

DIVISION C2 - MEAT GOATS

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The fitting and preparation of all animals for exhibit is the responsibility of the Exhibitor. Exhibitors may only receive guidance from immediate family members, Maryland 4-H/FFA Members and appointed UME Volunteers/FFA Advisors. No hired professional fitters will be permitted to provide guidance.

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".

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 2022 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 the online Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance program to be able to exhibit your animals. Check with your county to make sure you are up to date with this requirement.

2. **Entries:** Entries for this division will be received on **Thursday, August 25th from 7am – 9pm.** Stall assignments will be made upon arrival. **All animals must be in place by 9pm on Thursday.** Animals may be released after the 4H/FFA Market Goat Show on Saturday evening providing pens have been cleaned, but must be removed no later than 6pm on Sunday, August 28th. Refer to the "Schedule of Events" for additional information.
3. Proper attire must be worn during all shows.
4. All goats must be properly presented for show. Artificial additives, coloring, adhesives, or dressings 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. Bred and Owned classes may include both does and buck offspring providing the dam was owned at time of breeding.
8. Bedding may be straw or wood shavings. The initial bedding will be shavings and will be supplied by the Fair, additional bedding is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their pens before they leave on Saturday or Sunday; 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 braced. 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 Friday at the Meat Goat Exhibitors Orientation meeting.
13. **Exhibitors must attend the Meat Goat Department Exhibitors Orientation Meeting on Friday, August 26th at 12:00pm – Sheep/Goat Barn Show Ring.**
14. No tack or trimming stands will be allowed in the isles of the Sheep/Goat Barn.. All tack must be in designated assigned areas or by the wash area in the back of the barn.
15. Exhibitors will be responsible to keep aisles clean and clear at all times for public access.
16. All 4H/FFA exhibitors exhibiting helping hands effort will be eligible for a Meat Goat Department Superintendent selected Herdsman award. This award will be presented on Saturday evening.

MEAT GOAT SHOWMANSHIP – Section 11

Section Rules & Regulations:

1. Exhibitors compete according to their 4-H Age (age as of 01/01/22).
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 4-H/FFA All-Star Showmanship Contest on Sunday August 28th, 2022@7pm. See Division X, Section XV – 4-H/FFA 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 12

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. Exhibitor must exhibit one of the goats in class and have another 4H/FFA member exhibit the other goat when multiple entries are in the same weight 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 Youth 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 ONE species. Refer to the Youth Livestock Sale Rules found in 4-H/FFA 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/FFA Livestock Ear Tag prior to arrival at the fairgrounds. La Mancha market goats must have an assigned 4-H/FFA 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/FFA 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.

CLASSES

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).

CLASSES

C68 Rate of Gain - Award

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

County Group Awards & Premiums

County Groups consist of four market goats exhibited by at least three different 4-H'ers from the same county.

CLASSES

*** 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 meat 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. Overall Breeding Doe and Overall Breeding Buck awards will be determined by the judge at the conclusion of both shows.

Ownership:

- a. All Breeding Meat 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. (Commercial breeding meat goats are not required to be registered)
- 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 commercial breeding meat goats must be tagged with a Maryland 4-H/FFA Livestock tag prior to arrival at the fairgrounds. A copy of the MD 4-H/FFA Livestock Registration Form must be presented as proof of ownership of commercial breeding stock. Registration papers and MD 4-H/FFA Livestock Registration Forms will be checked by the superintendent on Thursday after the meat goat exhibitor meeting or as part of the check-in process.

2. Entries:

- a. Exhibitors are permitted to make 2 entries in each class. Entries must be pre-registered.
- 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 - Breeding Registered Show – Section 14

Does

- C70 Junior Doe Kid - Born on or after March 1, 2022
C71 Intermediate Doe Kid – Born Between January 1 and February 29, 2022
C72 Senior Doe Kid – Born between September 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021
C73 Junior Yearling Doe (not kidded) – Born January 1, 2021 and Aug. 31, 2021
C74 Senior Yearling Doe (not kidded) – Born between Sept. 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020

C75 Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Registered Doe – Rosette

- C76 Yearling Doe (kidded) – Born between Sept 1, 2020 and Aug 31, 2021
C77 2 years old Does – Born between Sept 1, 2019 and August 31, 2020
C78 Does 3 years of age and older – Born on or before August 31, 2019

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

Bucks

- C82 Buck kid – born on or after September 1, 2021

CLASSES – Breeding Commercial Show - Section 13

Does

- C70 Junior Doe Kid - Born on or after March 1, 2022
C71 Intermediate Doe Kid – Born Between January 1, 2022 and February 29, 2022
C72 Senior Doe Kid – Born between September 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021
C73 Yearling Doe (not kidded) – Born between Sept. 1, 2020 and Aug. 31, 2021

C75 Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Commercial Doe – Rosette

- C76 Yearling Doe (kidded) – Born between Sept 1, 2020 and Aug 31, 2021
C77 Does 2 years of age – Born between Sept 1, 2019 and Aug 31, 2020
C78 Does 3 years of age and older – Born on or before August 31, 2019

C79 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Champion and Reserve Champion Senior Commercial Doe – Rosette

C80 Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Champion & Reserve Champion Commercial Doe – Rosette

- C81 Dam and Daughter – Two different aged does (any age), one must be daughter of the other

Bucks

- C82 Buck Kid - Born on or after September 1, 2021

C83 Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Overall Grand Champion & Reserve Overall Grand Champion Meat Doe – Rosette

C84 Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Best Bred & Owned Breeding Meat Goat – Award

C85 Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Overall Grand Champion & Reserve Overall Grand Champion Meat Buck –Rosette

C87 Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Herdsman Award - 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	