2026 Open Dairy Goats

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Entry Forms due August 31

Open Show = **Official ADGA Show**

Judge: Jackson Noble, Woodleaf, NC

2026 Official Schedule

Order of Show:

2026 Open: Lamancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Guernsey, Nubian, Recorded Grade, Saanen, Toggenburg, AOP (Oberhasli, Sable), Alpine.

Arrival: Thursday, Sept. 24, Noon - 6:00 p.m.
Exhibitors must be in place by 9:00 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24
Late arrivals will not be accepted unless approved by show officials ahead of time.
Check-in w/ Show Secretaries: Thursday, Sept. 24, Noon. 6:00 p.m.
ALL ANIMALS MUST BE CHECKED BY THE STATE VETERINARIAN and show staff before being unloaded.

Exhibitor Meeting:	**Thursday, Sept. 24, 8:00 p.m. (attendance required). Bring a dish to share for a pot luck supper following the meeting.**
Open Senior Doe Show:	**Friday, Sept. 25, 10:00 a.m.**
Youth Showmanship Clinic:	**Friday, Sept. 25, 1 hour after conclusion of Sr. Doe Show**
Youth Costume Class:	**Friday, Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m.**
Open Junior Doe Show:	**Saturday, Sept. 26, 10:00 a.m.**
Youth Skillathon:	**Saturday, Sept. 26, 1 hr after end of Junior Doe Show**
Milking Demonstration:	**Saturday, Sept. 26, 6:00 p.m., <u>in Goat Barn</u>**
Youth Showmanship:	**Sunday, Sept. 27, 10:00 a.m.**
Youth Combined Doe Show:	**Sunday, Sept. 27, immediately following Showmanship**
Release:	**Sunday, Sept. 27, 5:00 p.m., or at the conclusion of the Youth Show, whichever is later.**

All pens must be vacated <u>by 7:00 p.m.</u> Sept. 27th in order to prepare for the next show.

Health & Animal Identification Requirements

Health Requirements: See 2026 General Rules & Guidelines, 2026 Livestock and Small Animal Exhibitor Policies

Dairy Goat Show Health Requirements:

- All animals to be exhibited at the State Fair of Virginia must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) issued within the past 30 days that is signed by an accredited veterinarian and states that the animals are free of infectious and contagious diseases. All animals are required to be individually identified and listed on the CVI (health certificate).
- Representatives of the State Veterinarian's office will check all health certificates for validity and completeness. Additionally, all animals will be subject to individual inspection upon arrival by representatives of the State Veterinarian's office working in collaboration with the State Fair staff.
- Any animals not meeting entry requirements and/or found to have an active case of an infectious or contagious disease or condition will be eliminated from the show and will not be permitted in animal stalling or exhibit areas, and may be required to return to the premises of origin.
- All health regulations will be strictly enforced, and all decisions of the State Veterinarian or his/her designated representative are final.

Animal Identification Requirements: (provide by the VA State Veterinarian)

- For Dairy Goats coming to the State Fair of Virginia; only an ID recognized as "official" by the Commonwealth of VA is acceptable.
- Official Ear Tags: must bear the U.S. Shield
- Scrapie Program tags: Flock ID tags (flock number and individual animal ID on tag)
- Serial ID Tags: (state code with serials or letters, white and orange tags)
- RFID Tags: either standard (cattle size) or sheep size. Must be 840

For earless goats, a scrapie flock ID or Serial ID tag may be secured through a collar which cannot be slipped over the head

- USDA Compliant Microchips: Microchip number must be listed on registration paper
- Breed Registry Tattoos: MUST be legible. MUST be accompanied by the registration paper
- Flock ID Tattoos: for Grade animals ONLY. MUST be legible. Flock ID assigned by USDA in one ear, animal ID in other ear.

Open Dairy Goat Show Rules

The State Fair General Rules, the Livestock Rules and the Show Ring Code of Ethics apply to this department. By submitting an entry you agree to read and abide by these rules.

1. This Open Dairy Goat show is sanctioned by the American Dairy Goat Association and ADGA rules shall govern, provided they do not conflict with any of the rules or regulations of the State Fair of Virginia. Junior and Senior divisions ARE separately sanctioned. The order of the show is subject to change

2. There is an entry fee of $5.00 **per class** (herd class entries will only be charged one fee per group) All entries must be made **on-line at www.statefairva.org,** under 'State Fair,' then 'Competitions.' All entries must be made on or before August 31. No late, incomplete or illegible entries will be accepted. The State Fair of Virginia reserves the right to limit entries based on the available pen space. If you have difficulties with the entry process please contact Kelly Mallory or Candace Myers.

3. Entry fee includes bagged wood shavings as follows (1-5 goats - 1 bale, 6 – 10 goats – 2 bales, 11+ goats- 3 bales). All other bedding is to be furnished by the exhibitor or purchased from SFVA. A limited amount of additional bagged shavings will be available for sale on site. Straw is allowed for bedding but will NOT be available on grounds for purchase.

4. A registration or recordation certificate is required for all animals. All animals are subject to tattoo verification. No bucks, wethers or does not entered in the sanctioned shows will be allowed on grounds. All goats will be checked by the vets and show staff prior to placement in pens.

5. The State Fair of Virginia will not accept any goat without a registration paper or stamped duplicate. **Beginning January 1, 2026, stamped duplicates will be valid for 90 days. Any stamped duplicates issued December 31, 2025 or prior shall expire on March 31, 2026.**

6. Age of animals will be computed as of the day of the show.

7. Substitutions will be allowed only within the show, breed, and class entered. Exceptions may be considered at the show committee's discretion in order to make a breed official. **No changes allowed after check-in.**

8. **Herd Unit**: For the purposes of group classes only, Dairy Goat exhibitors who are members of a family or are individuals who are currently using a single designated herd name at the ADGA office, may combine does to form an entry in the group classes, provided the does were exhibited in the individual classes of that breed. Please enter the group class under a single name.

9. All group class entries of a breed will be made up only of those animals that have been shown in the individual classes of that breed, in that particular show. **All group classes will be restricted to no more than one (1) entry per herd unit.**

10. **Dress Code: Exhibitors and their handlers are expected to report to ringside in short or long sleeved white, collared shirts (shirts with commercial logos not associated with goats are not acceptable), white or black pants (or professional length skirts) with close-toed shoes. Dairy whites are preferred!**

11. All Dairy Goat exhibitors will be expected to participate in the Milking Demonstration, in the Goat Barn, on Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m.

12. There shall be no disbudding, no dehorning, no tattooing, no inserting of microchips or ear tags, etc. on the fairgrounds.

13. All milk must be disposed of promptly in the designated milk disposal containers.

14. **Bedrolls and tents are to be taken down and stored by 9:00 a.m. each morning. You may setup tents and bedrolls after 9:00 p.m. each evening.**

Awards

Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Classes 1-15	$30	$25	$20	$15	$10	$5

Junior Grand Champion, Junior Reserve Grand Champion, Senior Grand Champion, Senior Reserve Grand Champion: **Rosettes**

Best Junior Doe in Show, Best 3 Junior Doe in Show, Best Senior Doe in Show, Best Udder in Show, Best Dairy Herd in Show: **$50 and Banner**

Premier Exhibitors: **$20 and Rosette**

Premier Exhibitor Award (one for each sanctioned breed) – shall be given to the individual dairy goat exhibitor credited with the most points earned by his/her animals (not to exceed six) owned and exhibited in a particular breed. Exhibitor is defined as the owner of the animal as it appears on the registration papers. Designated Herd Units will not be allowed to combine points to compete for Premier Exhibitor Awards.

Point Schedule for Premier Exhibitor Awards

	Sr. Doe	Jr. Doe
1st Place	20	10
2nd Place	18	9
3rd Place	16	8

Points will be awarded for classes 1-4 and 7-11 only.

Dairy Goat Promotion & Herdsman Award

1st Place:	$100 and Rosette
2nd Place:	$ 80 and Rosette
3rd Place:	$ 40 and Rosette

Awarded to the Open Dairy Goat exhibitor whose display promotes the dairy goat industry (40%), is helpful to other exhibitors and fair guests (25%), whose pen area is neatly kept (20%) and is courteous to all others (15%).

OPEN DAIRY GOATS
Enter Division and Class on entry form.

Division 1: Alpine
Division 2: Lamancha
Division 3: Nigerian Dwarf
Division 4: Nubian
Division 5: Recorded Grade
Division 6: Saanen
Division 7: AOP (Oberhasli, Sable)
Division 8: Toggenburg
Division 9: Guernsey

Open Junior Doe Show: enter Division and Class on entry form

Class
01 Junior Kids: born on or after April 1
02 Intermediate Kids: born March 1 - March 31
03 Senior Kids: born on or before February 28
04 Dry Yearlings: over 1 year and under 2 years, never freshened, nor in milk
(Junior Grand Champion)
(Junior Reserve Grand Champion)
(Best Junior Doe in Show)
06 Best 3 Junior
(Best 3 Junior Doe in Show)

Open Senior Doe Show: enter Division and Class on entry form

Class
07 Milkers, under 2 years old
08 Milkers, 2 years old
09 Milkers, 3 years old
10 Milkers, 4 years old
11 Milkers, 5 years old and older
(Senior Grand Champion)
(Senior Reserve Grand Champion)
12 Champion Challenge
(Best Udder of Breed) entries will be selected by the judge from classes 7,8,9,10 & 11.
13 Senior Dam and Senior Daughter – Enter by dam's name.
14 Senior Produce of Dam
15 Dairy Herd – Three **senior** does, entered by unit or exhibitor's name. (one herd unit per exhibitor)
(Best Doe in Show)
(Best Udder in Show)
(Best Dairy Herd in Show)

Fun Classes – No Premiums – Sign up at Show
Adult Showmanship Class – time/day TBD
Adults Costume Class – will follow the youth costume classes