

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY FAIR DAIRY GOAT SHOW

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 2023 at 10:00am

DAIRY GOAT RULES

All entries and fees should be entered in the online FairEntry System by July 01, 2023.

Paper forms can be sent to Rockingham County Fair – Dairy Goat Department, 4808 S. Valley Pike, Harrisonburg, VA 22801 postmarked no later than July 01, 2023. Make checks payable to the Rockingham County Fair Association. Refunds will only be made with a veterinarian's signed statement. All goats are to be secured in their pens at all times.

The barn superintendents will check registration papers or application papers on Monday afternoon by visiting each exhibitors stall.

All registered Dairy Goats born prior to January 1, 2023 must have registration papers. All registered Dairy Goats born after January 1, 2023 must have either registration papers or a copy of their application for registration papers. Any goats not having valid registration/application papers will be shown in the commercial show. The Dairy Goat Department will check tattoos. All animals must be vet checked and have health papers before entering the fairgrounds.

Only Dairy Goats being shown in recognized classes will be permitted in the barn. Animals for exhibit may be permitted in the Dairy Goat section with prior approval of the livestock department chairman. no Milking facilities for Dairy Goats are not available at RCFG, exhibitors are responsible for their own milking unit and proper disposal of any milk produced on the grounds.

Only two animals per exhibitor will be allowed per class. Where there is no competition and first place ribbon is awarded, second place prize money will be given.

Any animal, which in the opinion of the livestock chairman constitutes a hazard, must be removed from the grounds.

The rules and regulations to qualify as a Junior showman for the Dairy Goat Department will be the same for all JUNIOR LIVESTOCK exhibitors.

Juniors must be a registered active Rockingham County 4-H or FFA member.

Animals shown in the Junior show must be owned and registered solely in the name of the exhibitor or in the farm name on which the exhibitor lives or is employed, by January 1, 2023 (No transfer papers will be accepted). The registered 4-H or FFA member in whose name the animal is entered, must also be the one to show the animal. In the event that this is not possible, another junior member may be permitted to show the animal with prior approval of the department superintendent prior to the time of the show.

ALL Livestock exhibitors must have their Dairy Goats on the grounds and unloaded by 12:00 PM Monday, NO EXCEPTIONS.

These exhibits MUST REMAIN UNTIL 9:00 PM ON SATURDAY. Any Dairy Goat exhibitor(s) leaving early or without prior approval of the department superintendent will FORFEIT HIS/HER PRIZE MONEY.

Premium money will be distributed by the barn superintendent at the time of departure on Saturday.

There will be a limit of six (6) animals per exhibitor/registered owner.

All animals must have continued access to water, all pens will remain clean of waste, tack areas and aisle ways are to be clean and tidy at all times.

Lights will be turned out in the barns at 11:00 PM. no sleeping in the barn will be allowed.

Personal fans will be allowed of electricity permits but must be moving air in the same direction as the permanently installed fans.

There is a minimum of 6 head (combined does, bucks and wethers) requirement in order to qualify for an individual breed show. Breeds not meeting the 6 head minimum will be shown in the All Other Breeds Division.

ANY AND ALL RULES OF THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY FAIR PUBLISHED IN THE "FAIR CATALOG" APPLY TO ALL EXHIBITORS ALSO).

Showmanship will be voluntary but encouraged for Junior Dairy Goat exhibitors.

The Junior/Open Dairy Goat Show will be judged on Saturday morning beginning 10:00 AM in the following order:

Junior Showmanship

Entries will be divided into three classes as follows:

- (1) Experienced - 4 or more years of showing experience with any goats anywhere.
- (2) Junior – 2 or 3 years of showing experience with any goats anywhere.
- (2) Novice – First year of showing experience with any goats anywhere.

Dairy Goat Breed Classes (in order of show, is subject to change).

1. French Alpine
2. La Mancha
3. Nigerian Dwarf
4. Nubian
5. Oberhasli
6. Pygmy
7. Saanen
8. Sable
9. Toggenburg
10. All Other Breeds

DAIRY GOAT CLASS DIVISIONS

Junior Division

(Does and Bucks)

1. Any doe under 24 months of age that has **never freshened**
2. Any buck under 12 months of age

DOES

1. Under 3 months
2. 3 months and under 6 months
3. 6 months and under 9 months
4. 9 months and under 12 months
5. 12 months and under 18 months
6. 18 months and under 24 months

BUCKS

7. Under 3 months
8. 3 months to under 6 months
9. 6 months to under 9 months
10. 9 months to under 12 months
11. Under 12 months

WETHERS

1. Under 12 months

Senior Division

(Does and Bucks)

Any doe that has ever freshened or that is being milked, this includes dry and precocious milkers.

Any doe 24 months of age or over that has never freshened shall not be shown.

Any buck 12 months of age or over

DOES

2. under 2 years of age
3. 2 years to under 3 years
4. 3 years to under 4 years
5. 4 years to under 5 years
6. 5 years of age and older

BUCKS

7. Under 2 years of age
8. 2 years to under 3 years
9. 3 years to under 4 years
10. 4 years to under 5 years
11. 5 years of age and over