

## DEPARTMENT 8

### GOATS

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#### GENERAL RULES

##### Judging Monday @ 9:00 am in Beef Arena

1. Livestock exhibitors must be in compliance with animal health requirements as defined by the department. Please refer to the MDARD web site [www.michigan.gov/mdard](http://www.michigan.gov/mdard) and Exhibition Requirements for Livestock.
  2. All goats must have an official ID for scrapie, this includes:
    - A. Scrapie tag in ear
    - B. Certificate of Identification
    - C. Breed RegistrationB & C must have permanent identification by:
    - A. Tattoo
    - B. Microchip (owner must provide reader)
  - D. Non-removable neck strap or collar with tag (only for goats with absent or injured ears).
  - E. No tail tags after March 2019
3. All goats must be in the possession and care of the exhibitor by May 1<sup>st</sup>. If the project can't be in the possession and care of the exhibitor by this date, a lease agreement must be on file with the superintendent by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  4. Any exhibitor violating rule #3 will lose premiums, placing, championships and any award's concerning the animal.
  5. All dairy goats must be neatly disbudded or naturally polled: (including those shown as market). Scurs should not exceed 2 inches. Angoras and Boer according to owner's preference.
  6. Breeding goats to be clipped according to breed standards, all market goats must be neatly clipped.
  7. Exhibitors are to do their own work; realizing younger exhibitors may need assistance.
  8. May show more than one entry in a class, unless otherwise stated.
  9. Maximum number of goats shown per exhibitor is 6.
  10. All goat exhibitors must check out with the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent Sunday morning at close of fair for final pen inspection to assure that all manure, shavings and decorations must be removed from pens.
  11. **All goats must be checked in at the west side of the small animal building on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am. to 1pm. Market goat weigh in @ 2:00 pm Sunday at the Sheep Scales.**
  12. A Scrapie ID must be presented at check in. Scrapie ID shall conform to USDA Scrapie Program Standard Volume 1 for The National Scrapie Eradication Program Part III, APHIS 91-55-079 and Department of Agriculture 9 CFR 79.3 [www.michigan.gov/MDARD](http://www.michigan.gov/MDARD) and Exhibitions Requirements for Livestock
  13. There will be a manure disposal fee of \$3.50 per animal. Fees must accompany barn space request forms due June 1st to the superintendent.. Checks should be made payable to Eaton County Agriculture Society.
  14. All market animals must be owned by the exhibitor.
  15. Aisle duty is the responsibility of each club. No sweeping of manure out of doors. Aisles are to be kept neat and clean.

All manure must be removed from pens and other exhibit areas and placed in designated bunkers by 10:00am daily.

16. Club decorations must have animal and owner's name clearly marked.
17. No Bucks shall be exhibited at fair.
18. All milk stands will be placed in designated area.
19. Milk competition animals may only be milked by an exhibitor.
20. Hay should **not** be placed on the ground. If nets are used they must be one inch or less slow feed net.
21. Exhibits removed by any person or persons prior to release without permission and early release form signed from their superintendent and fair board liaison will forfeit placements, ribbons or trophies and not be allowed to enter exhibits the following year.

#### SECTION 44 – SHOWMANSHIP

##### Ribbons

Showmanship age as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Classes will be divided by age.

Class

500. Goat Showmanship Classes
  - Showmanship 1
  - Showmanship 2
  - Showmanship 3
  - Showmanship 4
  - Showmanship 5
  - Showmanship 6
  - Showmanship 7
508. Champion and Reserve Champion Showman

#### SECTION 45 - DAIRY GOATS

##### Ribbons

Class

509. Jr. Doe Kid (born after 4-1-24)
510. Sr. Doe Kid (born 1-1-24 thru 3-31-24)
511. Yearling (under 2 years as of show day, never freshened)
512. Yearling Milker (under 2 years as of show day)
513. Jr. Milker (2 years old and under 3)
514. Sr. Milker (3 to 5 years)
515. Aged Milker (5 years and over)
516. Best Udder
517. Daughter and Dam (both in milk)
518. Get-of-Sire (3 does, any age by same sire, shown in above classes)
520. Champion and Reserve Champion - Jr. Doe
521. Champion and Reserve Champion - Milking Doe

#### SECTION 47 - BOER

##### Ribbons

Class

531. Doe Kids (born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year)
532. Yearling Doe (born before January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year, never bred)
533. Mature Doe
534. Champion and Reserve Champion - Doe

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**SECTION 48 – ALL OTHER**

**Ribbons**

**Class**

- 540. Doe Kids (born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year), (to include Angora Wethers)
- 541. Yearling Doe (born before January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year, never bred), (to include Angora Wethers)
- 542. Mature Doe (to include Angora Wethers)
- 543. Champion and Reserve Champion

**SECTION 49 - MARKET GOATS**

**Ribbons**

- 1. Only two market goats per exhibitor may be sold in sale.
- 2. Animals under 1 year of age may be shown.
- 3. All market goats must be tattooed or tagged.
- 4. Champion and Reserve Champion must be sold in the sale.
- 5. **Weigh-in at 2:00 pm. Sunday.**
- 6. When entering market goats indicate the section & Class # 550. (weight class will be determined after weigh-in).
- 7. Feeders may not be sold in sale.

**Class**

- 550. All market goats will be placed in one of the following classes after weigh-in (550 is not a premium class)
  - 536. Feeder Goat 30 pounds and under
  - 537. Lightweight Market Goat
  - 538. Middleweight Market Goat
  - 539. Heavyweight Market Goat
- 551. Champion and Reserve Champion - Market Goat

**SECTION 50 - DRIVING & PACK SUITABILITY**

**Ribbons**

- 1. Goats shown in driving & pack suitability can't be shown in breed or market class.
- 2. Goats shown in class 562 & 565, must also show in one driving or pack class appropriate for years of training.

**SMALL BREEDS  
( NIGERIAN OR  
MINI FAINTERS SIZE)**

**Class**

- 560. Jr. Driving and Pack Suitability (0-12 months)
- 561. Intermediate Driving & Pack Suitability (13-24 months)
- 562. Sr. Driving and Pack Suitability (over 24 months)

**LARGE BREEDS**

- 563. Jr. Driving and Pack Suitability (0-12 months)
- 564. Intermediate Driving & Pack Suitability (13-24 months)
- 565. Sr. Driving and Pack Suitability (over 24 months)
- 566. Champion & Reserve Champion Driving & Pack Suitability

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**SECTION 51 - DRIVING GOATS**

- 570. Driving lines - obey voice or rein commands, harness opt
- 571. Beginning Driving - goat pulling a cart or stone boat with 1 to 12 months driving experience.
- 572. Intermediate Driving - goat pulling a cart or stone boat with 13 to 24 months driving experience
- 573. Advanced Driving - goat pulling a cart or stone boat with more than 24 months driving experience
- 574. Champion and Reserve Champion Driving

**SECTION 52 - PACK GOAT CLASSES**

**Ribbons**

- 1. No more than two entries per class per exhibitor, meeting suitability and pack standards.
- 2. Goats shown in pack class may not be shown in a breed or market class.
- 3. Animal age for showing is age of animal on show day.
- 4. Judge will follow guideline sheet for items needed in pack and also type of pack needed.  
(Guideline sheet available at the extension office)

**Class**

- 580. Pack Goat in training - under 1 year of age. Required to carry empty pack and use a lead through obstacle course
- 581. Yearling pack goat - one year and under two years
- 582. Pack goat two years and over with 1 to 2 years' experience.
- 583. Pack goat - 2 years and older with 2 to 3 years' experience
- 584. Pack goat - 2 years & older with 4 or more years' experience
- 585. Team Pack Goat - 2 animals carrying appropriate road packs in the course at same time
- 586. Champion and Reserve Champion Pack Goat

**SECTION 53 - MILK PRODUCTION CONTEST**

**Ribbons**

- 1. Does must be shown in breed class.
- 2. Goats must be milked out at 7:00 pm. Monday. This will be checked.
- 3. On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday goats must be milked and milk weighed at 8:00 am. and 7:00 pm. One set of scales will be provided. Two adults from different clubs will be present to observe and check weight.
- 4. Winners will be announced on Friday.

**Class**

- 590. Milker 2 years & under first freshen
- 591. Milker 2 years and over second or more freshening

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**SECTION 54 - FUN EVENTS**

**Friday 1:00 pm.**

**Ribbons**

Class

- 600. Costume
- 601. Goat calling
- 602. Kid calling
- 603. Scavenger hunt
- 604. Obstacle
- 605. Peewee Showmanship- Must register in fair entry.  
Goats used will come from the barn  
(Older exhibitors will work with kids and teach them  
how to show)