2010 Nebraska State Fair

Department G – Meat Goat Division

Division 58

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A. GENERAL RULES-General Rules and General Livestock/Animal Rules apply to this department.
B. HEALTH PAPERS-All meat goats must be accompanied by appropriate health certificates. Health papers must be presented at check in. Initial shearing or close clipping of goats should be done prior to acquiring health papers to aid in the detection of fungus problems that could cause disqualification. Health certificates for goats should be issued within 10 days of exhibition. See Livestock Health Requirements for additional information.
C. QUALITY ASSURANCE Exhibitors must have received Quality Assurance training or testing through a UNL Extension program prior to the fair. Program attendance or completion of a test in the county extension office is required. Completion of training will be certified by county extension staff

D. ARRIVAL DEADLINE- See master schedule at 4h.unl.edu/programs/statefair/fairbook.htm for times and dates.
E. NUMBER EXHIBITS PER EXHIBITOR-A 4-H member may enter, weigh, and show 3 meat goats.
F. GOAT I.D.-Official 4-H ownership affidavits (4HF111) will be considered the official list of eligible goats. See General Livestock Rules, Rule E for additional ownership rules. All does must have official USDA identification with the scrapie eradication program.
G. ENTRIES-Entries are due as indicated in the general rules in this book. A completed State Fair Drug Withdrawal Affidavit will be presented with your goats at the scale at check-in.
H. WEIGHING AND CHECK-IN - See master schedule at 4h.unl.edu/programs/statefair/fairbook.htm for times and dates. Goats arriving after the posted time and not checked in will not be allowed to show.
I. WEIGHT LIMITS- Market goats must weight a minimum of 60 lbs at check-in. Goats under 60 lbs will be allowed to check-in, but will not be eligible for purple ribbons.
J. AGE – Goats are to have milk teeth and there shall be no evidence of breaking of the skin or eruption of the two permanent front teeth.
K. HAIR – Goats must be uniformly slick shorn with 3/8 inch of hair or less from the knee and up.
L. HORNS – Goats must have horns blunted. Dehorning is acceptable and preferred.
M. NECK CHAINS- Goats are to be shown with neck chains or smooth collars only.
N. SHOW CLASS AND SEX- Market goats may be doe or wether kids. Short scrotum, cryptorchid and buck kids are not eligible. All market goats will be weighed and divided into classes based on total numbers and weight range. Does and wethers will show together.
O. SALE OF MARKET GOATS: The Grand Champion Market Goat and Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat will automatically be consigned for sale and slaughter. Other market goats weighing at least 60 pounds may be signed up to be shipped. Sign up must be completed by the time announced at the fair, Shipping time will be announced during the Market Goat Show.
P. SHOWMANSHIP – Exhibitors will not slap or brace the animal or lift the front legs off the ground while in the show ring.
Q. EXHIBITORS DRESS CODE-See rule T, General Animal Rules.
R. SHOW SCHEDULE – See master schedule at 4h.unl.edu/programs/statefair/fairbook.htm for times and dates.Goats will show lightest class to heaviest class. Showmanship will be immediately following completion of the show.
S. RELEASE OF MEAT GOAT EXHIBITS – All meat goats will be released following the schedule in the front of this book. See master schedule at 4h.unl.edu/programs/statefair/fairbook.htm for times and dates.

G-058-010 – Market Goats (wethers and does)