

DAIRY GOATS

09 - Junior Dairy Goat Show

Superintendent: Cheryl Landeck (#847-531-3640)

Junior Class Premiums Offered: \$1,587.00

Land of Lincoln Class Premiums Offered: \$895.00

**Premiums will be pro-rated according to participation and pay up to six (6) places.*

Sanctioned by the American Dairy Goat Association and ADGA rules will govern the show.

The Junior and Senior Doe Show are not separately sanctioned.

INFORMATION

Entries

Required fees include \$5.00/head (entry fee), \$5.00/head (manure), and \$9.50/exhibitor (supply chain surcharge). Entries in all classes shall be made through the online fair entry system at the Illinois State Fair website. Payment must be made via credit card at the time of entry. No other type of entry will be accepted. Assistance with entries is available at the Competitive Events Office, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All entries must be submitted online on or before July 15, 2026. Fees will not be refunded.

Deadlines and Check-in

Pens Available	Saturday, August 15, 4:00 p.m.
Animals must be penned by	Sunday, August 16, 8:00 a.m.
Mandatory Exhibitors Meeting	Sunday, August 16, 8:30 a.m.
Ring Cards Issued	Saturday, August 15, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Show Starts	Sunday, August 16, 9:00 a.m.

Animals Released

Junior Show Exhibitors Only	Sunday, August 16, immediately following Junior Show
Junior and Open Show Exhibitors	Tuesday, August 18, immediately following Open Show

Show Order

Show order will be Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Recorded Grade, Saanen, and All Other Purebreds, However, show order is subject to change. Exhibitors should watch and listen for announcements.

Department Rules

1. Each exhibitor must comply with the Illinois Exhibition Health Requirements; Animal Care, Drug, Testing and Welfare Policies; and General Rules of the Junior Livestock Division as previously stated.
2. Junior Show exhibitors may enter more than one (1) breed and are encouraged to enter their animals in the Open Dairy Goat Show.
3. Each exhibitor must be present to show their own animals unless exempted in advance by Superintendent due to an identified, eligible conflict.
4. Junior Show exhibitors are reminded they must adhere to the Junior Show registration and ring card distribution requirements in order to exhibit in the Junior Show. Open Show registration does not fulfill Junior Show requirements.
5. Animals must be purebred or recorded grade, legibly tattooed, and registered in their respective National Breed Herd Book.

6. All registration papers must comply with ADGA Sanction Show requirements. Registration must show ownership of the animals in the name of the exhibitor or ownership by immediate family members including the exhibitor for the period required in the 4-H or FFA projects. For does under six months of age, an official stamped duplicate must accompany animal, if registration papers are not available.
7. The date shown on the registration papers will be taken as the effective date of ownership.
8. Entries in dairy goat classes must have been the property of the exhibitor and a part of his/her project in accordance with the following dates:
 - a. Doe Kids and Yearlings not in milk, June 1, 2026
 - b. Milking Does, January 1, 2026
9. No bucks may be entered or shown.
10. Exhibitors are allowed open substitution up to time of check-in. Entry into additional classes is not allowed after July 15. Once substitutions have been made, those substitutions will be final.
11. Each exhibitor is required to pre-enter Showmanship classes online by the published Junior Department entry deadline.
12. All pens are to be assigned by the Superintendent or his/her assistants. Pens will be assigned on the basis of a minimum of four (4) mature and a minimum of five (5) kids per pen. Animals must be penned according to these assignments. Exhibitors are responsible for additional fencing if needed to separate or confine animals.
13. Class ages shall be computed from the Opening Day of the Fair, August 13, 2026.
14. No pre-show milkout will be held. Exhibitors should ensure that udders of milking does are not overly distended.
15. All goats must be properly groomed for showing and provided with a collar before entering the showing.

Special Awards

Division Awards: Junior Champion & Reserve Doe, Senior Champion & Reserve Doe, Grand & Reserve Champion Doe.

Best Doe of Show: An award will be given to the exhibitor of the Best Senior Doe of Show. Additionally, the Exhibitor of the Best Doe of Show will sell a gallon of fresh milk from the doe or other goat products at the commodity auction of the Governor's Sale of Champions.

Champion and Reserve Champion Wether Goat: A Champion and Reserve Champion Wether Goat will be named from the breed champions.

Junior and Senior Showman: An award will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the Junior and Senior Showmanship Champions.

CLASSES

Division 0901 – Nigerian Dwarf

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Junior Kid	Born on or after April 1, 2026	001	*
Intermediate Kid	Born between March 1 and 31, 2026	002	*
Senior Kid	Born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2026	003	*
Dry Yearling	1 year and under 2 not in milk	004	*
Milking Yearling	1 year and under 2	005	*
Milking Doe 2 Years but Under 4 Years		006	*
Milking Doe 4 Years and older		007	*

Wether		008	*
Division 0902 - Nubian			
Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Junior Kid	Born on or after April 1, 2026	001	*
Intermediate Kid	Born between March 1 and 31, 2026	002	*
Senior Kid	Born between Jan. 1 and the last day of Feb. 2026	003	*
Dry Yearling	1 year and under 2 not in milk	004	*
Milking Yearling	1 year and under 2	005	*
Milking Doe 2 Years but Under 4 Years		006	*
Milking Doe 4 Years and older		007	*
Wether		008	*

Division 0903 – Recorded Grades

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Junior Kid	Born on or after April 1, 2026	001	N/A
Intermediate Kid	Born between March 1 and 31, 2026	002	N/A
Senior Kid	Born between Jan. 1 and the last day of Feb. 2026	003	N/A
Dry Yearling	1 year and under 2 not in milk	004	N/A
Milking Yearling	1 year and under 2	005	N/A
Milking Doe 2 Years but Under 4 Years		006	N/A
Milking Doe 4 Years and older		007	N/A
Wether		008	N/A

Division 0904 – Saanen

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Junior Kid	Born on or after April 1, 2026	001	*
Intermediate Kid	Born between March 1 and 31, 2026	002	*
Senior Kid	Born between Jan. 1 and the last day of Feb. 2026	003	*
Dry Yearling	1 year and under 2 not in milk	004	*
Milking Yearling	1 year and under 2	005	*
Milking Doe 2 Years but Under 4 Years		006	*
Milking Doe 4 Years and older		007	*
Wether		008	*

Division 0905 – All Other Purebreds

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Junior Kid	Born on or after April 1, 2026	001	*
Intermediate Kid	Born between March 1 and 31, 2026	002	*
Senior Kid	Born between Jan. 1 and the last day of Feb. 2026	003	*
Dry Yearling	1 year and under 2 not in milk	004	*
Milking Yearling	1 year and under 2	005	*
Milking Doe 2 Years but Under 4 Years		006	*
Milking Doe 4 Years and older		007	*
Wether		008	*

Division 0906 – Showmanship *Placement of the Dairy Goat Showmanship Contest during the show will be at the discretion of the Judge and announced the morning of the show. Age based on exhibitor's age as of August 13, 2026.*

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Junior Showmanship	8-13 years of age	001	N/A
Senior Showmanship	14 years and older	002	N/A