

MARKET GOAT DIVISION

ENTRY DEADLINE – January 13, 2023

ENTRY FEE - \$20 per exhibitor

DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 13

WEIGHING/SIFTING/CLASSIFYING – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Monday, March 13

JUDGING – 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 15 – North Barn

SHOWMANSHIP – 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 16

LOAD OUT – 11:00 a.m., Sunday, March 19

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS:

Exhibitors must remove goats that are sifted from the showgrounds immediately after sifting. All others must be consigned by the exhibitor and or buyer to the processing plant, individual, etc. assigned by the Show management. Violation of this rule will result in exhibitor being barred from future shows.

Market Does brought to the showgrounds must have a Premise ID Tag issued by the Texas Animal Health Commission. If an exhibitor has purchased a market doe from a breeder, the breeder should supply the Premise ID Tag.

RULES

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school and reside in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr or Willacy counties.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or 9 years old but less than 20 years of age as of January 1, 2023
3. Goats may be of any breed or crossbreed, a wether or unbred doe
4. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the “Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee” in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher/County Extension Agent and the Species-Specific County-Level State Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock
5. All goats must be validated by October 31, 2022. A copy of the validation form must be attached to the Entry Certification Form. All market goats entering the showing are required to have validation ear tags. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions.
6. All Market Goats must have a legible county tattoo
7. An exhibitor may enter only one goat.
8. Absolutely no tattooing or branding done on showgrounds

9. Any animal which has sold in a terminal auction at another show will be ineligible to show unless the proper Change of Ownership forms are received, reflecting why there is evidence of more than one validation and that the previous validation(s) have been canceled.
10. Exhibitors must declare animal weight at the time they sift and classify. The weight listed on the weight card will become that animal's official declared weight to be used for weigh back and selling purposes. Exhibitors must complete the weight card to include declared weight and state validation tag number
11. The decision of the sifters will be final. Protest will not be accepted on sifter's opinion
12. After sifting, goats will be divided into five weight divisions as nearly equal as possible. Each weight division will then be divided into four classes as nearly equal in number as possible. All goats of the same weight will be put in the same weight group
13. Goats must meet the following requirements or be sifted
 - a. Must weigh at least 65 pounds. Maximum weight for all goats will be 120 pounds
 - b. Any goat that has had its natural musculature or weight altered by use of injections or ingested material not conducive of the continued health of goats or marketability of goat carcasses will be sifted
 - c. All goats must be slick shorn from the hock up with 3/8 inch of hair or less
 - d. Sharp or pointed horns must be clipped, rounded or sanded to the size of a dime or larger to meet the approval of the Goat Committee prior to going through the sift
 - e. Goats must be creditable from standpoint of quality, finish and not have been mutilated in any way at time of sifting
 - f. Exhibitors must have a collar or halter on their goat at all times during weighing and sifting
14. Blocking Tables & Trim Chutes: No Market Goat Blocking Tables are permitted on grounds. All market goats must be clipped before arrival to the showgrounds. No clipping will be allowed at the showgrounds. Individual free standing head stanchions are allowed, but must not block alleys and/or pedestrian traffic



Individual Free Standing Head Stanchion

15. No corded blowers will be permitted during the Junior Market Shows.
16. Chokers and spikes will not be permitted during sift or during judging

17. Fitting: Pure water ONLY. If an exhibitor is caught at the gate with foreign substance on a goat, there will be immediate disqualification. Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. No clippers requiring an electrical cord are allowed to be used once the animal has arrived on the showgrounds. Touch up clipping below the knees and hocks with cordless clippers, scissors, or hand shears will be allowed. Significant clipping/shearing on the body is NOT considered touch up clipping and the goat is subject to disqualification.
18. Only exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the holding areas, judging arena, or on the arena director's stand during sifting and judging
19. After an animal becomes loose from an exhibitor 3 times, the committee chair, RGVLS Management, and/or RGVLS Director will have the animal removed from the ring and disqualified from showing. Regardless of any disqualifications, any market animal will remain under consignment contract and will be sold at the end of the event.
20. Top four (4) placing goats in each class of each weight division may be designated for re-weighing during judging at a time determined by the Goat Superintendent. Any goat weighing more than 5 lbs. above its initial official show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing
21. The goat committee may collect a hair and/or blood sample from any goat entered in the Show for the purpose of conducting a DNA analysis. Any goat not having a positive match from the DNA analysis of this hair and/or blood sampled compared to the DNA analysis of the samples taken from it at the time of enrollment in the state validation program will be disqualified
22. Showmanship will take place Thursday, March 16th at 1:00 p.m. All exhibitors must declare showmanship during the sifting process
23. All Market Goats will be sold to the person or company submitting the highest bid. Sifted goats must be removed from showgrounds immediately after sifting
24. Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any division of the Market Goat Division. If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Division Champion of each division. 15 head and more will result in full scholarship amounts.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply

AWARDS

Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Division Champions – Scholarship & Banner

Reserve Division Champions – Rosette

Champion winners in each division will compete for Grand Champion Award. Reserve Champion winner in division that produced the Grand Champion will compete with the remaining Champions for the Reserve Grand Champion Award.

The Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Division Champions and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placing projects will be eligible to participate in the Sale of Champions on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. This is a premium auction only; the actual projects will not be sold to the buyers.

SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS

- 4th place - \$26
- 5th place - \$25
- 6th place - \$24

MARKET GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

All exhibitors of market goats are eligible to compete. Exhibitor must show their own goat for showmanship and exhibitor number is required. Exhibitors will be divided into three age groups based on age as of day of show.

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS

- Junior – Grades 3rd -5th
- Intermediate – Grades 6th – 8th
- Seniors – Grades 9th – 12th

SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

- Champion - \$100 & Buckle
- Reserve Champion - \$75 & Ribbon
- 3rd place - \$50 & Ribbon