

DAIRY GOATS

10 - Open Dairy Goat Show

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

Junior Class Premiums Offered: \$6,980.00

Land of Lincoln Class Premiums Offered: \$2,003.00

**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 separately sanctioned. Group Classes are not ADGA sanctioned.

INFORMATION

Entries

Required fees include \$15.00/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. Late entries will be accepted through July 31, 2026, with an additional \$50.00/exhibitor charge assessed.

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. if Junior and Open Exhibitors
	Sunday, August 16, 6:00 p.m. if Open Exhibitor Only
Ring Cards Issued	Sunday, August 16, following the Junior Show

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 Schedule

Monday, August 17

8:30 a.m. – Junior/Dry Animals

Tuesday, August 18

8:30 a.m. – Senior/Milking Animals

Show Order – Show order will be Alpine, Lamancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Recorded Grade, Saanen, Sable, 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 Open Livestock Division as previously stated.
2. Open Show exhibitors may enter more than one (1) breed.
3. Open Show exhibitors are reminded they must adhere to the Open Show registration and ring card distribution requirements to exhibit in the Open Show. Junior Show registration does not fulfill Open Show requirements.
4. Animals must be purebred or recorded grade, legibly tattooed, and registered in their respective National Breed Herd Book.

5. All registration papers must comply with ADGA Sanction Show requirements. Only American Dairy Goat Association, American Goat Society and Canadian Goat Society registered, recorded, or applied for animals may be shown. Stamped duplicates will only be accepted on animals that are under 6 months of age on the day of the show.
6. Open Dairy Goats are exempt from thirty (30) day ownership. Proof of ownership must evidence ownership prior to show and be presented for inspection by State Fair personnel or Dairy Goat Superintendent. All entries must be entered under the name of the owner on the registration paper. The date shown on the registration papers will be taken as the effective date of ownership.
7. No bucks may be entered or shown.
8. Exhibitors are allowed open substitution up to the time of check-in. Entry into additional classes is not allowed after July 15, 2026. Once substitutions have been made, those substitutions will be final.
9. 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.
10. No living quarters allowed in Goat Barn pens.
11. Tack pens will be provided after all animals are penned. If tack pens are not available, all tack will be kept in the aisles, as space is available.
12. Class ages shall be computed from the Opening Day of the Fair, August 13, 2026.
13. No pre-show milkout will be held. Exhibitors should ensure that udders of milking does are not overly distended.
14. All goats must be properly groomed for showing and provided with a collar before entering the showing.

Special Definitions

Dam and Daughter: Both females must be entered and shown in respective classes. May be owned by more than one (1) exhibitor.

Get of Sire: Three (3) does, any age, the get-of-one sire; however, these need not all be owned by one (1) exhibitor.

Produce of Dam: Two (2) does, any age, the daughters of the same dam. Both does to be owned by the exhibitor.

Breeder's Herd: Four (4) does any age, all to be bred and owned by the exhibitor.

Best Udder of Breed: Selected from the Best Uddered animals from each milking class within a breed.

Recognitions and Awards

Division Awards: Junior Champion & Reserve Doe, Senior Grand & Reserve Doe, Champion Challenge (Best of Breed), and Best Uddered Doe.

Best of Breed Award: The American Dairy Goat Association will present rosettes to the Best of Breed Doe and Reserve Best of Breed Doe of each breed.

Breeder's Herd of Each Breed Awards: An award will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the exhibitor of the Breeder's Herd of each breed.

Best Junior Doe of Show: The Junior Grand Champion Doe of each breed will compete for Best Junior Doe of Show. An award will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the exhibitor of the Best Junior Doe of Show.

Best Senior Doe of Show: The Best of Breed animal of each breed will compete for Best Senior Doe of Show. An award will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the exhibitor of the Best Senior Doe of Show.

Grand Champion Dairy Goat Herdsman: Upon decision of the Dairy Goat Superintendent, an award will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the Grand Champion Dairy Goat Herdsman. The following criteria will be used in the

selection: 50 points on general appearance, 25 points on cooperation in entry and stalling process, and 25 points on show ring demeanor.

CLASSES

Division 1001 - Alpine

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 3		006	*
Milking Doe 3 Years but Under 4		007	*
Milking Doe 4 Years but Under 5		008	*
Milking Doe 5 Years and older		009	*
Champions Challenge		010	*
Dam and Daughter		011	*
Get of Sire		012	*
Produce of Dam		013	*
Breeder's Herd		014	*

Division 1002 - Lamancha

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 3		006	*
Milking Doe 3 Years but Under 4		007	*
Milking Doe 4 Years but Under 5		008	*
Milking Doe 5 Years and older		009	*
Champions Challenge		010	*
Dam and Daughter		011	*
Get of Sire		012	*
Produce of Dam		013	*
Breeder's Herd		014	*

Division 1003 – 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 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 3		006	*
Milking Doe 3 Years but Under 4		007	*
Milking Doe 4 Years but Under 5		008	*
Milking Doe 5 Years and older		009	*
Champions Challenge		010	*
Dam and Daughter		011	*
Get of Sire		012	*
Produce of Dam		013	*
Breeder's Herd		014	*

Division 1004 – 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 3		006	*
Milking Doe 3 Years but Under 4		007	*
Milking Doe 4 Years but Under 5		008	*
Milking Doe 5 Years and older		009	*
Champions Challenge		010	*
Dam and Daughter		011	*
Get of Sire		012	*
Produce of Dam		013	*
Breeder's Herd		014	*

Division 1005 – 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 3		006	N/A
Milking Doe 3 Years but Under 4		007	N/A
Milking Doe 4 Years but Under 5		008	N/A
Milking Doe 5 Years and older		009	N/A
Champions Challenge		010	N/A
Dam and Daughter		011	N/A
Get of Sire		012	N/A
Produce of Dam		013	N/A
Breeder's Herd		014	N/A

Division 1006 – 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 3		006	*
Milking Doe 3 Years but Under 4		007	*
Milking Doe 4 Years but Under 5		008	*
Milking Doe 5 Years and older		009	*
Champions Challenge		010	*
Dam and Daughter		011	*
Get of Sire		012	*
Produce of Dam		013	*
Breeder's Herd		014	*

Division 1007 – Sable

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 3		006	*
Milking Doe 3 Years but Under 4		007	*
Milking Doe 4 Years but Under 5		008	*
Milking Doe 5 Years and older		009	*
Champions Challenge		010	*
Dam and Daughter		011	*
Get of Sire		012	*
Produce of Dam		013	*
Breeder's Herd		014	*

Division 1008 – 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 3		006	*
Milking Doe 3 Years but Under 4		007	*
Milking Doe 4 Years but Under 5		008	*
Milking Doe 5 Years and older		009	*
Champions Challenge		010	*
Dam and Daughter		011	*
Get of Sire		012	*
Produce of Dam		013	*
Breeder's Herd		014	*

Division 1009 – Costume Class

1. Shown after the Best Doe in Show competition on Tuesday, August 18 at 12:00 p.m.
2. Entry to the Costume Class shall be made through the online fair entry system at the Illinois State Fair website. No other type of entry will be accepted.
3. The exhibit will be judged on the attractiveness and originality of the costume, theme and the manner in which it is presented. A live dairy goat must be part of the exhibit.

Class Description	Open Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Costume Class	001	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5