2026 Youth Dairy Goats

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Judge: Jackson Noble, Woodleaf, NC

Entry Forms due August 31

Youth Show = **Official ADGA Combined Show**

2026 Official Schedule

Order of Show:

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

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., in Goat Barn**
Youth Showmanship:	**Sunday, Sept. 27, 10:00 a.m. (PeeWee, Senior, Intermediate, Junior)**
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 by 7:00 p.m. 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.

Youth 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 combination Youth Junior/Senior Doe show is sanctioned by the American Dairy Goat Association and their rules shall govern provided they do not conflict with any of the rules or regulations of the State Fair of Virginia. The order of the show is subject to change.

2. The Youth Dairy Goat Show is open to exhibitors who are members of 4-H, FFA, ADGA and other youth who are at least 9 years of age by September 25, 2026 and less than 21 years of age on September 25, 2026. PeeWee youth are classified as ages 8 & under and may ONLY participate in Showmanship and Costume Class.

   Youth Showmanship divisions:
   - Pee Wee Showman – 8 years old and under
   - Junior Showman – 9-12 years old
   - Intermediate Showman – 13-16 years old
   - Senior Showman – 17-20 years old

3. 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. All goats will be checked by the vets and show staff prior to placement in pens.
4. ADGA HAS AUTHORIZED THE USE OF A STAMPED DUPLICATE OF THE REGISTRATION APPLICATION FOR ANIMALS OF ANY AGE. Expired stamped duplicates have been extended to December 31, 2026. We will not accept any goat without a registration paper or stamped duplicate. (Confirmed this with ADGA)
5. There is no entry fee for the youth show. 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.

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6. 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.
7. Ownership Rules: All animals in the Youth Show must be in the child's, family's or herd's name. For goats with joint ownership, entries may only be made in the name of one exhibitor and may not be changed once entries are submitted and approved. If the child has an animal leased through ADGA, the lease must be dated by the entry deadline and a copy of the lease must be for 2025. The lease will be accepted but must show the email date sent to ADGA to be stamped.
8. Each youth exhibitor is expected to handle his/her own animal in the ring. If an exhibitor has more than one animal in the ring, he/she must have another youth show the extra animal(s).
9. Age of animals will be computed as of the day of the show.

10. 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.
11. Showmanship: All youth exhibitors must participate in showmanship. Showmanship animals must also be shown in the individual age class of their breed in the Youth Dairy Goat Show and owned by the youth exhibitor. PeeWee Showman must use a goat that is entered in a breed class.
12. Herd Unit: For the purposes of group classes on, Youth Dairy Goat exhibitors who are members of a family currently using a single designated herd name at the ADGA office, may combine does to form a single 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.
13. 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 this particular show. All group classes will be restricted to no more than one (1) entry per herd unit.
14. Dress Code: Exhibitors 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!
15. All Youth Dairy Goat exhibitors will be expected to participate in the Milking Demonstration, in the Goat Barn, on Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m.
16. There shall be no disbudding, no dehorning, no tattooing, no inserting of microchips or ear tags, etc. on the fairgrounds.
17. All milk must be disposed of promptly in the designated milk disposal containers.
18. 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 pm each evening.

Youth Awards

Place	**1st**	**2nd**	**3rd**	**4th**	**5th**	**6th**
Classes 20-23, 25 - 27, 29-41:	**$20**	**$16**	**$14**	**$10**	**$8**	**$6**

Classes 24 & 28: Ribbons only

Overall Champion Showman: Banner

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

***Best Doe in Show, Best Udder in Show, Best 3 Jr Does in Show, Best Dairy Herd in Show*: $50 and Banner**

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.

Premier Youth Exhibitors: $20 and Rosette
Point Schedule for Premier Youth Exhibitor Awards

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

Points will be awarded for classes 27-30 and 32-36.

Dairy Goat Promotion & Herdsman Award

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

Awarded to the Youth 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%).

State Fair of Virginia Scholarship Program – Dairy Goats

The Scholarship Program is open is open to exhibitors who are members of 4-H, FFA and other youth who are at least 9 years of age by September 30 of the current year and must not have had their 19th birthday before January 1 of current year

Each category will be split into three age groups:
Juniors: 9- 12 as of Sept 30th of the current year
Intermediates: 13-16 as of Sept. 30th of the current year
Seniors: 17-19 as of Sept. 30th of the current year

Nine Scholarships (by age group):

Junior	1st	$450.00	2nd	$300.00	3rd	$200.00
Intermediate	1st	$550.00	2nd	$400.00	3rd	$300.00
Senior	1st	$650.00	2nd	$500.00	3rd	$400.00

Ranking of exhibitors will be based on the following:

- **30% - Showmanship**
- **25% - Live class placing (in an individual class with one animal – no herd classes)**
- **20% - Skillathon**
- **15% - Herdsman/Promotion (Must include display)**
- **10% - Record Book**

(record books can be found at https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/youth-livestock/record-books-index.html. Use General Record Book *or contact Kelly Mallory at malloryk@vt.edu or 540-948-6881*

**Exhibitors must participate in ALL of the above criteria to be eligible for a scholarship.*

YOUTH DAIRY GOATS COMBINED DOE SHOW
Enter Division and Class on entry form.

Division Y1: AOP (Oberhasli, Saanen, Sable, Toggenburg, Guernsey)
Division Y2: Alpine
Division Y3: Nubian
Division Y4: Nigerian Dwarf
Division Y6: Recorded Grade
Division Y7: Lamancha

Class
21 Senior Fitting and Showmanship (17-20)
22 Intermediate Fitting and Showmanship (ages 13-16)*
23 Junior Fitting and Showmanship (ages 9-12)*
(Overall Champion Showmanship)
24 Pee Wee Showmanship (ages 8 & under)
25 Senior Costume Class (ages 17-20)
26 Intermediate Costume Class (ages 13-16)
27 Junior Costume Class (ages 9-12)
28 Pee Wee Costume Class (ages 8 & under)
29 Junior Kids: born on or after April 1
30 Intermediate Kids: born March 1 - March 31
31 Senior Kids: born on or before February 29
32 Dry Yearlings: over 1 year and under 2 years, never freshened nor in milk
(Junior Champion)
(Reserve Junior Champion)
33 Best 3 Junior Does
(Best 3 Jr Does in Show)
34 Milkers, under 2 years old
35 Milkers, 2 years old
36 Milkers, 3 years old
37 Milkers, 4 years old
38 Milkers, 5 years old and older
(Senior Champion)
(Reserve Senior Champion)
(Grand Champion)
(Reserve Grand Champion)
39 Dam and Daughter – Enter by dam's name (daughter can be a Sr Doe or Jr Doe)
40 Dairy Herd – Three senior does, entered by herd or exhibitor's name
41 Champion Challenge –
(Best Doe in Show)
(Best Udder in Show)
(Best Dairy Herd in Show)

*Showmanship is mandatory! Please see Rule #11. There is no entry fee for Showmanship or Costume classes.