

4-H & FFA MEAT GOATS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

July 1, 9, 18, 31

Livestock Interviews

Tuesday, August 12

By 10:00 AM

Meat Goats arrive (Breeding and Market) – Barn 11

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Market Meat Goats Weighed – Showplex

11:30 AM

Exhibitor Meeting – Showplex

Friday, August 15

Following YLE ~ 3:00 PM

Meat Goat Show & NYBBR - Showplex

6:15 PM

Meat Goat & Sheep Exhibitor Meeting – Showplex

Saturday, August 16

11:00 AM

Announcements & Awards for Auction - Showplex

11:30 AM

4-H/FFA & YLE Livestock Auction (Auction Order: Beef, Lamb, Goat, Swine) - Showplex

6:00 PM

Exhibitor Hot Dog Roast put on by the Erie County Fair Board of Directors- Barn #2

Sunday, August 17

4:00 PM

Meat Goat Dressing Contest – Showplex

6:00 PM

4-H/FFA Breeding Meat Goats Released at release ticket time

8:00 PM

4-H/FFA Market Meat Goats Released

MEAT GOAT RULES – 4-H and FFA

- a) All caprine (goat) health records must accompany animals to the Fair.
 - i. The Interdepartmental Rabies Committee (NYS Health Department, Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Agriculture and Markets) recommends appropriate off-label rabies vaccine by a licensed veterinarian. This is subject to change upon approval of a vaccine for goats. Meat Goats that have a rabies vaccination administered must meet the 21 day withholding period if they are being sold in the auction.
 - ii. All meat goats must have a scrapie ag which is to be used as positive identification on the official meat goat entry form and health papers.
- b) All market meat goat participants must submit a Market Meat Goat Registration form by May 2, 2025, submitted to Tammi Kron, CCE Erie, 21 S. Grove Street, Suite 300, East Aurora, NY 14052.
- c) All breeding meat goat participants must provide proof of ownership as of May 1, 2025 (Registration Paper or Lease Agreement) registration papers will be reviewed at the conclusion of the exhibitor meeting on August 1st, 2025.
- d) Market Meat Goat must be born after October 1, 2024 and must weigh at least 60 lbs. at time of Fair weigh-in or they will not be eligible for the market show or sale. All meat goats will be weighed **ONE TIME ONLY**.
 - a. All market meat goats must be either a wether or a doe. Acceptable breeds are Nubian, Kiko, Boer, Spanish, Savannah, Myotonic or crosses of these and may be purebred or grade.
 - b. There must be a minimum of 5 market meat goats to hold an official auction.
- e) If a member identified a second market meat goat on May 2, 2025, the first market meat goat weighed in will be the market project animal. If the first market meat goat does not make weight the second market meat goat may be weighed and used for the sale.
 - a. Members may not post “for sale: signs on pens of non-sale market meat goats.
- f) **Market Meat Goats will be sold on Saturday, August 16, 2025. ALL exhibitors are responsible for maintaining their exhibit until released by the 4-H program on Sunday, August 17, 2025 at 8:00 PM. Failure to do so will result in not being able to participate at The Erie County Fair in the future and forfeit of premium checks.**
- g) Meat Goats that are non-sale animals or those that are not shown in the meat goat show (animals pulled from the show at the owners discretion) are not permitted on a 4-H hired trailer.

4-H Specific Requirements – FFA participants please refer to FFA General Rules

- b. CLOVERBUDS (5-7 years old) are eligible for showmanship and breeding classes, are not eligible to compete in any champion classes and may show only a single entry, Junior Kid in class #1 or #2. Older does may be shown with prior approval from the 4-H Goat Advisory Committee. Cloverbuds are required to have an adult with them in the show ring.
- c. All exhibitors selling a market animal in the auction, a non-sale meat goat and or breeding animals are required to complete the following:
 1. Attend at least 2 Marketing Workshops (held January-March)
 2. Attend 2 Erie County 4-H meetings, one being species specific.
 3. Complete a public presentation prior to May 2025.
 4. Participate in a livestock interview in July 2025.
- d. Youth exhibiting a breeding or a non-sale meat goat must be 5 as of January 1, 2025.
- e. Youth exhibiting a sale Market Meat Goat must be 9 as of January 1, 2025.

BREEDING MEAT GOAT REGULATIONS

- a) All animals must be owned and cared for by exhibitor from May 1, 2025.
- b) All animals, registered or non-registered, must have proper identification. Non-registered animals are required to have a scrapie tag.
- c) Animals shown in the market meat goat class are NOT eligible to show in the breeding classes.
- d) The base date for ages is the date of the show.
- e) Exhibitors of breeding animals must be 5 as of January 1, 2025.
- f) Limit of 2 animals per class.

MARKET GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Meat Goat Showmanship

All ages for showmanship are as of January 1 of the current year.

Awards: Blue \$8.00 Red \$6.00 White \$4.00

Class #

2. Senior Meat Goat Showmanship – 14 – 18 years old as of 1/01/2025

3. Junior Meat Goat Showmanship – 9 – 13 years old as of 1/01/2025

4. Novice Meat Goat Showmanship – Open to first year exhibitors, with no prior experience in showing and fitting meat goats, up to age 13 as of 1/1/2025

BREEDING MEAT GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Breeding Meat Goat Showmanship

- a. Mandatory for all breeding meat goat exhibitors.
- b. Exhibitors must be 5 years old as of January 1, 2025.

Awards: Blue \$8.00 Red \$6.00 White \$4.00

Class #

7. Senior Breeding Meat Goat Showmanship – 14-18 years old as 1/01/2025

8. Junior Breeding Meat Goat Showmanship – 8-13 years as of 1/01/2025

Champion Breeding Meat Goat Showman:

Previous winners of Champion Showman must compete in the age class in which they would normally compete. Entries for this class are limited to the 1st and 2nd place showman in classes 7 & 8. Cloverbuds are not eligible for the Champion classes.

CHAMPION MEAT GOAT SHOWMAN

To consist of the 2025 Champion Market Goat Showman, the 2025 Champion Breeding Meat Goat Showman.

MASTER SHOWMAN

Entries limited to previous Erie County Fair Master Meat Goat Showman and 2025 Champion Meat Goat Showman.

Class # 11

Master Meat Goat Showman – youth that have achieved a Master Showman title prior to 2025 you should enter this class.

CLOVERBUD CLASSES

Cloverbud classes will be held at the conclusion of the Master Showman Class.

- a) Exhibitors must be 5 years old as of January 1, 2025. Exhibitor must have an adult walk by their side when handling the animal.

Class #1: Cloverbud Meat Goat Showmanship – 5-7 years old as of 01/01/2025

Class #2: Cloverbud non-sale market goat (all goats show together)

Class #3: Cloverbud Breeding Meat Goat Showmanship

Class #4: Doe Kid under 6 months

Class #5: Doe Kid 6 months – under 12 months

BREEDING MEAT GOATS

BREEDING DOES-

Breeding Meat Goats – Commercial –(Percentage and/or Unregistered)

Awards: Blue \$7.00 Red \$6.00 White \$5.00

Class

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1) Doe Kid under 6 months | 5) Doe 3-4 years | 10) Junior Bred by Exhibitor |
| 2) Doe Kid 6 months – under 12 months | 6) Doe 4 years and older | 11) Senior Bred by Exhibitor |
| 3) Doe 12 months – 2 years | | |
| 4) Doe 2 – 3 years | | |

Breeding Meat Goats – Registered (Registered, Full blood & Purebred)

Class

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1) Doe Kid under 6 months | 5) Doe 3-4 years | 10) Junior Bred by Exhibitor |
| 2) Doe Kid 6 months – under 12 months | 6) Doe 4 years and older | 11) Senior Bred by Exhibitor |
| 3) Doe 12 months – 2 years | | |
| 4) Doe 2 – 3 years | | |

MARKET MEAT GOATS

Class #1 –Market Meat Goat (Sale)

Awards: Blue \$7.00 Red \$6.00 White \$5.00

Goats will be divided into light, medium and heavy weight classes after they are weighed. All market meat goats will be weighed upon arrival at the Showplex. All animals exhibited in this class will be sold at the Meat Goat Auction on Saturday, August 16, 2025 at 12:00 PM. (sale order will be Beef, Lamb, Goat, Swine)

Class #2 – Non-sale Market Meat Goat

Goats will be divided into weight classes after they are weighed. Goats in this class are **not eligible** for the market sale. This class is open to youth age 8 and over. Goats may be either a doe or a wether. **Non-sale meat goats are not eligible for NYBBR.**

OTHER MEAT GOAT COMPETITIONS

Goat Herdsman Contest

A \$20.00 premium, donated by the Fair, will be awarded to exhibitors selected as the outstanding herdsman in the Junior Meat Goat Show.

Class #14 – New York Bred, Born and Raised Meat Goat (sale animal only)

This class is for 4-H & FFA members that have purchased and raised a market animal from a goat producer within New York State. Only meat goats being sold in the auction are eligible for NYBBR. Exhibitors must list name and address of the New York producer on the goat identification card due in the 4-H office on May 1, 2025. All receipts must have been presented with the animal identification card. These animals will be recognized during our meat goat show and placed accordingly. The selection of our Grand and Reserve Champion NYBBR Market Meat Goats will take place prior to the selection of the top 4 overall Market Meat Goats.

Class #40 – Meat Goat Educational Poster – Participants shall construct an educational poster to educate the public about an aspect of the Meat goat industry. Exhibitors may use any suitable materials or photographs on their posters with accurate information. Posters will be evaluated on content, illustration, organization, clarity, visual appeal, and readability.

CLASS # 43

Sunday, August 17, 2025 at 4:00 PM

The Erie County Fair Meat Goat Dressing Contest

Judging to take place in the Showplex

Open to all 4-H and FFA Exhibitors in the Fair

Prizes will be awarded to the best-costumed animal

Theme: Sights, Sounds, Tastes and Feels of the Fair

Exhibitors 13 years old & under

1st place - \$15.00

2nd place - \$10.00

3rd place - \$5.00

4th place - \$5.00

Exhibitors 14 years old & up

1st place - \$15.00

2nd place - \$10.00

3rd place - \$5.00

4th place - \$5.00

Cloverbuds will receive a special prize and rosette.

For further information call 652-5400 ext. 132