

**FFA MEAT GOAT DEPARTMENT**

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Offered by Iowa State Fair --- \$1,153

**SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, August 15**

8:00 a.m. Meat Goats may arrive (Swine Barn)  
Noon Meat Goats must be in  
Noon - 1:30 p.m. Meat Goats check-in  
1:45 p.m. Exhibitor Meeting

**Thursday, August 16**

After 4-H Show Market Meat Goat Show (Swine Barn - West Show Ring)

**Friday, August 17**

After 4-H Show Breeding Meat Goat Show  
After Show Meat Goats (not entered in Open) released  
9:00 p.m. Meat Goats (not entered in Open) must be out

**Sunday, August 19**

4:00 p.m. Meat Goats (entered in Open) released  
6:00 p.m. Meat Goats (entered in Open) must be out

**DEPARTMENT RULES**

1. General rules, regulations and health requirements listed on the Iowa State Fair website and in the FFA section apply in this department, with special emphasis on the following sections: Member Eligibility, Supervision and Lodging, Good Conduct Policy, Medication and Drug Testing, and Showing and Fitting Ethics.
2. **Nominations must be submitted online on or before May 15.** A maximum of 30 meat goats may be nominated.
3. Meat goats must be owned by the nomination due date by the exhibitor, or in a partnership or a corporation. Ownership must be maintained from the nomination date through the exhibition date of the Iowa State Fair.
4. All meat goats must be identified at nomination time with either an official Iowa State Fair issued FFA tag or does may use recognized registry tattoo numbers (both ears). Yearling and aged does must use current Iowa State Fair FFA tags or may use recognized registry tattoo numbers (both ears). All meat goats (market and breeding) must have hair samples collected at nomination time.
5. **Entries must be submitted online on or before July 1.** Entry fee is \$5 per head. Each exhibitor may enter four does, two bucks and four market animals. **Plan up to four animals per pen.**
6. Does shown as breeding cannot be shown as market.
7. **WEIGHT LIMIT.** Market meat goats must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds. Market goat classes will be divided by weight.
8. **AGE.** Meat goats must have kid teeth in normal positions at time of check-in. Any meat goat having lost any kid teeth will be disqualified.
9. **HAIR.** All market meat goats must be uniformly clipped with 3/8 inch length of hair or less above the knee and hock joints to include the head, excluding the tail, prior to arrival on the Fairgrounds. Minimal trimming on goats is allowed. FFA members can be assisted by an immediate family member, fellow active Iowa FFA member and/or chapter advisor in grooming their goats. **All meat goats must arrive on the fairgrounds clipped and show ready. No electric or battery operated clippers can be used on any FFA Meat Goat on the Fairgrounds.**
10. **PENS.** All meat goats must be penned in the assigned pens.
11. FFA chapter signs may be placed above pens to attract people to FFA exhibitor pens. However, individual farm signs and advertising will not be permitted.
12. **BEDDING AND FEED. Shavings are preferred to be used in pens. Rubber mats are acceptable but must have a layer of bedding underneath. Carpeting is NOT ALLOWED.** You may bring your own bedding or there will be bedding available for purchase on the Fairgrounds. Bring your own feed and water buckets.
13. Injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to or near the tail or anus is prohibited. Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified and exhibitors may face further repercussion.
14. There will be no powdering, painting or coloring agent used on any meat goat. Exhibitors in violation will not be allowed to show.
15. No fresh tattoos accepted at check in.
16. Exhibitors are expected to care for their meat goats in an acceptable manner. **NO MUZZLES OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED!** Any abusive care including slapping or excessive modification of meat goats will be grounds for disqualification at the discretion of the show officials.
17. Drenching will not be allowed. There are quality assurance issues involved with this practice. If there are health concerns involved regarding dehydration, the State Fair Veterinarian should be contacted.
18. No scales shall be used by exhibitors, chapter members, family members, chapter advisors or other individuals to weigh goats entered in the FFA show from the time of unloading into the barn until an official show weight is taken.
19. No drugs or medications of any kind may be administered except by the Official Iowa State Fair Veterinarian once an animal arrives on the Iowa State Fairgrounds. All animals are subject to random drug test.
20. **BRACING.** All goats must have four feet on the floor in the show ring at all times. Lifting feet off the ground or placing them on any support or altered ring surface is not acceptable. Exhibitors will receive one warning if they are found lifting or slapping goats. Second offenses will result in automatic exhibitor disqualification from the FFA Meat Goat Show.
21. Premiums will be paid on a basis of \$5, 4, 3, and 2 for all others.
22. A purple, blue, red or white ribbon will be awarded to each entry. Placing ribbons will be provided to the top ten places in each class. Rosettes will be awarded to Division Champions and Reserve Champions. Grand Champion will receive a trophy. **Only purple and blue ribbon winners can be named champion of show/division/class.**

23. Showmanship - The judge will select outstanding showpersons throughout the Market and Breeding classes to compete in a final showmanship class at the conclusion of the shows. A Top Showperson will be selected in the Market and Breeding divisions.

**MARKET MEAT GOATS - DIVISION 1**

**CLASS**

- 1 Market Classes  
*Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Market Meat Goat*

**BREEDING MEAT DOES - DIVISION 2**

**CLASS**

- 2 Does -- February, 2018 - May 15, 2018  
3 Does -- November, 2017 - January, 2018  
4 Does -- August, 2017 - October, 2017  
*Junior Division Champion & Junior Division Reserve Champion*  
5 Does -- April, 2017 - July, 2017  
6 Does -- December, 2016 - March, 2017  
7 Does -- August, 2016 - November, 2016  
*Yearling Division Champion & Yearling Division Reserve Champion*  
8 Does -- August, 2015 - July, 2016  
9 Does -- before August, 2015  
*Senior Division Champion & Senior Division Reserve Champion*  
*Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion*

**BREEDING MEAT BUCKS - DIVISION 3**

**CLASS**

- 10 Bucks -- February, 2018 - May 15, 2018  
11 Bucks -- November, 2017 - January, 2018  
12 Bucks -- August, 2017 - October, 2017  
*Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion*

**CHAPTER AWARDS**

THE SUPREME MARKET MEAT GOAT EXHIBITOR'S AWARD recognizes the cooperative efforts of a chapter. The premiums are awarded to the chapters with outstanding over-all exhibits of market meat goats. No entry form or entry fee will be required. The premiums are based on a point system. A committee will tabulate the results during the progress of the show.

Chapter Award - \$15 and Banner, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 to the top eight chapters; Ribbons, 2<sup>nd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place

THE SUPREME BREEDING MEAT GOAT EXHIBITOR'S AWARD recognizes the cooperative efforts of a chapter. The premiums are awarded to the chapters with outstanding over-all exhibits of breeding meat goats. No entry form or entry fee will be required. The premiums are based on a point system. A committee will tabulate the results during the progress of the show.

Chapter Award - \$15 and Banner, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 to the top eight chapters; Ribbons, 2<sup>nd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place

**FFA MEAT GOAT SPECIALS**

**Featherlite Trailers** will donate free use of a topper for one year to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion FFA Market Meat Goat.

The **Tall Corn Meat Goat Wether Association, Inc.** will award a belt buckle to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion FFA Market Meat Goat.

**Hummel Livestock** will award a Hummel Brahma Webb Goat Halter to the division winners (Breeding, Market) in FFA Meat Goat Showmanship.