Junior Market Goat Show

Co-Chairman – Tom Menard & Morgan Crumrine

Entry Fee: $30 Per Head

Entry Deadline: September 5, 2025, 4pm
Arrival Time: Sunday, October 12, 2025, 2pm - 4pm
Weight Cards Due: Sunday, October 12, 2025, by 5pm to Livestock Coordinator
Judging Time: Monday, October 13, 2025; 9am
Early Release Time: Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 1pm - 3pm, "any animal not making the JLA sale list only."
Final Release Time: Sunday, October 19, 2025, 7am - 11am

Rules:

1. The judge chosen for the show will be in charge of the show ring.

2. The entries and awards in this department are subject to General Livestock and Fair rules in this catalog unless otherwise specified.

3. Any breed or crossbreed goat (female or wethers) will be eligible to show. Any female goat showing signs of pregnancy will be disqualified as determined by the judge. Any female goat must have a valid Scrapie tag in their ear while they are on the fairgrounds. This is a requirement of the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture).

4. No goats will be allowed on the fairgrounds before 2p.m., Sunday, October 12, 2025.

5. Goats must be dehorned or tipped prior to arrival at the fairgrounds. If tipped, horns must be no smaller than the diameter of a dime. Tipping of horns will not be allowed on fairgrounds.

6. Weight Breaks: Goat Committee will divide goats into ten (10) classes once weight cards have been turned in. There will be no preset weight breaks. Exhibitors must turn weight cards into the Livestock Coordinator prior to 5pm Sunday, October 12, 2025. Exhibitors that fail to turn in weight cards by the deadline will be disqualified from showing. Goats must weigh a minimum of 60 pounds and a maximum of 120 pounds (subject to conditions outlined in Rule #7). All Market goats are to be weighed by the exhibitor or their guardian (parent, Ag teacher, 4H leader, etc.) on the designated scales provided by the Livestock Committee.

7. All goats will be weighed prior to entering the show arena. Goats weighing more than five (5) pounds under/over the weight card will not be eligible to show. Example: Weight card shows goat weighed 80 pounds at entry, this same goat must weigh in at 75 to 85 pounds at the time it is weighed prior to show or will be disqualified.

8. All goats must be slick shorn from the knees and hocks up with the exception of the tail switch.

9. Goats will be shown with a collar, show chain, or halter.

10. ALL MARKET GOATS TO BE SHOWN AT THE FAIR MUST BE VALIDATED (EAR TAGGED) ON JULY 12, 2025, FROM 7AM TO 9AM.

A. Each exhibitor may validate any number of goats but may show no more than three (3) Market Goats.

B. If an exhibitor has more than one goat in a class, another eligible 4-H or FFA member may show one of the goats for the exhibitor.

C. All goats may be validated and entered as a family exhibit. Exhibitor must declare which goat he/she will show on the weight card prior to turning it in. Once weight card is turned in an Exhibitor declaration is made. - The animal with ear tag number on that card is assigned to that exhibitor for show results and JLA placing purposes. Any changes to this must be approved by the chairman prior to the show. Approval is on a case-by-case basis.

D. All sexually intact goats must have a premise identification (Scrapie) tag in their ear or meet the identification requirements of the State and Federal Scrapie requirements at the time of validation. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure their breeder has met these USDA requirements. Goats not meeting this requirement will not be tagged or validated. See "Ear Tags for Sheep and Goats" on this page below the Awards section.

E. If an ear tag is lost (or removed), exhibitor must notify the Livestock Coordinator immediately. If a tag is removed, notification should be made prior to removal or as soon as possible after removal. No re-tagging will be done without proper notification by the exhibitor or their legal guardian to the Livestock Coordinator. Once notification is received the committee chairman or their delegate will contact exhibitor to arrange a time for the retagging to occur.

11. Exhibitors must furnish feed, feeders, and water containers and be responsible for feeding and care of their exhibits through the duration of the show. Any exhibitor failing to feed, water, or keep pens clean will receive written notice. After the second written notice, exhibitor will be barred from showing in next year's Market Goat Show.

12. Following the Grand Drive and selection of the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Goats; an Open Showmanship Contest will be held. Any exhibitor is eligible to show but must show a goat which was declared in their name on the weight card. Classes will be as follows: Junior (ages 8-10), Intermediate (ages 11-13), and Senior (ages 14-19). Winners will be announced immediately. See General Livestock Rule # 17.

13. Any exhibitor having more than one goat eligible for the Junior Livestock Auction must sell their highest placing goat. In the event they have two of the same place goats make the sale they

must inform the goat committee of which animal they wish to sell within one (1) hour of show completion.

14. For exhibitor eligibility requirements, see General Livestock Department rules.

15. All rules of this department must be adhered to or goats will be sifted.

16. Any animal that exhibits signs of being unethically altered or fit will be disqualified. See General Livestock rule 11.

17. No shearing/clipping of goats on the fairgrounds.

Ear Tags for Sheep and Goats

Beginning November 2001, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) requires that certain classes of sheep and goats have PREMISE identification ear tags applied BEFORE they leave their farm to be sold in interstate commerce co-mingled with sheep and goats from other farms. Compliance action in Texas will not be taken until April 1, 2002.

Identification requirements extend to:

- All sheep 18 months of age or older.
- All breeding sheep regardless of age.
- Sexually intact show or exhibition sheep and goats.
- All goats 18 months of age or older that are or have been co-mingled with sheep.
- All breeding goats that are or have been co-mingled with sheep.

NOTE: *Identification of goats: Tattoos may be used to identify registered or meat and dairy show* ***goats, as*** *long as the animals are accompanied by their registration papers. A PREMISE identification number should be obtained, and the ear tags should be applied to animals being culled or animals no longer accompanied by registration papers. For more information and to get your PREMISE identification number and order free tags and tag pliers, call the toll-free DESIGNATED "TAGLINE" AT* ***1-866-873-2824 OR THE WEB SITE: WWW. APHIS.USDA.GOV/VS/SCRAPIE.HTM***