSES

Registered Show

- C70 Junior Doe Kid - Born on or after March 1, 2017
- C71 Intermediate Doe Kid – Born Between January 1 and February 28, 2017
- C72 Senior Doe Kid – Born between September 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016
- C73 Junior Yearling Doe (not kidded) – Born January 1, 2016 and Aug. 31, 2016
- C74 Senior Yearling Doe (not kidded) – Born between Sept. 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015
- C75 Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Registered Doe – Rosette
- C76 Yearling Doe (kidded) – Born between Sept 1, 2015 and Aug 31, 2016
- C77 2 years old Does – Born between Sept 1, 2014 and August 31, 2015
- C78 Does 3 years of age and older – Born on or before August 31, 2014
- C79 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Champion and Reserve Champion Senior Registered Doe – Rosette
- C80 Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Champion & Reserve Champion Registered Doe - Rosette
- C81 Dam and Daughter – Two different aged does (any age), one must be daughter of the other
- C82 Buck kid – born on or after September 1, 2016

CLASSES

Commercial Show

- C70 Junior Doe Kid - Born on or after March 1, 2017
- C71 Intermediate Doe Kid – Born Between January 1, 2017 and February 29, 2017
- C72 Senior Doe Kid – Born between September 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016
- C73 Yearling Doe (not kidded) – Born between Sept. 1, 2015 and Aug. 31, 2016
- C74 Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Commercial Doe – Rosette
- C75 Yearling Doe (kidded) – Born between Sept 1, 2015 and Aug 31, 2016
- C76 Does 2 years of age – Born between Sept 1, 2014 and Aug 31, 2015
- C77 Does 3 years of age and older – Born on or before August 31, 2014
- C78 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Champion and Reserve Champion Senior Commercial Doe – Rosette
- C79 Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Champion & Reserve Champion Commercial Doe - Rosette
- C80 Dam and Daughter – Two different aged does (any age), one must be daughter of the other
- C81 Buck Kid - Born on or after September 1, 2016
- C83 Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Meat Doe – Rosette
- C84 Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Best Bred & Owned Breeding Meat Goat – Award
- C85 Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Champion Buck – Award

PREMIUM SCHEDULE

Classes	1st Place	2nd – 20th Place	
Fitting & Showmanship Classes	\$20	\$15	
Breed & Market Classes	\$17	\$12	
Rate of Gain	Excellent: \$7	Very Good: \$6	Good: \$5
County Groups (Paid to County 4-H Program)	\$35	\$25, \$15, & \$10	