

4-H MEAT GOATS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

July 1, 9, 18, 31

Livestock Interviews

Tuesday, August 13

By 10:00 AM

Meat Goats arrive (Breeding and Market) – Barn 11

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Market Meat Goats Weighed – Barn 11

11:30 AM

Exhibitor Meeting – Showplex

Friday, August 16

Following YLE ~ 3:00 PM

Meat Goat Show & NYBBR - Showplex

6:15 PM

Meat Goat & Sheep Exhibitor Meeting – Showplex

Saturday, August 17

11:00 AM

Announcements & Awards for Auction - Showplex

11:30 AM

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

6:00 PM

Exhibitor Hot Dog Roast put on by the Erie County Fair Board of Directors- 4-H Parking Lot

Sunday, August 18

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

GOAT RULES

- a) All goat health records must accompany animals to the Fair.
- b) Goats must have an ear tag or tattoo number that is to be used as positive identification on the official goat entry form and health papers.
- c) 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.
- d) Goats may be purebred or recorded grade.
- e) Any animal showing an open sore may not be exhibited. Any animal that produces an open sore while at the fair will be sent home immediately.
- f) Herd signs will be permitted.
- g) All exhibitors are required to participate in Showmanship, a public presentation prior to May 2024 and Livestock Interview July 2024.
- h) **ALL exhibitors are responsible for maintaining their exhibit until released by the 4-H program on Sunday, August 18, 2024. 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.**

MARKET MEAT GOAT REGULATIONS

- a) Market Meat Goats must be born on or after October 1, 2023.
- b) Market Meat Goats must weigh a minimum of 60 lbs at time of Fair weigh-in, or they will not be eligible for the show or sale. All goats will be weighed one time only and no substitutions will be allowed.
- c) All animals must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor as of May 1, 2024 and must have been identified on the meat goat identification card submitted to the 4-H office by May 1, 2024.
- d) All 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.
- e) There must be a minimum of 5 market meat goats to hold an official auction.
- f) All exhibitors must be 9 as of January 1, 2024.
- g) 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. If a rabies vaccination was administered to a Market Meat Goat it should be done no later than July 23, 2024 in order to adhere to the 21 days withholding.
- h) Market Meat Goats weighing 59 lbs. or less will be eligible to show in the non-sale show and member will be eligible for showmanship but animal will not be sold at the auction, also:
 - a. Exhibitors must meet all program requirements.
 - b. Goat is not eligible for champion class.
 - c. No “for sale” signs may be posted.
 - d. Goat must be removed from the fair on Sunday August 18th at 6:00pm. Goat is not eligible to be transported on a 4-H hired trailer.
- i) Youth may exhibit 2 market meat goats. The animal to be sold in the auction will be selected at the time of weigh in. The second animal will be entered in the non-sale class. When submitting fair entries, sign one animal up in the sale class #1 and the second should be entered in the non-sale class #2.
- j) All exhibitors selling a market animal in the auction are required to attend at least 2 Marketing Workshops (held January-March) and at least 2 Erie County 4-H meetings, one being species specific, to be eligible to sell.

BREEDING MEAT GOAT REGULATIONS

- a) All animals must be owned and cared for by exhibitor from May 1, 2024.
- 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, 2024.
- f) Limit of 2 animals per class.
- g) Cloverbuds (youth ages 5-7 as of 1-1-2024) may exhibit one doe kid in – Class #1 or Class #2. Cloverbud animals are not eligible for Champion classes.

BREEDING MEAT GOATS

BREEDING DOES-

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

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

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 19, 2023 at 12:00 PM. (sale order will be Beef, Poultry, Rabbit, Turkey, Lambs, Meat Goats, Hogs)

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 5 and over. Goats may be either a doe or a weather.

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

1. **Cloverbud Meat Goat Showmanship** – 5-7 years old as of 1/1/2024
2. **Senior Meat Goat Showmanship** – 14 – 18 years old as of 1/01/2024
3. **Junior Meat Goat Showmanship** – 9 – 13 years old as of 1/01/2024
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 1/1/2024

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, 2024.

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

Class #

6. Cloverbud Breeding Meat Goat Showmanship – 5-7 years old as of 1/01/2024

7. Senior Breeding Meat Goat Showmanship – 14-18 years old as 1/01/2024

8. Junior Breeding Meat Goat Showmanship – 8-13 years as of 1/01/2024

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 2024 Champion Market Goat Showman, the 2024 Champion Breeding Meat Goat Showman.

MASTER SHOWMAN

Entries limited to previous Erie County Fair Master Meat Goat Showman and 2024 Champion Meat Goat Showman.

Class # 11

Master Meat Goat Showman – youth that have achieved a Master Showman title prior to 2024 you should enter this class.

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

This class is for 4-H & FFA members that have purchased and raised a market animal from a goat producer within New York State. 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, 2024. All receipts must have been presented with the animal identification card. Placings will be done along with the market classes.

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 18, 2024 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

2024 4-H Fair Theme: Carnival Fun

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