

MEAT GOATS

14 - Open Meat Goat Show

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

Open Class Premiums Offered: \$1,016.00

Land of Lincoln Purebred Breeding Goat Class Premiums Offered: \$1,000.00

Land of Lincoln Purebred Wether Goat Class Premiums Offered: \$365.00

**Premiums will be pro-rated according to participation and pay up to three (3) places.*

ABGA Sanctioned Show. ABGA rules will govern this show.

INFORMATION

Entries

Required fees include \$15.00/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. Late entries will be accepted through July 31, 2025, with an additional \$50.00/exhibitor charge assessed.

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	
Open Breed Show Exhibitors Only	Thursday, August 7, immediately following show
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 Slick to follow
– Junior Show Wethers to follow

Saturday, August 9

9:00 a.m. – Open Show Wether Dams Slick
– Open Show Wether Dams Hair to follow
– Open Show Wethers to follow

5:00 p.m. – Junior Show Grand Champion Wether Selection

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. 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. Open Show exhibitors are reminded they must adhere to the Open Show registration and ring card distribution requirements to exhibit in the Open Show. Jr. Show registration does not fulfill Open Show requirements.
4. All animals must be registered purebred/ full-blood or percentage blood Boer goats. Percentage doe classes are for goats 50% to 80%. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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. 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.
8. All registration papers must show ownership of the animals in the name of the exhibitor. For does under six months of age, an official stamped duplicate must accompany the animal, if registration papers are not available.
9. Proof of ownership shall be the name on the registration document. Exhibitors showing animals with registration certificates with signed transfers not yet processed by the ABGA must show those animals as agent for the owner on ABGA records.
10. The date shown on the registration papers will be taken as the effective date of ownership.
11. 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.
12. Substitutions are allowed within a class up to the time of check-in. Entry into additional classes is not allowed after July 31, 2025, with associated fees.
13. 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.
14. Wethers must have been born after October 1, 2024, must still have their milk teeth, must show no sign of testicular tissue, and must be physically sound at check-in and show times. All 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.
15. Wethers 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.
16. The use of fake hair or trimmed hair to build legs is prohibited.
17. Blowers used in or around the Goat Barn for grooming must be powered by private generators.

Special Awards

Grand Champion Doe and Buck (as identified): An award will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Full-Blood Boer Goat Doe and Grand Champion Percent Boer Goat Doe and the Full-Blood Boer Goat Buck at the 2025 Illinois State Fair.

Grand Champion Open 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 Open Show at the 2025 Illinois State Fair. Additionally, the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Open Show Meat Goat Wether will receive a \$300.00 additional monetary award and the exhibitor of the Open Show Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat Wether will receive a \$200.00 additional monetary award.

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. The awards will be given to the owner/exhibitor of animals winning the most money in open single classes.

CLASSES

Division 1401 – 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	*
2-Year-Old Doe	24 months and under 36 months	08	*
3-Year-Old Doe	36 months and over	09	*
Baby Buck Kid	Under 3 months	10	*
Junior Buck Kid	3 months and under 6 months	11	*
Intermediate Buck Kid	6 months and under 9 months	12	*
Senior Buck Kid	9 months and under 12 months	13	*
Junior Yearling Buck	12 months and under 16 months	14	*
Intermediate Yearling Buck	16 months and under 24 months	15	*
Senior Yearling Buck	20 months and under 24 months	16	*
2-Year-Old Buck	24 months and under 36 months	17	*
3-Year-Old Buck	36 months and over	18	*

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, Champion & Reserve Junior Buck, Champion & Reserve Yearling Buck, Champion & Reserve Senior Buck, Grand & Reserve Champion Buck, and Premiere Exhibitor.

Division 1402 – 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 1403 – Wether Dams

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Class
Wether Dams Slick	Classes will be broken by weight	A	*
Wether Dams Hair	Classes will be broken by weight	B	N/A

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

Division 1404 – Wethers

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Wethers	Classes will be broken by weight	01	*

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