

Division C – Jr. Fair Goats

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Dates

Market and Breeding goat possession	May 1, 2026
Market goat Scrapies Deadline	May 9, 2026
Breeding goat ID card turn in	May 9, 2026
Goat move in and check in	July 10, 2026, 5-7 PM
Showmanship Show	July 13, 2026, 2 PM
Breeding and Market Show	July 13, 2026, following Showmanship
All non-selling goats released	July 18, 2026, 6-9 PM

Divisions

Showmanship

301 Goat showmanship (oldest to youngest)

Breeding Classes

302 Kids – born between Nov 15, 2025 – May 31, 2026

303 Dry Yearling – born between Jan 1, 2025 – Dec 31, 2025

304 Fresh Yearling doe – born between Jan 1, 2025 – Dec 31, 2025

305 Fresh Aged Doe – born before Dec 31, 2024

306 Dry Aged Doe – born before Dec 31, 2024

307 Companion Goat

Market Classes

308 Market Goat – born after November 15, 2025

309 Born and Raised

*The Don Barton and Roger Wilson Memorial Trophy is presented to the Goat Showman of Showmen in memory of Don and Roger who were dedicated volunteers and supporters of the Madison County Junior Fair and 4-H program.

*Mark Warner Memorial Award for Outstanding Goat Showman will be awarded to the Reserve Goat Showman of Showmen

Eligibility:

1. Any current Madison County Jr. Fair Goat Exhibitor
2. Exhibitors are eligible every other year
3. The winner will be determined by an interview with additional information concerning the selection process closer to the fair

Jr. Fair Goat General Rules and Regulations

1. All market and breeding goats must be owned and in the possession of the exhibitor by May 1. They must submit their pictures and scrapie tag information by the specified date in May, as well as be enrolled in 4-H or FFA.
 - a. Market goats must have their pictures and scrapie tag information submitted by the specified date in May, as well as be enrolled in 4-H or FFA. A family with more than one exhibitor showing market goats may submit up to six (6) goats in the family name.
 - b. Breeding goats must be owned and in the exhibitor's possession and continual care by May 1, and are required to turn in Identification Cards with ear tag numbers, by the date specified above in May.
2. Market goat exhibitors may submit up to six (6) market goats in May, then choose up to 2 goats to show at the time of check in.
3. Market goats will be weighed in from 5pm to 7pm on the Friday before the fair.
4. All market goats must be properly/completely castrated a minimum of 30 days prior to sale to be eligible to exhibit and/or sell at the fair. All animals will be examined during check-in. Any animals not abiding by the above rule will be sent home.
5. Any doe that has freshened will be shown in the senior doe class or yearling doe class.
6. Market kids must be born after November 15 and weigh a minimum of 50 pounds in order to sell in the premium sale. Buck kids must be castrated, Doe kids must be dry.
7. No buck goats are permitted for any reason, with the exception of nurslings under the age of 8 weeks.
8. All goats must meet health requirements set by the Senior Fair Board. Please refer to the open class requirements.
9. All breeding and market goats must be properly cleaned and fitted to be presented to the judge.

10. Goat pens must be cleaned by 9am daily.
11. All market goats must also be properly identified with a USDA Scrapie tag or tattoo prior to unloading on check in day. All goat projects must have a permanent ID (either tattoo or tag).
12. Only market goats will be sold in the market goat sale. Market goats will be shipped to market late Saturday night or early Sunday morning. Exhibitors are responsible for the care and feeding of their animals from the sale until they are loaded for market. This means they must have bedding, food and water.
13. All exhibitors must vacate the barn Saturday by 9pm and may return after all animals are loaded and off the grounds. No kids will be allowed to help load animals, only livestock committee members or Senior Fairboard members will be permitted to help load the animals.
14. After the goats are loaded, the pens must be cleaned out. Every exhibitor must check with a Junior or Senior livestock team member to make sure the cleanliness of their pen is acceptable. The final cleaning must occur after the goats have been loaded. If pens are not cleaned out, the exhibitor may forfeit the right to exhibit the following year.
15. Any broken rules or regulations could forfeit the exhibitor from participation the following year.

Goat Showmanship

1. Every goat exhibitor must participate in showmanship in order to sell in the premium livestock sale.
2. If an exhibitor advances in showmanship, they must continue to exhibit the animal which they have won with.
3. When competing in the Showman of Showmen class, the exhibitor must continue to exhibit with the animal in which they won.
4. The winner of the goat Showman of Showmen contest will participate in the Grand Showman of Showmen contest.

Goat Market Show

1. Market classes will be determined by weight, show management, and show entries.
2. One exhibitor may not show more than two market goats. A current junior fair exhibitor must show the second animal if both were to end up in the same weight class, Market goats can either be does or properly castrated males.
3. One Grand and one Reserve Champion will be selected.

Goat Born and Raised Show

1. In order to show in the born and raised class, the animals must be born and raised in Madison County based on their scrapie tag identification. We reserve the right to verify any and all farm identification.
2. This class will be conducted as a market class and the classes will be determined by weight, show management and show entries.
3. The animals used for this class must be a current project, no additional animals may be brought in for this show.
4. One exhibitor may not show more than two animals in this class. A current junior fair exhibitor must show the second animal if both were to end up in the same weight class.
5. There must be at least three exhibitors to make up a class.

Goat Breeding Show

1. In order to show in a breeding class, animals must have had both parents of the same breed.
2. All exhibitors showing purebred breeding goats must present registration papers at the time of check in with the appropriate ownership of exhibitor. Registered animals without papers will show in the crossbred division.
3. Breeding goat divisions and classes will be determined for the following year's fair based on the breeds that were represented in the current year's Breeding Show. If a breed isn't represented in the current year, it means that the previous year had less than 3 goats represented, so that breed was moved to the All Other Breeds (AOB) division.
4. If a particular breed has less than 3 animals in a class, the breed will show in the AOB class for that particular age class.
5. One exhibitor may not show more than two animals per class except for the champion female classes, in which case, a current Junior Fair exhibitor must handle the second animal.
6. All winners of Breeding Doe classes must participate in an Overall Breeding Doe Champion Class.
7. Junior Fair goat breeding exhibitors will have the option to bring their breeding animals in for the day of the show only. However, if you wish to pen your breeding animal(s) on the fairgrounds, they must arrive during check in on the Friday before the fair and will not be released until Saturday the week of the fair after 6pm.

Class breeds: Alpines, Lamanchas, Boer, Nubians, Saanens, Toggenburgs, Pygmy, Oberhasil, Grades, Angora, Nigerian Dwarf

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