



2026 ADGA DAIRY GOAT STAYING ON GROUNDS

Agriculture Office: 716-649-3900 Ext. 6499 or Entries@ecfair.org

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:	Show #1 \$5.00 per goat/per class (including groups) Show #2 \$4.00 per goat/per class (including groups) \$15 per goat/per Class (including Groups) for entries received after July 13
Arrival:	Saturday, August 15 6-10 a.m.
Check-in:	Saturday, August 15 10 a.m.-noon
Showmanship:	Sunday, August 16, at 6 p.m.- Showplex
Show #1 & #2:	Monday, August 17, 9 a.m., Showplex
Show #1 Judge:	Ms. Cathy Pindell, ID
Show #2 Judge:	Ms. Sam Stokes, WI
Release:	Monday, August 17, 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. All exhibitors must purchase a \$20.00 exhibitor wristband or a \$100.00 Erie County Agricultural Society Membership. If your animals do not come to the fair, you will not receive your exhibitor wristbands.
2. If more passes are needed for your help, \$12.00 one-day "workers" passes can be purchased (quantity may be limited).
3. All New York State Veterinarian decisions are final and supported by the 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. One entry fee will be charged per group when entered in a group class.
6. ADGA rules shall govern. This show is sanctioned by the American Dairy Goat Association.
7. The show order is subject to change based on show staff discretion.
8. Senior and Junior shows are separately sanctioned.
9. Does with horns may not enter. All animals must have a legible tattoo. There will be NO pre-show milk-out, over distended udders are subject to discrimination. Judges decision is final. All dairy goats are entered at the sole risk of the owners. Base date for computing the age of dairy goats is the date of the show.
10. Registration or Recordation certificates:
 - A. A registration or recordation certificate, or a stamped duplicate application showing the date received by the ADGA office, is required for all animals.
 - B. NO COPIES of the registration or recordation certificate or stamped duplicate application shall be accepted by the show

- officials.
- C. The document specified above as the requirement for that age animal to be shown MUST be presented to the show secretary before the judging shall begin.
 - D. Proof of ownership shall be the name on the registration or recordation certificate or on the stamped duplicate application.
 - E. Information obtained from the ADGA office via telephone, telegram, etc shall not be accepted in lieu of any of the documents specified above.
 - F. ADGA jot forms will be accepted as proof of a doe being eligible for Champion Challenge.
10. Under no circumstances is milk to be disposed of in the Fairgrounds sewer system.
 11. **All exhibitors are required to make sure that their showmen are properly attired in either all white or white shirts with black pants (no jeans) while showing in the ring. Clothing must be clean and professional/presentable. Adequate footwear required (i.e. no flip-flops or sandals). Exhibitors with inappropriate attire will be excused from the ring.**
 12. All animals must remain on exhibit until they are released.
 13. Initial sawdust bedding will be supplied to exhibitors staying on the grounds. However, if the exhibitor wishes to have additional 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. Please note exhibitors showing off their trailer must bring their own bedding, as bedding will not be provided in the available pens.
 14. Entry fees do not guarantee "tack pens". In divisions where entries do not exceed available space "tack pens" will be assigned by the superintendent.
 15. Premium checks will be mailed.
 16. **No substitutions/entries accepted day of show. Scratches ONLY. All changes MUST be submitted via email to entries@ecfair.org by noon on Wednesday, August 12th.**
 17. If you are planning on camping in the livestock lot, please note that payment does not guarantee a spot. You will be notified & refunded if camper lot is full.
 18. All exhibitors and goats must leave the Erie County Fairgrounds the night of the show. There is no extending of stay if the show runs into the evening.
 19. Definition of Herd: A group of animals owned and exhibited by an individual. Proof of ownership shall be shown by the name of the animal's owner as listed on its registration papers. A herd residing at one farm may be shown as a unit.
 20. Exhibitors must be at least 4 years of age to exhibit livestock at the Erie County Fair.
 21. 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.
7. A written decision will be issued within five days and will be served via certified mail.
8. 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.

SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitors can sign up for the Showmanship Show at the Fair on Sunday, August 16. There will be no entry fee and no premiums. A Grand Champion and a Reserve Grand Champion will be selected and awarded. The class breakdown is as follows (shown in order):

- Novice Showman- 1st year showman (4-21 years old)
- Pee Wee Showman – 4-8 years old
- Junior Showman – 9-12 years old
- Intermediate Showman – 13-16 years old
- Senior Showman – 17-21 years old
- Adult Showmanship- 22 years old and older

SHOWS #1 & #2 ARE AT THE SAME TIME WITH 2 RINGS SHOW #1 – MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026 (PREMIUMS INCLUDED)

SENIOR AND JUNIOR DOES

Alpine	Lamancha	Any Other Purebred
Nigerian	Nubian	
Oberhasli	Saanen	
Toggenburg	Recorded Grades	

PREMIUMS FOR CLASSES #1-24

\$18.75, \$16.25, \$13.75, \$11.25, \$8.75

SENIOR SHOW DIVISION: SHOWN BY BREED

1. Milkers under 2 years
2. Milkers 2 years and under 3 years
3. Milkers 3 years and under 4 years
4. Milkers 4 years and under 5 years
5. Milkers 5 year old's
6. Milkers 6 years and over

Senior Champion & Senior Reserve Champion

Senior Best Doe in Show: \$25 & Banner

Best Udder per breed- \$18.75

BANNER AWARDED FOR: BEST UDDER IN SHOW

10. **CHAMPION CHALLENGE:** The Champion Challenge class to consist of PERMANENT CHAMPIONS (proof will be the prefix CH or GCH as affixed by ADGA on the animal's registration certificate) and the breed Grand Champion of the regular class. Winner to be known as BEST OF BREED and compete for BEST DOE IN SHOW.

GROUP CLASSES- Limited to 2 entries per herd in each class- SENIOR AGED ANIMALS ONLY

12. Senior Get of Sire: Shall consist of three (3) senior does in milk, the get of one sire. At least two different dams represented. Sire must be named.
13. Senior Dam and Daughter: Shall consist of a Senior Dam and her Senior Daughter, both in milk.
14. Dairy Herd- 4 does, all in milk

JUNIOR SHOW DIVISION: SHOWN BY BREED

15. Doe Kids born June 2026 through show
16. May 2026 Doe kids
17. April 2026 Doe kids
18. March 2026 Doe kids
19. Jan/Feb 2026 Doe kids
20. Jr Dry Yearling born 5/1/25-12/31/25
21. Sr Dry Yearling born 8/15/24-4/30/25

Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion

Erie County Fair Dates: August 12-23, 2026

Junior Best Doe in Show: \$25.00 and Banner

GROUP CLASSES- Limited to 2 entries per herd

24. Junior Get of Sire: Shall consist of three junior does, the get of one sire. At least two different dams are represented. Sire must be named.

SHOW #2 – MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026 (NO PREMIUMS)

SENIOR AND JUNIOR DOES

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Nigerian	Nubian	
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Senior Champion & Senior Reserve Champion

Senior Best Doe in Show: Banner

BANNER AWARDED FOR: BEST UDDER IN SHOW

10. **CHAMPION CHALLENGE:** Champion Challenge entry fee of \$8 for the goats coming in for the day - The Champion Challenge class to consist of PERMANENT CHAMPIONS (proof will be the prefix CH or GCH as affixed by ADGA on the animal's registration certificate) and the breed Grand Champion of the regular class. Winner to be known as BEST OF BREED and compete for BEST DOE IN SHOW.

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HERDSMANSHIP:

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