

MARKET GOAT DIVISION

JUDGE – Skyler Scotten (Lubbock, TX)

SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE – Roel Garza (Banquete, TX)

ENTRY DEADLINE – January 15, 2024

ENTRY FEE - \$20 per exhibitor

DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2024

WEIGHING/SIFTING/CLASSIFYING – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2024

JUDGING – 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12 – Lamb & Goat Barn

SHOWMANSHIP – 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 14, 2024

LOAD OUT – 11:00 a.m., Sunday, March 17, 2024

Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor – Hidalgo County Farm Bureau/Texas Farm Bureau Insurance

Reserve Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor – F&T Farm & Cattle Company

SPECIAL RULES FOR MARKET GOATS

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas 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, 2024.
3. 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.
4. All goats must be state validated and recorded in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, or Willacy counties by October 31, 2023. All market goats entering the showring are required to have legible/visible state validation tattoos and ear tags. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions.
5. Goats may be of any breed or crossbreed, a wether, or unbred doe.
6. 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.
7. An exhibitor may enter only one market goat.
8. All exhibitors participating in showmanship must enter through the online Showworks system by January 15, 2024.
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 the animal’s 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. The accuracy of information submitted and recorded is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor.
11. The decision of the sifters will be final. Protests will not be accepted on sifter’s opinion.

12. After sifting, the goats will be divided into five weight divisions as equitably as possible. Each weight division will then be divided into four classes as equitably in number as possible. All goats of the same weight will be put in the same weight group.
13. 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. All Market Goats will be sold to the person or company submitting the highest bid. Violation of this rule will result in exhibitors being barred from future shows.
14. Goats must meet the following requirements or be sifted:
 - a. Must weigh at least 65 pounds. The 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 to the continued health of goats or marketability of goat carcasses will be sifted.
 - c. All goats must be slick shorn from the knee and hock up with 3/8 inch of hair or less.
 - d. Sharp or pointed horns must be clipped, rounded, or sanded to the diameter 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 the time of sifting.
 - f. Exhibitors must have a collar or halter on their goat at all times during sifting.
 - g. Significant clipping/shearing on the body at the showgrounds is not considered touch up clipping, and the goat is subject to disqualification.
15. Trimming Tables: No Market Goat Trimming Tables or show rails are permitted on the grounds. All market goats must be clipped before arrival to the showgrounds. Individual free standing head stanchions are allowed, but they must stay within the pen and must not block alleys and/or pedestrian traffic.
16. No corded blowers will be permitted during the Junior Market Shows.
17. Chokers and spikes will not be permitted during sift or during judging.
18. Fitting: Pure water ONLY. If an exhibitor is caught at the gate with a 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.
19. 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.
20. No drenching, watering/feeding, or grooming is allowed while in the "holding area" at any time.
21. 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.
22. The 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 or below its recorded official show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing.
23. The Show 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 sample compared to the DNA analysis of the samples taken from it at the time of enrollment in the state validation program will be disqualified.
24. Showmanship will take place Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. All exhibitors must declare showmanship during the sifting process.

25. Scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any weight 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 weight division.
- 15 head and more will result in full scholarship amounts.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 23 also apply.

AWARDS

Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Division Champions – \$500 Scholarship & Banner

Reserve Division Champions – Banner & 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 16, 2024, 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. Exhibitors must show their own market goat for showmanship and exhibitor number is required. Exhibitors will be divided into three groups based on their grade as of the day of the show.

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS

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

SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

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