

MEAT GOATS

13 - Junior Meat Goat Show

Superintendent: Dennis Beckmier (#217-820-5132)

Junior Class Premiums Offered: \$965.00

Land of Lincoln Class Premiums Offered: \$480.00

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

ABGA rules will govern this show.

INFORMATION

Entries

Required fees include \$5.00/head (entry fee) and \$5.00/head (manure). 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, 2025. Fees will not be refunded.

Deadlines and Check-in

Pens Available	Wednesday, August 6, 8:00 a.m.
Animals must be penned by	Wednesday, August 6, 12:00 p.m.
Check-In	Wednesday, August 6, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Ring Cards and Tags Issued	Wednesday August 6, 4:00 -6:00 p.m.
Animals Released	
Junior Show Exhibitors Only	Friday, August 8, immediately following show
Junior and Open Show Exhibitors	Saturday, August 9, immediately following show

**Special Note: All Meat Goats must be out of the Goat Barn by Saturday, August 9, 4:00 p.m.*

Show Schedule

Show order is subject to change. Exhibitors should watch and listen for announcements.

Thursday, August 7

8:00 a.m. – Open Show Breeding Animals

Friday, August 8

8:00 a.m. – Junior Show Breeding Animals

– Junior Show Wether Dams

– Junior Show Wethers

Saturday, August 9

9:00 a.m. – Open Show Wethers

5:30 p.m. – Junior Show Grand Champion Wether Selection (Coliseum)

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. All pens and stalls are to be assigned by the Superintendent or his/her assistants. Pens will be assigned based on a minimum of two (2) head per pen. Animals must be penned according to these assignments. Exhibitors are responsible for additional fencing if needed to separate or confine animals. Additional pens will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.

3. Each exhibitor must be present to show their own animals unless exempted in advance by the 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 to exhibit in the Junior Show. Open Show registration does not fulfill Junior Show requirements.
5. All animals in full-blood classes must be registered purebred/full-blood Boer goats. Purebred/full-blood classes are for does that are 15/16 blood (94%) and higher and for bucks that are 31/32 blood (97%) and higher.
6. Percentage doe classes are for goats 50% to 80%.
7. All goats three (3) months of age or older must be registered with ABGA. Original registration certificates are required. No copies of registration or stamped duplicate of official registration will be accepted.
8. The purpose of the Commercial Doe Show is to exhibit commercial breeding stock. Commercial doe classes do not require registration papers. However, they must have a scrapie tag. The following additional rules apply for the Commercial Show:
 - a. Divisions are based on age and determined by teeth.
 - b. Classes will be broken by weight. The number of classes in each division will be determined by the number of entries per division.
 - c. The top two (2) animals from each class will move forward to the division Champion Drive and the first and second place doe from each division will move into the Grand Champion Drive.
 - d. Fitting is allowed and is at the discretion of the showman. However, adding 'hair' by use of foreign material will not be allowed and will disqualify the animal.
 - e. Animals shown in the Commercial Show will not be allowed to show in ABGA shows.
 - f. If an animal's tooth is missing, the animal will be moved to the next division.
9. For kids under three (3) months of age, a copy of a registration application, stamped with the date received by one of the listed associations will be accepted.
10. All goats must have legible tattoos or other means of permanent identification consistent with their registration certificate. If an animal has a microchip as its permanent identification, the exhibitor is responsible for providing a microchip reader. Wethers and Wether Dams must be properly identified with the annually established Junior Show box tattoo identification to be eligible to show. Animals with illegible tattoos, unhealed tattoos or tattoos that are inconsistent with goat's registration papers are ineligible to show. Additionally, exhibitors are responsible for having the ears of his/her animals clean, knowing where the tattoo or chip is, and knowing it can be read by officials at the time of check-in.
11. All registration papers 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.
12. The date shown on registration papers will be taken as effective date of ownership.
13. Entries in the meat goat classes must have been the property of the exhibitor and a part of his/her project in accordance with the following dates:
 - a. Kids and Yearlings, May 15, 2025
 - b. Does, January 1, 2025
 - c. Wethers, May 15, 2025
14. Birth dates, as listed on the registration certificate, will be used to determine the class division. Take the show date and count back to the birth date to determine the age and class for the animal.

15. Substitutions are allowed within a class up to the time of check-in. Entry into additional classes is not allowed after July 15, 2025.
16. Animals with natural horns or animals which have been disbudded or dehorned may be shown at official ABGA shows without regard to discrimination. Any goat showing any pronounced defect or abnormality will be barred from showing in any breeding classes. Artificial coloring and icing will be grounds for disqualification.
17. Wethers and Market Does must have been born after October 1, 2024; must still have their milk teeth; must be physically sound at check-in and show times; and be properly identified by a Scrapie Tag and nominated in the name of the exhibitor, verified by local 4-H personnel or FFA Chapter Advisor, on or between March 15 and May 15, 2025. Additionally, wethers must show no sign of testicular tissue. All of these requirements will be examined by the Superintendent and his/her assistants who, along with the General Livestock Superintendent, shall have full authority regarding show eligibility.
18. To be eligible for Land of Lincoln wether classes, wethers must:
 - a. Have a certificate of pedigree from ABGA verifying a 50% or higher purebred blood line.
 - b. Sired by a full-blood ABGA pedigree buck or full-blood ABGA.
 - c. Be from a pedigree doe
 - d. Be from a State of Illinois breeder.
19. Wethers and Wether Dams will be tagged at check-in and placed into weight classes based upon declared weights made at check-in. Practice scales will be available in the barns for use by exhibitors. At the conclusion of judging for each weight class, the top three (3) placing animals will be re-weighed for weight verification. Animals that vary five (5) pounds or more from the declared weight will be disqualified.
20. Wether Dams cannot show in Breeding Doe classes.
21. The use of fake hair or trimmed hair to build legs is prohibited.
22. Blowers used in or around the Goat Barn for grooming must be powered by private generators.
23. Each exhibitor is required to pre-enter Showmanship classes online by the published Junior Department entry deadline. Showmanship age will be the exhibitors age as of August 7, 2025.

Special Awards

Grand Champion Junior Show Meat Goat Wether: An award will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Meat Goat Wether of the 2025 Illinois State Fair Junior Meat Goat Show. Additionally, the Grand Champion Junior Show Meat Goat Wether and the Grand Champion Land of Lincoln Junior Show Meat Goat Wether will sell at the livestock auction of the 2025 Governor's Sale of Champions.

Premiere Exhibitor Awards: Upon decision of the Meat Goat Superintendent, an award will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the Premiere Exhibitor in each meat goat division.

CLASSES

Division 1301 – Boer Bucks

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Buck	Under 3 months	01	*
Buck	3 months and under 6 months	02	*

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

Division 1302 – Full-Blood Boer Goat

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Baby Doe Kid	Under 3 months	01	*
Junior Doe Kid	3 months and under 6 months	02	*
Intermediate Doe Kid	6 months and under 9 months	03	*
Senior Doe Kid	9 months and under 12 months	04	*
Junior Yearling Doe	12 months and under 16 months	05	*
Intermediate Yearling Doe	16 months and under 20 months	06	*
Senior Yearling Doe	20 months and under 24 months	07	*
Senior Doe	24 months and under 36 months	08	*
Senior Doe	36 months and over	09	*

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Junior Doe, Champion & Reserve Yearling Doe, Champion & Reserve Senior Doe, Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Doe, and Premiere Exhibitor.

Division 1303 – Percent Boer Goat

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Baby Doe Kid	Under 3 months	01	N/A
Junior Doe Kid	3 months and under 6 months	02	N/A
Intermediate Doe Kid	6 months and under 9 months	03	N/A
Senior Doe Kid	9 months and under 12 months	04	N/A
Junior Yearling Doe	12 months and under 16 months	05	N/A
Intermediate Yearling Doe	16 months and under 20 months	06	N/A
Senior Yearling Doe	20 months and under 24 months	07	N/A
2-Year-Old Doe	24 months and under 36 months	08	N/A
3-Year-Old Doe	36 months and over	09	N/A

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Junior Doe, Champion & Reserve Yearling Doe, Champion & Reserve Senior Doe, and Premiere Exhibitor.

Division 1304 – Commercial

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Class
Commercial Class	Classes will be broken by weight and teeth	A	N/A

Light Weights must have all milk teeth, Medium Weights may have two permanent teeth, and Heavy Weights may have four permanent teeth.

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Light Weight Doe, Champion & Reserve Medium Weight Doe, Champion & Reserve Heavy Weight Doe, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat Doe, and Premiere Exhibitor.

Division 1305 – Wether Dams Slick

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Class
Weather Dam Class	Classes will be broken by weight	A	N/A

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Light Weight Wether Dam, Champion & Reserve Medium Weight Wether Dam, Champion & Reserve Heavy Weight Wether Dam, and Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat Wether Dam.

Division 1306 – Wethers

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Class
Wether Class	Classes will be broken by weight	A	*

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Light Weight Market Wether, Champion & Reserve Medium Weight Market Wether, Champion & Reserve Heavy Weight Market Wether, and Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Wether.

Division 1307 – Showmanship – Breeding Animals

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Class
Junior Showman	Exhibitors Ages 8-12	01	N/A
Intermediate Showman	Exhibitors Ages 13-17	02	N/A
Senior Showman	Exhibitors Ages 18 and over	03	N/A

Division 1308 – Showmanship – Wethers and Wether Dams

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Class
Junior Showman	Exhibitors Ages 8-12	01	N/A
Intermediate Showman	Exhibitors Ages 13-17	02	N/A
Senior Showman	Exhibitors Ages 18 and over	03	N/A