

GOAT

MARKET GOATS

Superintendent: Mr. Chad Hagen
Assistant Superintendent: Mr. Todd Fontenot

Note: As per State-Federal Regulatory policy, all market goats must have official USDA Scrapie Tags in their ears in order to be eligible for exhibition at the district and state show.

Special Rules

NOTE: ALL LA BRED GOATS MUST BE TAGGED IN THE LEFT EAR WITH A VALID LA BRED TAG TO BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR LA BRED AWARDS.

- A. Wether and doe kids are eligible to show in the market goat classes at the district show and state show.
- B. All market goats must be polled, disbudded, or dehorned. Any scur or horn structures on market goats at the show must be blunted and not exceed one inch (1 inch) in length. No dehorning will be allowed on the show premises.
- C. The minimum weight for market goats at the district shows will be 50 pounds with no maximum weight. District shows have the option of weighing only lightweight animals to enforce minimum weight rules and using a "weigh your own" system for heavier classes. This would be an option, not a requirement.
- D. Each exhibitor will be allowed to exhibit a maximum of three market goats at the show.
- E. Market goats will be shown by weight only (all breeds and crossbreeds combined). Entries will be taken according to the Schedule of Events.
- F. The minimum class weight for market goats at the State Show will be 50 pounds with no maximum weight.
- G. At the State Show market goats will be divided into weight classes of approximately 30 - 35 animals each. The number of classes will not exceed 25.
- H. At the State Show classes will be divided into weight divisions (maximum number of five weight divisions). Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from the weight division champions.
- I. At the State Show, upon completion of each class showing, the top four animals will be reweighed. Any market goat that has gained or lost more than 5 percent from the official entry weight submitted will be disqualified.
- J. At the State Show Division Champions and Reserve Champions will be awarded rosettes. Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be awarded rosettes and trophies.
- K. Grooming practices for goats.
The code of ethics, as listed in General Rule No. 16 of this catalog, lists areas of concern in the grooming of goats.
 - a. Dyeing and coloring an animal to alter its natural coloration or to cause it to be classified in a different breed or show class.
 - b. Market goats must be slicked sheared for the show (no hair above the hocks/knees including the head).
Definition: Slick sheared is defined as having no hair longer than 3/8 inch above the hocks and knees excluding the tail. Market goats should be slick sheared within 14 days of the show in order to meet these requirements.

MEAT BREEDING GOATS

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NOTE: As per State-Federal Regulatory policy, all registered breeding goats must have an official USDA Scrapie Tag in their ear or may be identified with a tattoo. The tattoo must be typed on the original registration paper.

Commercial does must have an official USDA scrapie tag.

All Breeding Goats must have a flock or breeder tag, Tattoo, or Microchip that matches the Registration papers presented at the show to be eligible of exhibition

Special Rules

NOTE: ALL LA BRED GOATS MUST BE TAGGED IN THE LEFT EAR WITH A VALID LA BRED TAG TO BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR LA BRED AWARDS. The only exception will be ADGA sanctioned breeds and pygmies will have the option of attaching the LA Bred tag to the collar/chain/ lead if it follows LMGA validation guidelines

- A. Breeding goats will be shown in the following divisions: 1) Registered Boer, 2) Registered Percentage Boer, 3) Pygmy, 4) Registered - Any other breed (AOB Meat), 5) Commercial Doe (not registered), 6) Mytonics
- B. All Registered breeding goats must be registered or recorded with their respective breed organizations.
- C. All Registered breeding goats must meet the percentage of blood to be considered purebred or meet the minimum percentage accepted by the respective breed association in the association-sponsored shows. Registration papers must be presented at the District Shows to verify that the animals meet the minimum percentage required by that breed association. Registered Boer Does must be registered at 93.7% and above to be entered in the Full- blood/Purebred Boer Division. Registered Boer Bucks must be registered at 96.8% and above to be entered in the Full-blood/Purebred Boer Division.
- D. All original papers must be verified by the agent/FFA advisor and copy submitted to agent/FFA advisor within thirty (30) days of Possession/Validation Date. The Papers Pending Form must be submitted in place of registration papers until the registration papers are obtained. **Registration papers are due within 30 days of the respective possession date. A late fee of \$250 per animal will be charged for registration papers received between the 30 days after the possession date and January 3, 2026. No registration papers will be accepted after this date. The \$250 fee is to be collected by the respective District Show Management. Exhibitors must enter animal information into the 4-H Online system on or before the possession/validation deadline. The responsibility of entering animal information (correct and complete, i.e. Registration Papers) into 4-H online, ear tagging animals, and collecting DNA and/or hair samples will be that of the exhibitor and/or parent. Agents/Ag Teachers MAY be present and can assist.**
- E. An exhibitor may enter as many purebred goats and commercial does as he/she desires. However, no member will be allowed to show more than one animal per class. The only exception would be a commercial doe that mouths up to the next class. In this case, the exhibitor would be allowed to show more than one doe in the next class with only one being allowed to qualify and/or receive premiums.
- F. Goats entered in the Breeding Goat division may not be shown in the Market Goat Show.
- G. Goats entered in the Registered Breeding Goat divisions must have an ear tag (assoc. number or flock number), tattoo or other means of permanent identification consistent with the registration papers or the animal will be disqualified. Exhibitors showing animals with a microchip as a permanent ID are required to provide a microchip reader for animal ID verification. Commercial Does will be provided official LSU AgCenter ear tags that must be applied to commercial does at validation. (State Fair tags will be allowed as long as the doe is officially validated for the LSU AgCenter show.)
- H. Registered goats may be shown by the grooming rules associated with that breed of goat or as dictated by specific breed associations. **(Commercial Does can have hair or may be shown slick sheared).**
- I. All meat breeding goats (registered and commercial) may be shown with horns or dehorned.
- J. All Commercial does will be mouthed and weighed to determine age/class. Registered/recorded Does **ARE NOT** eligible for the Commercial Doe Show.
- K. Three classes are offered for commercial does. The classification for the district and state shows in the commercial doe divisions are: 1) Doeling (must have no visible evidence of the emergence of part or all of one or both of the first pair of permanent incisors. 2) Yearling does (two-tooth or four-tooth does). 3.) Aged Doe (5 teeth and over)
- L. The code of ethics, listed in General Rule 16 of this catalog, lists areas of concern in the grooming of goats.
 - 1. Dyeing or coloring an animal to alter its natural coloration or to cause it to be classified in a different breed or show class.
- M. **Registered Breeding Goat Classes:**
 - Buck Classes:**
 - 1. July. 1 – Oct. 31, 2025
 - 2. March 1-June 30, 2025

3. Nov. 1, 2024 -Feb. 28, 2025

Champion Selection:

- Champion Buck
- Reserve Champion Buck
- Champion LA-Bred Buck
- Reserve Champion LA-Bred Buck

Doe Classes:

4. Aug. 1 – Oct. 31, 2025
5. May 1– July 31, 2025
6. March 1 – April 30, 2025
7. Jan. 1– Feb. 28, 2025
8. Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2024
9. May 1 – Oct. 31, 2024
10. March 1 – April 30, 2024
11. Jan. 1 – Feb. 29, 2024
12. Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2023
13. Nov. 1, 2022 – Oct. 31, 2023
14. Aged Doe Class, Oct. 31, 2022, and before

Champion Selection:

- Champion Doe
- Reserve Champion Doe
- Champion LA-Bred Doe
- Reserve Champion LA Bred Doe

- Parish Group (four breeding goats with two exhibitors represented.)

N. Commercial Doe classes:

1. Doelings
2. Yearling Does (two to four tooth)
3. Aged Doe (5 teeth and over)

Champion Selection:

- Champion Doe
- Reserve Champion Doe
- Champion LA-Bred Doe
- Reserve Champion LA-Bred Doe

- Parish Groups

O. Selection of Supreme Champion- Select Supreme Champion Buck and Doe.

DAIRY BREEDING GOATS

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- A. Breeding Goats will be shown in the following divisions: 1) Nigerian Dwarf, 2) Nubians, 3) AOB Dairy Registered – Any Other Breed, 4) Commercial Doe (not registered)
- B. All registered breeding goats must be registered or recorded with their respective organizations.
- C. All registered breeding goats must meet the percentage of blood to be considered purebred or meet the minimum percentage accepted by the respective breed association in the association-sponsored shows. Registration papers must be presented at the District Shows to verify that the animals meet the minimum percentage required by that breed association.
- D. All original papers must be verified by the agent/FFA advisor and copy submitted to agent/FFA advisor within thirty (30) days of Possession/Validation Date. The Papers Pending Form must be submitted in place of registration papers until the registration papers are obtained. **Registration papers are due within 30 days of the respective possession date. A late fee of \$250 per animal will be charged for registration papers received between the 30 days after the possession date and January 3, 2026. No registration papers will be accepted after this date. The \$250 fee is to be collected by the respective District Show Management. Exhibitors must enter animal information into the 4-H Online system on or before the possession/validation deadline. The responsibility of entering animal information (correct and complete, i.e. Registration Papers) into 4-H online, ear tagging animals, and collecting DNA and/or hair samples will be that of the exhibitor and/or parent. Agents/Ag Teachers MAY be present and can assist.**
- E. An exhibitor may enter as many purebred goats and commercial does as he/she desires; however, no member will be allowed to show more than one animal per class. The only exception would be a commercial doe that mouths up to the next class. In this case, the exhibitor would be allowed to show more than one doe in the next class with only one being allowed to qualify and/or receive premiums.
- F. Goats entered in the Breeding Goat division may not be shown in the Market Goat Show.
- G. Goats entered in the Registered Breeding Goat divisions must have an ear tag (assoc. number or flock number), tattoo, or other means of permanent identification consistent with the registration papers or the animal will be disqualified. Exhibitors showing animals with a microchip as a permanent ID are required to provide a microchip reader for animal ID verification. Commercial Does will be provided official LSU AgCenter ear tags that must be applied to commercial does at validation. (State Fair tags will be allowed if the doe is officially validated for the LSU AgCenter show.)
- H. Registered goats may be shown by the grooming rules associated with that breed of goat as dictated by specific breed associations. (Commercial Does can have hair or may be shown slick-sheared.)
- I. All dairy breeding goats (registered and commercial) must be disbudded, dehorned, or polled in accordance with American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA).
- J. All commercial does will be mouthed to determine age/class. Registered/recorded Does **ARE NOT** eligible for the Commercial Doe Show.
- K. Three classes are offered for commercial does. The classification for the district and state shows in the commercial doe division are: 1) Doeling (must have no visible evidence of the emergence of part or all of one or both of the first pair of permanent incisors.) 2) Yearling does (two-tooth or four-tooth does.) 3) Aged Doe (5 teeth and over).
- L. The code of ethics, as listed in Rule 16 of the General Rules Section, lists areas of concern in the grooming of goats.
 - Dyeing or coloring an animal to alter its natural coloration or to cause it to be classified in a different breed or show class.
- M. All Senior Doe classes of each breed will be shown first to enable Does to milk out afterward.
- N. Registered Dairy Breeding Goat Classes:
Junior Doe Classes:
 1. Aug. 1 – Oct. 31, 2025
 2. May 1 – July 31, 2025
 3. March 1 – April 30, 2025
 4. Jan. 1 – Feb. 28, 2025
 5. Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2024
 6. May 1 – Oct. 31, 2024
 7. March 1 – April 30, 2024
 8. Jan. 1 – Feb. 29, 2024

Champion Selection:

- Champion Jr. Doe
- Reserve Champion Jr. Doe
- Champion LA-Bred Jr. Doe
- Reserve Champion LA-Bred Jr. Doe

Senior Doe Classes:

9. Sr. Does under 2-years-old that have freshened
10. Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2023 (2-yr.-old)
11. Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2022 (3-yr.-old)
12. Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2021 (4-yr.-old)
13. Aged Doe Class, Dec. 31, 2020 (5-yr.-old and older)

Champion Selection:

- Champion Sr. Doe
- Reserve Champion Sr. Doe
- Champion LA-Bred Sr. Doe
- Reserve Champion LA-Bred Sr. Doe
- Champion Doe
- Reserve Champion Doe
- Champion LA-Bred Doe
- Reserve Champion LA-Bred Doe

Buck Classes:

14. July 1 – Oct. 31, 2025
15. March 1 – June 30, 2025
16. Nov. 1, 2024 – Feb. 28, 2025

Champion Selection:

- Champion Buck
 - Reserve Champion Buck
 - Champion LA-Bred Buck
 - Reserve Champion LA-Bred Buck
- Parish Group (Four breeding goats with two exhibitors represented.)

O. Dairy Commercial Doe classes: (Show by age only)

1. Doelings (baby teeth)
2. Yearling Does (two to four teeth)
3. Aged Doe (5 teeth and over)

Champion Selection:

- Champion Doe
 - Reserve Champion Doe
 - Champion LA-Bred Doe
 - Reserve Champion LA-Bred Doe
- Parish Groups

P. LSU State Dairy Breeding Goat Show Order:

1. Senior Does: Nigerian Dwarf, Nubians, AOB Dairy
2. Nigerian Dwarf Junior Does and Bucks
3. Nubian Junior Does and Bucks
4. AOB Dairy Junior Does and Bucks
5. Dairy Commercial Does
6. Supreme Buck
7. Supreme Doe

Q. District show orders will be determined by District Show Management

GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

- A. Co-sponsored by LMGA and LCES.
- B. Open to all 4-H & FFA members with entries in the goat division.
- C. Exhibitors must show their own animals.
- D. **Market Goat and Breeding Goat Showmanship classes will be offered. There will be 2 breeding goat showmanship classes (Meat type & Dairy).**
- E. **Breeding Goat Showmanship** sign-up time will be from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 14, 2026. Breeding Goat Showmanship will be held at 5:00pm Saturday, February 14, 2026.
- F. **Market Goat Showmanship** sign-up time will be from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 15, 2026. Market Goat Showmanship will be judged on Sunday, February 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., or immediately following Breeding Goat Show.
- G. January 1, 2026, will be the date for determining the exhibitor's age.
- H. Showmanship classes for goat exhibitors are as follows:
 - 1. Senior Division
 - 17 years old & over
 - 16 years old
 - 15 years old
 - Senior Champion & Reserve
 - 2. Intermediate Division
 - 14 years old
 - 13 years old
 - 12 years old
 - Intermediate Champion & Reserve
 - 3. Junior Division
 - 11 years old
 - 10 years old
 - 9 years old
 - Junior Champion & Reserve
 - 4. **Overall Champion Showman**