

PYGMY GOATS
12 - Open Pygmy Goat Show

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

Open Class Premiums Offered: \$840.00

Land of Lincoln Class Premiums Offered: \$375.00

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

Sanctioned by the National Pygmy Goat Association and NPGA Rules will govern the show.

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	Thursday, August 20, 1:00 p.m.
Animals must be penned by	Friday, August 21, 11:00 a.m.
Ring Cards Issued	Friday, August 21, 11:00 a.m.
Show Starts	Saturday, August 22, 1:00 p.m.
Animals Released	Saturday, August 22, immediately following Open Show

Show Order

Show order will be posted in the showring and at the Pygmy Goat Office. 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. Class ages shall be computed from the Opening Day of the Fair, August 13, 2026.
3. Exhibitors are allowed open substitution up to time of check-in.
4. All pens are to be assigned by the Superintendent or his/her assistants. Pens will be assigned based on 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.
5. 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.
6. Grade does may be shown but are ineligible for Land of Lincoln premiums.

Special Awards

Open Show Grand Champion Awards: An award will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Pygmy Goat Wether, Grand Champion Pygmy Goat Doe and Grand Champion Pygmy Goat Buck.

Land of Lincoln Awards: An award will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the exhibitor of the Land of Lincoln Grand Champion Pygmy Goat Doe and Grand Champion Pygmy Goat Buck.

Grand Champion Pygmy Goat Herdsman: Upon decision of the Pygmy Goat Superintendent, an award will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the Grand Champion Pygmy 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 1201 - Bucks

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Baby Buck Kid	Under 6 months	001	*
Buck Kid	6 months and under 12 months	002	*
Yearling Buck	12 months and under 24 months	003	*
2-Year-Old Buck	24 months and under 36 months	004	*
3-Year-Old Buck	36 months and over	005	*

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Junior Buck, Champion & Reserve Senior Buck, and Grand & Reserve Champion Buck.

Division 1202 – Freshened Does

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Freshened Doe	12 months and under 24 months	001	*
2-Year-Old Doe	24 months and under 36 months	002	*
3-Year-Old Doe	36 months and under 48 months	003	*
4-Year-Old Doe	48 months and over	004	*

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Junior Doe, and Grand & Reserve Champion Doe

Division 1203 – Kids

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Baby Doe Kid	Under 5 months	001	*
Junior Doe Kid	5 months and under 9 months	002	*
Senior Doe Kid	9 months and under 12 months	003	*
Senior Doe Kid	12 months and under 18 months	004	*
Senior Doe Kid	18 months and under 24 months	005	*

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Junior Doe.

Division 1204 – Wethers

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Wether	Under 6 months	001	*
Wether	6 months and under 12 months	002	*
Wether	12 months and under 24 months	003	*
Wether	24 months and under 36 months	004	*
Wether	36 months and over	005	*

The following awards will be given in this Division: Grand Champion & Reserve Wether.

Division 1205 – Showmanship

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Youth Showmanship	Exhibitors 16 and under	001	N/A

Division 1206 - Costume Class

1. Entrants may be of any age.
2. Entry to the Costume Class must 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 pygmy goat must be part of the exhibit.

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