



2026 OPEN CLASS ABGA MEAT GOAT

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Join us in celebrating 2026 4H, FFA, & Youth Livestock Expo Champions at the Breakfast with Champions at 9 a.m., Sunday, August 23 in the Clubhouse - Tickets are \$25 tickets each and can be purchased at www.ecfair.org

SHOW INFORMATION

Superintendent:	Agriculture Office Staff
Early Entry Deadline:	Monday, July 13, 2026 - Entries made on or after August 1 must be placed by calling the Agriculture Office.
Entry Fees:	\$5.00 per class (including groups) \$15 per Class (including Groups) for entries received after July 13
Arrival:	6 a.m.- 9 a.m. on Thursday, August 13, 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. on Thursday, August 13 & 6 a.m.-10 a.m. Friday, August 14
Check-in:	Friday, August 14 8 a.m.-10 a.m.
Show #1	Friday, August 14 at 11:30 a.m.- Showplex <i>(Starting with Showmanship, Premiums will be paid for this show)</i>
Show #2:	Friday, August 14 run concurrently with Show #1 after the conclusion of Show #1 Showmanship - Showplex <i>(Premiums will <u>not</u> be paid for this show)</i>
Show #1 Judge:	Mr. Thomas Redden
Show #2 Judge:	Ms. Jaqueline Redden
Release:	Saturday, August 15 at 7 p.m.
Tack Vendor:	Twist Of Fate (860) 759-9335

EXHIBITORS: PLEASE READ ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS, IAFE NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS, AND ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS.

RULES

1. Early entries in all divisions of this Department close on **MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026**. Entries must be paid online for the total amount of entry fees (\$5 per class/\$15 per class after 7/13) and \$20.00 to cover the Exhibitor's wristband OR \$100.00 for Erie County Agricultural Society Membership.
2. If more passes are needed for your help, \$12.00 one-day workers pass can be purchased (quantity may be limited).
3. All New York State Veterinarian decisions are final and supported by Erie County Fair Staff inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated and can result in forfeit of premiums and removal from fair.
4. Rules of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Standards for the Conduct of Agriculture and Markets for Fairs and Summary of Livestock Health Requirements shall apply.
5. Youth exhibitors may enter any animal in the ABGA breeding show. However, when entering in the open class the youth must pay ALL appropriate fees; this includes the exhibitor wristband, entry fees, and late fees.
6. ABGA rules shall govern. This show is sanctioned by the American Boer Goat Association.
7. An official Registration Certificate from one of the following associations must be shown on each animal (American Boer Goat Assoc., International Boer Goat Assoc.). These will be checked for identification, ownership, and birth date.
8. All animals must be entered in an individual class in order to be at the Fair.
9. Only goats entered under their ABGA registration number and presenting their ABGA Certificate of Registration will be eligible to earn points for their actual placing in the shows as described in the ABGA Criteria for Ennoblement of a Boer Goat.

10. Show Management may add additional classes if warranted.
11. Initial sawdust bedding will be supplied to exhibitors. However, if the exhibitor wishes to have shavings or straw they must bring it or buy it from a purveyor on the grounds. The Fair will not be providing straw or shavings.
12. **Entry fees do not guarantee "tack space/pens"**. In divisions where entries do not exceed available space "tack pens" will be assigned by the superintendent.
13. Stall space assignments are based upon 2 adult does per pen, 1 adult buck per pen or 2-3 kids per pen.
14. All animals must be appropriately identified and comply with USDA Scrapie Eradication Program Guidelines, as well as a legible tattoo consistent with the registration certificate.
15. Base date for ages is the date of the show.
16. Animals will be posed with all 4 feet on the ground at all times. Exhibitors unable to comply will be excused from the ring.
17. No sale pens, all animals must be entered in the show.
18. The decision of the judge shall be final in all cases, except where error, mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven. In such cases, the decision of Show Management, or such referee appointed shall be final.

PROTEST RULE

1. The Judge's decision will be final in all cases, except where error, mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven. In such cases, the decision of Show Management or an appointed referee will be final.
2. All New York State Veterinarian decisions are final and supported by Erie County Fair Staff.
3. Protests regarding any livestock competitions and events held by the Erie County Agricultural Society during the Erie County Fair (Youth Livestock Expo & Open Class Livestock Shows) must be made in writing using a form found in the Livestock Office. Submit the form and a \$300 cash deposit to the Erie County Agricultural Society CEO. Deposit is refundable **only** if the protest is upheld; otherwise, it will be donated to the Erie County Agricultural Society Scholarship Fund.
4. **Classification and the Judge's opinion are not eligible for protest.**
5. Protests against the exhibition of animals must be filed at least three hours before the start of the show in question.
6. The CEO of the Erie County Agricultural Society may hold a meeting regarding the protest, at which time the protesting party may present evidence or argument in support of the protest. A written decision will be issued within five days and will be served via certified mail.
7. Exhibitors must always demonstrate honesty, sportsmanship, and professionalism. This code applies to both Junior and Open Class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition in all livestock events.

RELEASE SCHEDULE

To ensure everyone's safety and reduce congestion, each exhibitor will receive a 30-minute loading time slot, during which their truck and trailer may enter the Fairgrounds. Exhibitors traveling the farthest will receive the earliest time slots. Multiple trips also will be considered. Exhibitors are encouraged to assist one another with loading. Arrangements must be made with the show management prior to show day. Early release form must be given to Superintendent at the Exhibitors meeting.

SHOW #1 – FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 AT 11:30AM (PREMIUMS PAID ON THIS SHOW)

SHOWMANSHIP: SHOW #1 ONLY

Exhibitors can sign up at the Fair for the Showmanship Show. There will be no entry fee charged on premiums awarded. Grand & Reserve Champion will be chosen & given awards. The class breakdown is as follows:

- Adult Showman – 22 years old and older
- Senior Showman – 17-21 years old
- Intermediate Showman – 13-16 years old
- Junior Showman – 9-12 years old
- Pee Wee Showman – 4-8 years old
- Novice Showman (first time showman) – 4-21 years old

OPEN CLASS MARKET GOATS:

***These classes are for market animals (doe or wether) shown by anyone. Animals entered in the market classes may not be entered in the breeding classes.**

PREMIUMS \$21.25, \$17.50, \$15.00, \$12.50, \$10.00, \$7.50

1. Open Class Market Goat

Market Goats will be divided into classes after weigh-in

Champion Open Class Market Goat – Banner & \$50

Reserve Open Class Market Goat – Banner & \$25

PERCENTAGE- BREEDING ANIMALS:

PREMIUMS \$25.00, \$22.50, \$20.00, \$17.50, \$15.00

DOES

1. 0 to under 3 months
2. 3 months to under 6 months
3. 6 months to under 9 months
4. 9 months to under 12 months
Junior Division Champion and Reserve Champion
7. 12 months to under 16 months
8. 16 months to under 20 months
9. 20 months to under 24 months
Yearling Division Champion and Reserve Champion
12. 24 months to under 36 months
13. 36 months plus
Senior Division Champion and Reserve Champion
Grand Champion and Reserve Champion

BUCKS

1. 0 to under 3 months
2. 3 to under 6 months
3. 6 to under 9 months
4. 9 to under 12 months
Junior Division Champion and Reserve Champion
5. 12 to under 16 months
6. 16 to under 20 months
7. 20 to under 24 months
Yearling Division Champion and Reserve Champion
8. 24 to under 36 months
9. 36 months plus
Senior Division Champion
Senior Division Reserve Champion
Grand Champion and Reserve Champion

FULLBLOOD/PUREBRED- BREEDING ANIMALS:

PREMIUMS \$25.00, \$22.50, \$20.00, \$17.50, \$15.00

DOES

1. 3 months and younger
2. 3 months to under 6 months
3. 6 months to under 9 months
4. 9 months to under 12 months
Junior Division Champion and Reserve Champion
7. 12 months to under 16 months
8. 16 months to under 20 months
9. 20 months to under 24 months
Yearling Division Champion and Reserve Champion
12. 24 months to under 36 months
13. 36 months plus
Senior Division Champion and Reserve Champion
Grand Champion and Reserve Champion

BEST OVERALL DOE IN SHOW- Banner

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BUCKS

20. 3 months and younger
21. 3 months to under 6 months
22. 6 months to under 9 months
23. 9 months to under 12 months
Junior Division Champion and Reserve Champion
26. 12 months to under 16 months
27. 16 months to under 20 months
28. 20 months to under 24 months
Yearling Division Champion and Reserve Champion
31. 24 months to under 36 months
32. 36 months plus
Senior Division Champion and Reserve Champion
Grand Champion Full Blood Buck and Reserve Champion Full Blood Buck

BEST BUCK IN SHOW- Banner

BEST IN SHOW- \$50 and Banner

GROUP CLASSES:

PREMIUMS \$25.00, \$22.50, \$20.00, \$17.50, \$15.00

Animals in the following classes can be any combination of percentage, fullblood or purebred.

Animals entered in the following classes must have been entered in the regular classes in Fullblood/ Purebred, Percentage Breeding.

1. Produce of Dam – 2 offspring of 1 doe (dam need not be present)
2. Get of Sire – 3 offspring of 1 sire, preferable both sexes will be represented. (Sire need not be present)
3. Bred by Exhibitor – 1 entry per exhibitor. Animal must be bred by exhibitor and carry that exhibitors herd name.

SHOW #2 – FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 AT 11:30AM (NO PREMIUMS PAID)

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Champion & Reserve Open Class Market Goat - Banners

PERCENTAGE - BREEDING ANIMALS

NO PREMIUMS – ABGA POINTS ONLY

DOES

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2. 3 months to under 6 months
3. 6 months to under 9 months
4. 9 months to under 12 months
Junior Division Champion and Reserve Champion
7. 12 months to under 16 months
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13. 36 months plus
Senior Division Champion and Reserve Champion
Grand Champion and Reserve Champion

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Senior Division Champion and Reserve Champion

Grand Champion and Reserve Champion

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8. 16 months to under 20 months
9. 20 months to under 24 months

Yearling Division Champion and Reserve Champion

12. 24 months to under 36 months

13. 36 months plus

Senior Division Champion and Reserve Champion

Grand Champion and Reserve Champion

BEST DOE IN SHOW- Banner

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20. 3 months to under 6 months
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Senior Division Champion and Reserve Champion

Grand Champion Full Blood Buck and Reserve Champion Full Blood Buck

BEST BUCK IN SHOW- Banner

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HERDSMANSHIP AWARDS

Three Herdsmanship Awards will be presented to ABGA Exhibitors. Exhibitors will be judged daily by Show Management and awards will be announced at the end of the ABGA Exhibitors stay.

1st place: \$62.50 & Banner

2nd place: \$37.50

3rd place: \$18.75

Judging Criteria:

1. Stall decorations tied to the 2026 theme: **"Stars, Stripes and Summer Nights."**
2. Cleanliness and neatness of aisles, pens, bedding, and animals.
3. Promptness in getting animals into the show ring and competence in show ring.
4. Courtesy to fellow breeders, spectators, and others.
5. Personal appearance, cleanliness, and neatness in and out of the ring.
6. Organized and tidy feed, bedding, tack, and equipment.