



# 2026 Hillsborough County Fair Market Goat Show November 5-15, 2026

PLEASE BE SURE TO READ ALL THE RULES AS THEY HAVE CHANGED!

## GENERAL RULES

**Market Goat Entries Open:** February 1-March 1, 2026

**Market Goat Drawing:** March 10, 2026

**Youth HCF Mandatory Market Goat Tag-In:** July 25, 2026 from 9 AM – 10 AM

**HCF Market Goat & Breeding Boer Seminar:** **TBD** - Watch Facebook for updates!

**Market Goat Check in:** November 11, 2026

**Animal Drop Off:** 9-11 AM

**Youth Check In:** 9-11 AM

**Mandatory \*Brief\* Exhibitor Meeting to follow at 12 PM**

**Show Dates –**

**Market Goat Show:** November 12, 2026 Starting at 6 PM

**Market Goat Showmanship:** November 12, 2026 - Following the Completion of Show

**Market Goat Sale:** November 14, 2026 5 PM

**Release:** At the conclusion of sale.

PLEASE CALL IF YOU ARE RUNNING LATE TO TAG IN OR CHECK IN

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**\*Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates\***

**Facebook: Hillsborough County Fair Youth Goat Show**

Please note that these rules & guidelines are in addition to the General Livestock Rules of the Hillsborough County Fair. Be sure to read everything thoroughly!

### Eligibility

- A. To be eligible to show in the 2026 Hillsborough County Fair, youth must be in grades K-12 and either enrolled in Hillsborough County Public or Private Schools, homeschooled in Hillsborough County, or a member of Hillsborough County 4-H, FFA, or YLPA (see specie rules for specific age requirements). Though we encourage all youth to be involved in the 4-H, FFA, or YLPA programs, it is not required if all other eligibility requirements are met. If the exhibitor has been suspended from school, the exhibitor will be suspended from showing at the fair.
- B. No claims for injury to any person or damages to or loss of any property on account of fire, theft, or any other cause shall be made against the Greater Hillsborough County Fair, its agents, or officers, by or on behalf of the exhibitor.
- C. Any physical condition of entrants, which could be a problem for the safety of entrants or animals, may result in entry not being accepted or not allowing entrants to show.
- D. The number of entries drawn will be limited to 30 exhibitors (this includes individual and chapter/club entries).

### General

- A. **NO DOGS IN THE BARN!!! Any service animals need to be checked with the Livestock Office prior.**
- B. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to properly feed, water, and care for their animals. Failure to do so will result in the exhibitor's prohibition from showing in the future, including the current show.
- C. The committee reserves the right to combine or split classes to improve the quality of the show.
- D. Specific breed rules (on the following pages) must be followed.
- E. **Exhibitors will be required to write TWO thank you cards and turn in copies to the fair. One thank-you letter must be addressed and sent to the buyer of your animal. A copy of this letter should be received by the fair by December 1, 2026, to receive premiums. The second thank you**

card should be addressed to our sponsors. This should be generic and not address a specific sponsor but show appreciation for donations to support the goat shows. This thank you note should be turned in at check-in on November 11, 2026, in order to show.

- F. The only animals allowed on the premises are animals that were entered on the entry form. Due to limited space, we cannot have companion animals or an over amount of goat kids taking up space needed by other exhibitors.

## MARKET GOATS

- A. Goats are limited to Boer, mytonic, Spanish, Kiko or Boer – x crosses. **Dairy crosses will NOT be accepted.**
- B. Goats may be horned, disbudded or naturally polled.
- C. Wethers AND does are eligible. (NO BUCKS)
- D. **This is a TERMINAL SHOW – meaning that if you and your animal have entered this show your animal WILL be sold Saturday November 14, 2026. No animals will be taken home after the show.**
- E. Registration papers for Market Goats are NOT permitted.
- F. **Initial tag in for Market Goats will take place on July 25, 2026, from 9 to 10 AM.**
  - a. It is recommended that goats be approximately 4-6 months old at this time.
  - b. ALL animals must have a scrapie tag or microchip (if your goat is micro-chipped you are responsible for bringing your own reader) **YOUR GOAT CANNOT & WILL NOT BE TAGGED WITHOUT A SCRAPIE TAG OR TATTOO.**
  - c. **Tag in is required, failure to show up without notification will result in disqualification of the current year's show and future market goat shows. PLEASE call the committee if you have an issue.**
  - d. **Animals that are tagged MUST be the animals brought to the fair. Replacement animals that were not checked during tag in are not accepted.**
  - e. Exhibitors may tag a "back up" goat – Siblings/families ONLY who reside together may share or have their own back up goat.
  - f. Animals will be assigned a Hillsborough County Fair ear-tag.
  - g. Animals should be owned and housed by the exhibitor by tag-in.
  - h. Male market goats should be castrated by tag-in.

## Market Goat Sale

- A. The auction will be held Saturday **November 14, 2026** – beginning at 5 PM
- B. Exhibitors **MUST** be in official dress.
- C. Animals will be sold at the live auction and transported to a fair designated facility upon completion of the fair. Animal will not leave with the buyer or exhibitor.
- D. Removal of ear tags is prohibited.
- E. Exhibitors are required to communicate with local businesses and are strongly encouraged to bring in new buyers to the fair.
- F. Exhibitors are responsible for their own animals until the conclusion of the sale.
- G. **Exhibitors will be released after the conclusion of the sale and will be required to leave a bucket of water with their animal for overnight. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY!**

## Record Books

- A. Record books will be required of ALL the exhibitors and will be distributed at the initial tag in and are available digitally on the Hillsborough County Fair website.
- B. Record books will be turned in at the final check in on November 11, 2026.
- C. Graded record books will be returned to exhibitors at the Livestock Awards Dinner.
- D. **Record books for the Hillsborough County Fair Breeding & Market Goat Show are MANDATORY! If you have failed to turn in a COMPLETED record book at check-in, it will result in dismissal from the show and disqualification from the following year's show - regardless of whether your animal was able to be checked in or not.**
- E. If you failed to turn in a completed record book in 2025 for market goats you are NOT eligible for the 2026 Breeding Boer & Market Goat Shows, entries will be verified to ensure this qualification has been met for all participants.

## Entry Fees

- A. Market goat entry fees **MUST** be paid the night of the drawing (March 10, 2026) if your name is called.
- B. Market Goats are \$30 per entry
- C. Market Goat entries will open on February 1-March 1, 2026, and the drawing will be held March 10, 2026.
  - a. Exhibitors who enter the market goat show must be present (or have a representative present) to pay entry fees if your name is called. Failure to pay entry fees the night of the drawing will result in ineligibility.
  - b. There are 30 market goat spots to be drawn.
- D. Each exhibitor will receive 1 armband and 2 parent/guardian armbands for the days the exhibitor will be at their show. If more passes are needed for siblings, grandparents, or leaders/advisors, the fair offers discounted admission tickets. Discounted gate admission tickets can be purchased prior to November 4, 2026 by mail, email, or online. As a reminder, parking is free and children under 5 are free. Email hillsboroughcountyfair@verizon.com or rena70@aol.com for advance ticket requests. Discounted advance tickets for the Livestock Shows are \$5 for adults.

## Show Attire

- A. During breed specific classes, white or black pants and white-collar shirts are mandatory. Club official dress is highly recommended. Closed-toed shoes or boots are required, and hats or ball caps are not allowed.
- B. During Showmanship, exhibitors are to conform to the YLPA, 4-H and FFA dress code. See your club leader or your FFA advisor for official dress.

## Livestock Entrance, Traffic Pattern & Parking

- A. The livestock entrance will be open for use and all livestock exhibitors will need to enter and exit using this gate, except for the first day of check-in. At the initial check-in date exhibitors will need to enter the main gate and follow signs for their respective species to the check-in point.
- B. All trailers need to follow the signs for routes showing where to go for each species AND designated parking. Once exhibitors have unloaded their animals, trailers will be escorted to trailer parking, even if trailers will be taken home that day. Gates will be in place and manned by fair personnel at the load in/out areas and will be kept closed and locked after load in is completed. If for any reason additional tack needs to be brought in through gates, exhibitors must see Livestock Director. Trailers CANNOT Park near or block the water tanks at the main entrance. Any trailers left on the fairgrounds during shows MUST PARK IN DESIGNATED TRAILER PARKING AREAS!!! The back gate will be open for departure ONLY when species release.
- C. Designated parking for livestock exhibitors will be available. You must have a hang tag in the window to park in the Livestock Parking areas. Hang tags and wristbands/tickets will be checked at the livestock entrance for ALL vehicles entering. Please be considerate to ticket takers at entrance. All vehicles entering livestock gate must stop at ticket box!! Exhibitors are not to park in the designated committee parking area. Any vehicle parked outside of designated areas will be towed. The fair parking committee will be checking hang tags in vehicles. If a hang tag is lost, it is \$5 for a replacement. Additional hang tags can be purchased for parking at \$5 per hang tag.

## Health Rules

- A. **Veterinary health papers are required for terminal projects. All market goats, prospect wethers, and commercial does must be accompanied with a health certificate at the time of check-in.**
- B. Goats originating from Florida (not imported) are exempt from TB/Brucellosis testing requirements. All imported goats 6 months of age or older must originate from a certified/accredited herd (with appropriate documentation) or have verifiable documented negative testing results recorded on the OCVI.
- C. The state health inspector has the final decision on whether animals satisfy all health requirements.
- D. If your goat is only microchipped, you are responsible for bringing the proper microchip scanner. Failing to do so means we are unable to properly check your animal in and you will be asked to leave.

## Arrival & Check in.

- A. Animal drop off will be **November 11, 2026**, from 9-11 AM. Exhibitor check in will be from 9-11 AM. **If you are going to be late you MUST notify a member of the show committee (Contact**

information for the committee is available on the first page). **Failing to contact the committee will count as a no show and will not be able to participate in the shows held that weekend or the future year.**

- B. Goats will be reviewed by the state inspector upon arrival. **Health Certificates are required for this show!**
- C. There will be assigned pens for animals, there will be no guarantee that there will be tack space provided. If not, you may bring pop-up tents and chairs to set up.
- D. After check-in is completed there will be a mandatory meeting in the arena in which exhibitors, parents, and advisors are to attend. This will be brief and include pertinent information for the weekend!
- E. All goats must be shown by the youth who owns the animal, or a student of the chapter/club entered.**
- F. Final weigh-in will be done at the time of check in.
- G. **Market Goats must be a minimum of 70 pounds and weighed ONE time.**
- H. Market Goats and Prospect Wethers should not be over 1 year of age at the time of check-in.
- I. ANY and ALL medications given while at the Fair must be done under supervision of a veterinarian. Drenching is NOT allowed.
- J. Hillsborough County Fair has the right to refuse any animal that shows symptoms of being sick, injured, or unhealthy at the time of check in.
- K. There is a BRIEF (~15 minute) MANDATORY exhibitor meeting for both Market Goat and Breeding Boer exhibitors after check-in. This meeting will be in the bleachers around the arena and will be at approximately 12pm. Attendance **WILL** be taken.

### Premiums

- A. Premiums will be paid based on the judging reports, which must be signed by the judge and/or by the department superintendent or clerk.
- B. Premiums will **be mailed** to the exhibitor. Errors in premium statements will not be corrected until after December 1, 2026. All Premium checks must be cashed within 180 days of issuance, or they become void.

### Classes/Premium Schedule

**The same judge will judge both the Market Goat and Breeding Boer shows.**

\*ALL classes will be broken down by weight and will be determined after check-in on. Class orders will be posted prior to show on our Facebook page.

#### Weight Classes:

1<sup>st</sup>- \$20

2<sup>nd</sup>- \$15

3<sup>rd</sup>- \$10

*Market Goats: Banners will be awarded to the Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall, 4<sup>th</sup> Overall and 5<sup>th</sup> Overall. No additional premiums will be awarded for these placings.*

*Breeding Boer: Banners will be awarded to Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Prospect Wethers and Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Commercial Does. No additional premiums will be awarded for these placings.*

#### Showmanship:

*Commercial Doe and Prospect Wether exhibitors will compete in showmanship together. Market goat exhibitors will have their own showmanship.*

#### Clover Bud:

**The Judge is instructed NOT to place anyone in Pee Wee Showmanship. All participants will receive a Sponsored Prize.**

#### Junior:

Grand Champion Junior Showman:  
Sponsored Prize

2<sup>nd</sup>- \$30

3<sup>rd</sup>- \$20

#### Intermediate:

Grand Champion Intermediate Showman:  
Sponsored Prize

2<sup>nd</sup>- \$30

3<sup>rd</sup>- \$20

#### Senior:

Grand Champion Senior Showman:  
Sponsored Prize

2<sup>nd</sup>- \$30

3<sup>rd</sup>- \$20

#### Herdsman Award:

\$100 (one exhibitor)

Informational Poster:

1<sup>st</sup> (Clover Bud)- \$50

1<sup>st</sup> (Junior)- \$50

1<sup>st</sup> (Intermediate)- \$50

1<sup>st</sup> (Senior)- \$50

Record Book:

Clover Bud:

Grand Champion Record Book- \$50

Reserve Grand Champion Record Book- \$30

Junior:

Grand Champion Record Book- \$50 Reserve

Grand Champion Record Book- \$30

Intermediate:

Grand Champion Record Book- \$50 Reserve

Grand Champion Record Book- \$30

Senior:

Grand Champion Record Book- \$50 Reserve

Grand Champion Record Book- \$30

**OTHER AWARDS AVAILABLE:**

**Herdsman Award**

Your participation is not required but is requested. Over the course of the weekend, the fair board and livestock committee will be watching all the youth to see who has gone out of their way to ensure that everyone is taken care of. By that we mean, constantly there to help others and the board, keeping the livestock arena and barns clean, making sure your animals are taken care of, cleaning pens and organization. There will be both a Market Goat and a Breeding Boer herdsman award.

**Premium: \$100**

**Informational Poster**

As part of expanding agricultural education and informing the public on market goats, exhibitors are highly encouraged to create an informational poster about market goats and the industry. Your poster can be on ANY topic related to market goats, including raising and showing market goats, processing and cuts of meat. Poster must be organized and neatly made and be free of any inappropriate language or symbols or any advertising for a company or political party. Premiums will be awarded to the highest scoring poster for each age division (Clover Bud, Junior, Intermediate and Senior). This is NOT mandatory. Market Goat and Breeding Boer posters will be judged TOGETHER. **Premium: \$50 (each division)**

**MANDATORY- Record Book Award**

Each exhibitor will be required to fill out a record book for their market goat/prospect wether/commercial doe project. This record book should be the efforts of the youth exhibitor and show their progression throughout their project. Record books should be neat, organized and legible. All additional pages, photos and supporting materials MUST be properly bound or glued in the record book to be considered complete. **All record books will be turned in at check in.** Record books are available digitally on the Hillsborough County Fair website, and paper copies will also be available at tag-in/seminar. **Failure to turn in a record book at check-in will result in dismissal from the show!** Premiums will be awarded to the top two record books in each age division (Clover Bud, Junior, Intermediate and Senior) for both market goats and breeding Boer.

**Premium: Grand Champion Record Book- \$50**

**Reserve Champion Record Book- \$30**

**Youth Showmanship Age Divisions as of September 1, 2026**

**This event is required for ALL youth goat exhibitors!**

Clover Bud 4-7

Junior 8-10

Intermediate 11-13

Senior 14-18

We will start showmanship classes starting with Cloverbud, then move to Juniors, Intermediates and finally Seniors. This is subject to change by the show committee and will be updated during the brief exhibitor meeting after check-in.

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**This is a TERMINAL sale. No live animals that are purchased in the Youth Market Animal Sale will leave the fair with the buyer or exhibitor. Animals will be transferred from the fair straight to the processor designated by the Hillsborough County Fair. In no instance shall an animal be purchased back from the processor by the exhibitor, exhibitor parents, or anyone associated with the exhibitor. All animals will be slaughtered immediately following the sale. No animal shown/sold will be shown elsewhere after the sale date of Nov. 14, 2026. The Hillsborough County Fair has an agreement with the processors and no animal will leave the processor facility unless slaughtered.**

**The Hillsborough County Fair is responsible for selecting processors for resale animals. Exhibitors are prohibited from reaching out to processors to purchase resale animals.**

**\*Please note that the committee reserves the right to change, add, or omit guidelines at any time as deemed necessary. Exhibitors, parents/guardians, and advisors/leaders will be notified of any changes.**

**\*\* Please be sure to read ALL General Livestock rules as they will apply also.**