

MARKET WETHERS

Rule 1: Exhibitors must own and have placed market goats on feed by the validation date of the year preceding the show.

Rule 2: Only two (2) wethers entries per exhibitor.

Rule 3: All Market Kid entries will be validated through the state FFA/4-H Goat Validation program. Date to be announced by the County Chairman for State Goat Validation. All Market wether entries will be validated, and there will be a fee charged per animal. Goats will be validated per family rather than per child. We must have the names of ALL EXHIBITORS in that household that will be showing goats. All ear tags EXCEPT for the State validation ear tag MUST be removed from the wethers prior to entering the show staging area. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

Rule 4: Any whether that is disqualified will have to be signed out by a Parent, Vo-Ag Teacher or County Agent. Until such time that the whether can be signed out by a Parent, Vo-Ag Teacher of County Agent, the animal will be held in a holding pen under the supervision of the Goat Committee.

Rule 5: Exhibitors shall show wether goats only.

Rule 6: Entries must be taught to lead and should be shown with a collar, and or halter and lead. Cable halters, pronged chains, pronged collars, or any pronged leading device, are prohibited.

Rule 7: If horned, the horns must be tipped to an area no less than the size of a dime at the end. Removal of horns on the grounds is NOT PERMITTED. All wethers will be trimmed and groomed for show competition. Goats must be uniformly shorn slick to no more than 3/8", with no indication of blocking, to the skin above the knee and hock joints to include the head, excluding the tail switch, before arrival on the grounds. "Blocking" or fitting in an attempt to alter or enhance a goat's appearance is not allowed.

NO TRIMMING OR CLIPPING PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS, OTHER THAN A SMALL BATTERY OPERATED CLIPPERS FOR TOUCH UP.

NO BLOCKING/TRIM TABLES ANY KIND, OR SINGLE-HEAD STANCHION WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS. ONLY SMALL BATTERY OPERATED BLOWERS WILL BE ALLOWED.

Rule 8: There will be a minimum weight of 60 and maximum weight of 120 pounds. Any wether weighing less than 60 pounds or more than 120 pounds will be sifted and not eligible to show. All entries that are sifted at weigh-in will not be allowed to re-weigh at a later time. All decisions made are FINAL.

Rule 9: Entries will be weighed in and divided by weight classes. The weight classes shall be divided equally. Should there be an uneven number, the uneven kid will fall into the class that is closest to his weight. If we have more than 100 market goats weighing in and making the show we will add weight classes to have no more than 20 animals per weight class

Rule 10: Weight Divisions will be divided into equal groups. We will have Weight Divisions with no more than 4 classes in a division. Should there be an uneven number, the uneven class or classes will fall into the weight division closest to its weight. It will be at the discretion of the Goat Committee Members the day of the show to adjust Weight Divisions as needed. After the classes that make up a

Division have shown the 1st place and 2nd place respectively from each will compete for Division Champion and division Reserve Champion. When all the Division Champions and Division Reserve Champions have been selected they will compete respectively for Grand Champion Market Wether and Reserve Champion Market Wether.

Rule 11: Market Wethers must have arrived and checked in NO LATER THAN the official published arrival schedule. Weigh-in will also be published in the sequence of the official arrival schedule. Market wethers will be classed after all market wethers have been weighed in. Exhibitors may only bring 2 wethers to the show, and must determine which tag numbers they are showing before they reach the scale to weigh-in. All goats must be out of the goat barn within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the last goat showmanship competition.

Rule 12: All market wethers must be stalled inside of the assigned stall pens inside of the barn designated for goats. After wethers have checked in, all wethers must stay in the barn area next to the barn designated as the walking area for the goats, and/or the show ring area after judging begins. ANY WETHER FOUND OUTSIDE THESE AREAS WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE GOAT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MAY BE DISQUALIFIED.

Rule 13: No “unofficial” scales will be allowed in the goat barn area. The only scale shall be the official scale.

BREEDING GOATS

Rule 1: All breeding does that are registered and/or wether does must be validated with proof of ownership/or registration on or before the last day of the State validation date for the breeding does. Transfer of registration papers into the exhibitors name must be completed prior to this validation date. The original registration papers must be in the exhibitor’s possession at validation. The original registration papers and a copy of the registration paper for the goat committee to keep must be brought to validation. THE STATE VALIDATION COMMITTEE will need to take the original papers to scan for the state validation. Exhibitors will be able to pick up their original papers after they have been scanned into the official state validation system. All does must be the sole bonafide property of the exhibitor as of the last day of the market wether validation period.

Each exhibitor must personally feed and care for his or her animal as of that date forward. These animals must be fed and groomed by the exhibitor as a project under the supervision of a Vo-Ag teacher or County Agent. Each exhibitor must be enrolled in his or her respective FFA Chapter or 4-H Club by October 1st of the year preceding the show. The does will be permitted to leave the exhibitor’s possession for 45 days to be bred; however, the exhibitor will have to designate the 45 days period at the official validation. The Goat Committee reserves the right to make unannounced home visits any time after the animal has been validated with the exclusion of the pre-established 45 day breeding period. Any doe determined by the committee not to be in the exhibitor’s possession any time after validation with the exclusion of the pre-established 45 day breeding period will be ineligible (disqualified) to show. IN THE EVENT AN EXHIBITOR MOVES OR CHANGES THEIR PHONE NUMBER, IT IS THE EXHIBITOR’S RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY THE GOAT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER.

Rule 2: Exhibitors shall show only does, **no bucks**. Any breed may be shown. There must be 3 does in a breed to receive an award (meat goats, angora goats, dairy goats, etc.). The decision to set up different breed classes will be at the discretion of the Committee Members the day of the show.

Rule 3: Does may have horns. Does will be stalled inside the assigned stalling area in the barn designated for the does. After the does have checked in, all does must stay in the barn, or the area next to the barn designated as the walking area for the goats, and/or the show ring area after judging begins. ANY DOE FOUND OUTSIDE OF THESE AREAS WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE GOAT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MAY BE DISQUALIFIED.

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Rule 4: Does must be taught to lead and must be shown with a collar and or halter and lead. Cable halters, pronged chains, pronged collars, and all pronged leading devices are prohibited. Any doe that is unruly in the show ring and cannot be controlled by the exhibitor will be asked to leave the ring.

Rule 5: The age of the animal will be computed at that age on the day of the show.

Rule 6: The entries will be divided into three (3) classes:

Junior Does:

- Class 1: 0-12 months of age ALL MILK TEETH MUST BE IN PLACE
- Class 2: 13 months to under 24 months

Senior Does:

- Class 3: 2 years and over (Regardless of the age)

Does will be checked in at the scale the day of the show to be toothed and placed into classes. The decision to split the doe classes will be at the discretion of the Committee members the day of the show.

Rule 7: First place in each group will compete for Breed Champion. Breed champion will compete for Grand Champion. Reserve Breed Champion from the class producing the Grand Champion will then compete with Breed Champions for Reserve Grand Champion.

Rule 8: Breeding Goats must have arrived and checked in NO LATER THAN the official published arrival schedule.