# Market Goat Rulebook

***TO: Market Project Exhibitors***
***4-H Agents, 4-H Leaders, FFA Advisors***

The application form and rules for the 2026-2027 Osceola County Fair & Kissimmee Valley Livestock Market Program will be available online August 1st . You can access forms by going to the KVLS website at www.osceolacountyfair.com.

***IMPORTANT:*** All exhibitors MUST HAVE BEEN ACTIVE members in good standing the prior year (as defined by the governing associations guidelines) IN THE 2026- 2027 4-H OR FFA PROGRAMS… and must be verified as an active member according to the *YOUTH MARKET ANIMAL RULE # 1.* Please read the Youth Market Goat Show & Sale Rules.

**COMPLETE** forms Online between August 1st - 15th at 12:00 midnight. **YOU MUST RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION RECEIPT VIA EMAIL WHEN USING THE ONLINE SYSTEM.**

If a draw is needed, it will be held on the first Thursday after registration closes at the fair office.

See Osceola County Fair Event Calendar for mandatory dates.

We are looking forward to an exciting year!

If you should have any questions, please contact your Committee Chairperson.

Participants are required to review the following:

- Market Goat Animal Rules

Please complete and submit the following online:

- Application Form

*By completing the application form online, exhibitors and parents certify that they have READ and UNDERSTAND the Rules and Regulations set forth in this, and all corresponding documents.*

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***Chairperson(s)/Contact Information:***

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**GENERAL RULES:**

***ELIGIBILITY:***

- Only active Osceola County 4-H or FFA members are invited to participate; and must be residents of Osceola County and currently enrolled in school.
    a. Anyone who has graduated from high school or has dropped out of school shall be ineligible to enter, show, or sell their market animals. All entrants must be active in the 4-H or FFA Programs and meet all their requirements.
    *b.* The child (Exhibitor) must be an Osceola County resident OR lives/resides on land in a bordering county, which the property continues, into Osceola County, may participate in the market animal programs provided they abide by all other rules and regulations. This rule also applies to chapter animal exhibitors.

*Minimum Exhibitor Age is 8 years old*

*(Ages are prior to September 1st of current 4-H/FFA Year)*

**All Exhibitors are required to complete Ethics Class. If you need to sign up for the class, go to https://floridastatefairag.com**

- The Market Goat Show and Sale will be limited to thirty-five (35) goats with three (3) alternates. Application forms are due on the required deadline date. If there are more than thirty-five (35) applications, then entries are subject to be entered into a drawing. The drawing will be held immediately after the Market Hog drawing (the first Thursday after registration is closed).
- The Market Goat program is accepting goat entries from those Osceola County School District FFA chapters, which want to enter a goat under their chapter's name as a fundraiser. All chapter goats must follow ALL the same rules and procedures as an individual project for record books, Skill-a-thon, show, sale, dress code, etc. The Exhibitor must meet ALL eligibility requirements, reside in Osceola County, and must register and disclose the specific Exhibitor who will be exhibiting the animal in the show, showmanship and sale on or before the final weigh-in.
- The Market Goat program is ONLY accepting chapter goat entries from Osceola County School District FFA chapters. These goats must be registered in the FFA

chapter's name as a fundraiser with all proceeds benefiting the FFA chapter as a whole. All chapter goats must follow ALL the same rules and procedures as an individual project for record books, Skill-A-Thon, show, sale, dress code, etc. The Exhibitor must meet ALL eligibility requirements, reside in Osceola County, and must register and disclose the specific Exhibitor who will be exhibiting the animal in the show, showmanship and sale on or before the final weigh-in.

- An Exhibitor may not show a chapter market goat if they show another market animal.
- An exhibitor may not show a chapter market goat (either Showmanship or Show) in two consecutive years. If the Exhibitor showed a chapter market goat in either Showmanship or Show in 2025, they are not eligible for the current year.
- Each Exhibitor that shows a chapter market goat either in Showmanship or Show must complete their own record book and Skill-A-Thon.
- Exhibitors are allowed to show a market lamb or goat as a 2nd market project their first year
- **If your animal does not make weight, or if you do not meet any of the requirements of the market animal department, you are ineligible to compete in the Showmanship, Fitting & Grooming competition and premier exhibitor with the market animal exhibitors.** You will be able to compete in the open animal Showmanship and Fitting & Grooming provided they are offered.

- **Any 4-H, FFA, or Open exhibitors conducting or participating in any illegal or illicit activities, including tobacco, alcohol, vaping around the Fairgrounds, shall forfeit all rights to show and /or sell at the Fair. Any monies owed by the Fair for sales, premiums, and awards will be withheld by KVLS for current year.**

***Age Divisions:***

*Junior: 8-10 | Intermediate: 11-13 | Senior: 14-18*

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**REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL MARKET ANIMAL EXHIBITORS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

***Skill-a-thon***

- All exhibitors are required to attend the Skill-A-Thon event. (Bring a copy of your 1st-semester report card.) Any Exhibitors with a (1st semester) GPA of 3.25 may opt out of taking the skill-a-thon unless competing for skill-a-thon competition or Premier Exhibitor.
- **All other exhibitors with a GPA lower than 3.25 will be required to take the Skill-A-Thon and pass with a minimum of 70% to be qualified to show their market animal.** If a 70% or above is not attained, the exhibitor will be given the opportunity to retake the Skill-a-thon. The first score will be used for the skill-a-thon competition and Premier Exhibitor.
- Complete Skill-a-thon. See the event calendar for the Skill-a-thon date and time.
- Awards will be given for 1st ($25), 2nd ($20), 3rd($15) place at each age level. In the event of a tie, a tiebreaker will be used.
    - **Incentive:** All exhibitors that score at least 95 on Skill-a-thon will receive one (1) Funcard (subject to availability).

## ***RECORD BOOKS:***

- Record books must be completed and turned in if the animal is to be shown at the fair.
- Record Books will be graded on a scale of 1-100+ points. **Exhibitors must have a minimum of 70 points OR a pass to be able to show his/her animal.** The Record Book must be kept in the exhibitor's own handwriting (no typewritten pages).
- The only two exceptions to this are the auctioneer's statement, which must be typed, and the option to type the project story per the record book rules.
- Awards will be given for 1st ($25), 2nd ($20), 3rd($15) place at each age level. In the event of a tie, a tiebreaker will be used.
- At the time of official record book turn-in the exhibitor must declare if the record book enters the competition or pass/fail category. No matter the decision the books must pass in order to show.
- For the current fair year: If an exhibitor applies, qualifies, and intends to show a market animal at the Osceola County Fair, a record book must be completed and turned in to KVLS in January and 4-H in May. If an exhibitor starts a market animal project (animal has an official weigh in), regardless of whether the animal meets the minimum weight requirement at final weigh-in, health or behavior issues hinder it from being shown, or the animal dies prior to the record book turn-in date, a record book should still be turned into both KVLS and 4-H for the exhibitor to qualify for the market program the following fair year. This requirement applies to the exhibitor's primary and secondary animals, when applicable.
- In any of these circumstances, the exhibitor should complete the record book to the best of their ability, providing all pertinent animal information in the applicable sections. The record book must receive a passing score (or a 'pass' if entered in the

pass/fail category) from the KVLS Record Book Committee in order to fulfill this requirement.

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***SCHOLARSHIP:***

- Exhibitor Scholarship rules and application forms may be obtained online.
- The applications would be accepted via email, submitted no later than midnight on the date of the market animal skill-a-thon competition. This will allow us to have an electronic record of the applications submitted and eliminate any misplaced or not submitted applications**. The email is kvlsscholarship@gmail.com.**
- You must be age 14 by September 1st of the current 4-H/FFA Year.
- The scholarship committee will provide a review process to select the top 15 applications, which will then continue to the next level of completion, which will include an illustration talk/demonstration on leadership or citizenship within the project area and an interview.
- The fifteen (15) youth selected to compete in the interview/illustrated talk portion of the competition will be notified via email.
- Memorial scholarships are only eligible for those who compete for the KVLS scholarships.
- See Event Calendar for complete details.

***ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMAL:***

- Limited to Market Goats (Must be a wether). Each exhibitor will be responsible for obtaining his or her own goats. The goats may be purchased in or out of Osceola County
    - There will be a **mandatory** meeting date to be determined. **THIS MEETING MUST BE ATTENDED BY THE EXHIBITORS OR REPRESENTATIVE, any questions or problems, you must call the chairperson**.
    - All goats will be tagged with a KVLS tag at the 1st weigh-in, including spare animals. All goats must have a Scrapies tag on the animal at first weigh-in. Animals not displaying a Scrapies tag will not be permitted to be unloaded.
    - Weight will be recorded on a certified scale.
    - If your animal is injured at weigh-in, notify the chairman before you leave the premises.
    - All goats **MUST** be wethered on or before December 1st.

- ***VET REQUIREMENTS:***
- It shall be the responsibility of each exhibitor to have his or her Market Goat entry vetted. Each exhibitor must present an official and current health

certificate at the final weigh-in, it must list permanent identification and free of evidence of disease.
- Vet Day is to be determined.
- Market Animals must meet the health requirements of the Dept. of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry. If your market goat does not make weight, you must have valid health papers to show in the Youth Breeding Goat Show.
- All exhibitors must have a valid Health Certificate if the animal is being transported.

***FINAL WEIGH-IN & ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY:***

- Minimum weight at final weigh-in is 80 pounds. There is no maximum weight; however, all goats must have a 1-pound increase from the October weigh-in. Exhibitors will not be paid for any weight over 160 pounds. Goats will be weighed on certified scales and this will be the official weight.
    - Recommended weight of 50lbs by 1st official weigh-in.
- Deadline for possible replacement of an ill and/or injured goat is December 1st at the discretion of the market goat committee.
- A mandatory meeting will be held the day of final weigh-in.
    - See the youth calendar for date and time (Exhibitor or their parent must be present for weigh-in.)
- Goats will be placed in class based on weight.
- Goats must be carrying milk teeth and be under 14 months of age at the time of the show.
- All market goat pens are assigned at time of pen set-up.
- The livestock market weigh-in scales will be positioned so the weight displays are clearly visible to the public.

***SHOWING:***

- All goats must be trained for show and to be controlled by the exhibitor. Animals that cannot be handled properly will be disqualified.
- Filling of goat with any foreign substance is prohibited.
- The barn shall be closed 1 hour prior to showmanship/show/sale. The exhibitor and 1 parent or immediate family member will be provided with an armband in order to gain access into the barn during showmanship/show/sale. Exhibitors and 1 parent with wristbands are the only people allowed in the barn. If the exhibitor, parent or guests do not adhere to the barn rules during showmanship/show/sale the exhibitor will be fined $100.00, which will be deducted from the exhibitor's premium check.

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**Section 4 | Showmanship**

***Classes:***

01. Junior Showmanship 02. Intermediate Showmanship 03. Senior Showmanship

- See Calendar for Showmanship. There will be a Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Class.

***DRESS CODE:***

- **FOR THE SHOW:**
  - All exhibitors must wear a white, sleeved, collared dress shirt or blouse, tucked in with dark blue or black western trousers or western jeans (no holes in jeans)
  - Boots or leather closed toed shoes. **NO** hey dudes or rubber boots
  - Exhibitors may wear a 4-H or FFA jacket. A 4-H or FFA tie may be worn if the exhibitor desires.
  - No other jackets, vests, or ties will be allowed.
  - All exhibitors are required to wear show numbers on front and back of shirts.
- **FOR SHOWMANSHIP/SALE:**
  - All exhibitors must wear a long-sleeved shirt, collard dress shirt or blouse, tucked in with nice clean jeans or western dress trousers (no holes in jeans)
  - Boots or leather closed toes shoes. **NO** hey dudes or rubber boots
  - Hats, jackets, ties, vests, will be allowed.
  - **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**
  - The barn shall be closed 1 hour prior to showmanship/show/sale. The exhibitor and 1 parent or immediate family member will be provided with an armband in order to gain access into the barn during showmanship/show/sale. Exhibitors and 1 parent with a wristband are the only people allowed in the barn. If the exhibitor, parent or guests do not adhere to the barn rules during showmanship/show/sale the exhibitor will be fined $100.00 which will be deducted from the exhibitor's premium check.

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***BEDDING AND CARE ON FAIRGROUNDS:***

- All animals will be bedded on sawdust. Market Goat must be show ready before their arrival at the Fair. Goats are to be kept clean and in show condition until official release time. The animal must be fed, cared for and their beds/grooming/tack area cleaned daily by the exhibitor for the entire time they are on the Fairgrounds. If this is not done, a $50 fine will be deducted from the sale of your animal.
- Please make sure all goats are free of parasites. Refer to any medication withdrawal dates before check-in. No medications of any type will be allowed once the animal is checked in unless cleared by the vet and/or chairperson.
- ALL hay must be removed from pens immediately following the conclusion of the sale. If this is not done, a $50 fine will be deducted from the sale of your animal.

***JUDGING:***

- Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be selected. Judging of top five (5) animals will be selected in goat, steer and hog shows only. Second place animal in the class that produces the Grand Champion will be eligible for Reserve Champion.
- Exhibitors will receive ribbons; however, since the exhibitor will profit from the sale of their animal, no premium monies will be awarded. Points will be awarded to those competing for the Scholarships.
- Osceola County-bred goats must submit proof of purchase to the fair office on or before 1st Monday after the initial weigh-in and must register online to participate in the Osceola County-bred class.
- **ALL JUDGE'S DECISIONS WILL BE FINAL.**

***SALE:***

- **ALL MARKET GOATS must be considered for sale and considered terminal projects** as defined in KVLS Market Animal rules.
- Each exhibitor shall be responsible for securing his/her own buyer.
- All exhibitors are encouraged to invite new businesses; there is no limit to the number of letters, you may send out.
- The more buyers who attend, the better the auction.
- No riding animals
- No animal will be sold more than once during the sale.
- Buy backs will only go to the pre-approved packer.
- Sale shall be in the order of Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, Top 5, 1st in all classes, 2nd in all classes, etc.
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***BUYER/SALE:***

- Five (5) percent of sale value will be deducted by KVLS for expenses of the sale.
- Buyer Gifts shall be supplied by the buyer's committee for each exhibitor's buyer on the night of the sale and $10 will be deducted from each exhibitor's check for the buyers gift.

***POST FAIR:***

- **Your buyer thank-you letters (one per market entry) must be received in the Fair Office by 5 pm the first Friday after the Fair closes.**
  - It must be in an UNSEALED ENVELOPE, STAMPED, ADDRESSED TO YOUR BUYER(S), AND RETURN ADDRESSED. Failure to turn in your letters(s) in the allotted time will result in a fine deduction of the gross amount, per market animal, from your check and the check will be held until you do so.
  - **Any exhibitor that fails to submit their thank you letter(s) by the deadline for two (2) consecutive years will not be able to show the next year.**
- In addition, each exhibitor is required to hand deliver (or mail deliver, if the buyer is from out of county) buyer photo (photo supplied by KVLS) and/or plaque to their buyer, and Buyer Gift. The KVLS Office will notify exhibitors when the photos are available for delivery, the exhibitor will hand deliver to the buyer, get the buyers signature and return the form to the KVLS Office to receive their check (mail delivery will require a receipt from the post office).
- Exhibitors will be required to accomplish this once the packets are available within 10 business days; any buyer plaque/picture delivery receipt turned in after the 10 business days will result in a 10% deduction of the gross amount, per market animal.

*The Board of Directors of the KVLS & Fair will have the final judgment in regard to the interpretation of ALL rules and regulations.*

*By completing the application form online, exhibitors and parents certify that they have*

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***SECONDARY MARKET ANIMALS***

***Chairperson(s) Contact Information:***

- Ronnie Beam, (407) 908-6488
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***COMPLETE*** *forms Online* between *August 1st and 15th at 12:00pm midnight YOU MUST RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION RECEIPT VIA EMAIL WHEN USING THE ONLINE SYSTEM. Complete*

*only if you are exhibiting a second animal.*

***RULES AND REGULATIONS:***

1. If you choose to show a second market animal at KVLS, you must abide by the rules & regulations of that animal. The KVLS Board of Directors shall have the right to interpret all rules.
2. It must be at least your second year in a row showing a market animal at KVLS to be eligible.
3. Market Lamb and Market Goat exhibitors are allowed to show a secondary animal their first year; provided it is a Market Lamb or Market Goat; no Market Steers or Market Hogs will be accepted.
4. Once the exhibitor has a second market spot, the exhibitor will retain that spot.
5. ***# of cap on all animals****:*
    a. *Hogs: 130| Steers: 150 | Lambs: 35 | Goats: 35*
6. You cannot show two of the same species. Secondary animal must be different than your primary animal.
7. **It will be mandatory to complete a record book and take the skill-a-thon on your second animal and abide by all rules from that market animal. If the second record book is not turned to 4-H/FFA you will not be allowed to show a secondary animal the following year. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
8. If the cap is met on the animal of your choice, a drawing will be held on first Thursday after registration closes. You are allowed to be there or you will be contacted to let you know if your application was drawn.
9. You will be responsible for your own buyer to come out and bid on your animal, just as you are with your primary animal.

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