

Department 7 - Goats

- Entries close August 1, 2026 –
NO MAIL-IN ENTRIES

Goat Superintendent: Linda and Dave Coon (517) 526-0966 or lcoon1@gmail.com

Judge: Open Boer – Open Dairy –
Youth Showmanship, Youth Dairy & Youth Boer –

2026 Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibited in Michigan
<https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/exhibitions>

ARRIVAL TIMES:

Beginning Wednesday, September 2nd 9:00 am – 9:00 pm (check with superintendent if you need a different time)

Ending Thursday, September 3rd 6:00 am – 6:00 pm

All goats must be in place by 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 3rd - NO LATE ARRIVALS

DEPARTURE TIMES:

All goats depart on Monday, September 7th after 5:00 pm

Goat Judging Schedule

OPEN AND YOUTH SHOWS

10:00 am	Friday	September 4	Open Dairy Goat Show ADGA Jr./Sr. Doe Show Supreme Champion – Following ADGA show
10:00 am	Saturday	September 5	Youth Showmanship – All Breeds Youth Dairy Goat Show Youth Boer/Any Other Meat Breed Goat Show
3:00 pm (or 30 min. on conclusion of youth show)	Saturday	September 5	Open Boer & Any Other Meat Breed Goat Show Supreme Champion – Following Open Boer & Any Other Meat Breed Goat Show
5:00 pm	Sunday	September 6	Milking contest
6:30 pm	Sunday	September 6	Steve Masters Master Showman
12:00 pm	Monday	September 7	“Bill Bowman” Supreme of Supremes (see Department 39 for rules and information)

FEES

Open Exhibitor \$15.00 (required) admits one person. Extra passes are available for \$15.00.

Parking \$15.00 for weekend (Pass allows access behind the building after Thursday, August 28.)

Per Head \$7.50 (open classes only)

YOUTH pays exhibitor fee \$15.00.

If a youth enters in the open classes – open fee and per head fee apply.

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SHOW – OPEN & YOUTH

***** Please check and follow General Agriculture & Livestock Rules *****

- OWNER IS THE EXHIBITOR.** All entries must be made as the papers read. No signed transfers. Exhibitor must have ownership by August 1 of the current year. Limit of 30 head per farm or address.
 - All goats must be identified by registered breed tattoo accompanied by breed registration papers.
 - Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, ownership and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception. Any premiums, trophies or awards won by such exhibitor will be withheld.
- All entries must be made in accordance with general livestock terms and conditions. Please go to: www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com and enter online by August 1, 2026. **LATE ENTRIES: Entries received between August 2, 2026, and August 7, 2026, will incur a \$50.00 Late Entry Fee.**

- a. **Entries must be made on proper entry forms. Youth exhibitors must complete Youth section of entry form and submit all Youth fees. Animals must be in Youth's (the exhibitor) name. Youth's name must be printed on the registration papers. Youth exhibitors entering Open classes must complete Open section and pay open fees. Registration papers should be presented at time of check in.**
 - b. Exhibitor form and Current W-9 (W-8 Canadian) must be filled out and returned. **Entries must include fees.** (this is Social Security Number).
3. **CAMPING.** Camping **MUST BE** registered for **SEPERATELY**. Please use this link to apply:
<https://www.eventeny.com/events/applications/application/?id=8661>
 4. An exhibitor may show a maximum of two (2) animals per class and one (1) entry per group class. Best udder will be judged in each class with Best of Udder of each breed competing for Best of Udder Show.
 5. An exhibitor may substitute an animal within the same class as entered at no charge. The exhibitor will be charged a fee of \$5.00 to substitute an animal into a different class.
 6. The base date for computing the age of goats shall be the day the animal is judged.
 7. A goat with a contagious disease will not be allowed to pen or show.
 8. Open & Youth – All breeds, all does 2 years of age and older must have freshened.
 9. Based on entry numbers breeds may be combined in AOP for the next year.
 10. A youth exhibitor must be seven (7) years of age, but not over twenty (20) years of age as of January 1 of the current year to participate in any youth animal class. For classes under the Youth Educational or Demonstration categories exhibitors are limited to youth who are seven (7) years of age but not over twenty (20) years of age as of January 1 of current year. Date of birth must be on entry form. Open exhibitors must be seven (7) years of age unless otherwise stated.
 - a. Each youth exhibitor will be permitted to enter a maximum of ten (10) goats and show a maximum of two (2) per class, except in championships.
 - b. Animals entered in a youth's name in the youth show must also be entered in that youth's name in the open show, if the youth should choose to show in the Open show.
 - c. Youth exhibitors in this department are expected to observe the following dress regulations for showing Dairy breeds – White shirt or blouse with white, black or khaki pants or skirts and closed toe shoes or boots. Meat breeds – A shirt or blouse and black, blue or khaki pants and closed toe shoes or boots. Shorts are not proper attire and will not be allowed in the show ring.
 11. Youth may not enter an animal in the same class for in-person and 4-H Virtual show. (Example: if a youth enters a Boer 3 months of Age to less than 6 months of age in the in-person show, they may not enter a Boer 3 Months of Age to less than 6 months of age in the 4-H Virtual Show.
 12. Entries may be limited according to available pen space. Pen space will be assigned based on the number of animals that you bring to exhibit.
 13. The floor in the livestock area is polished concrete. For the safety of the animals and exhibitors, exhibitors are responsible for providing suitable floor coverings in their pen/stalls. Examples of Coverings that may be used: roofing paper, carpet, plywood, deep bedding, rubber mats or other suitable material to prevent animals from the risk of injury. Aisles will have rolled roofing or other covering on them for movement to and from the rings, etc. *****There will not be carpeting under pens this year*****
 14. Aisles are to be kept clean and swept the entire time the fair is open to the public.

*****Making Entries for the Michigan State Fair indicates acceptance of the Michigan State Fair Code of Conduct, which is found in the General Rules.*****

EXPLANATION OF TERMS

1. Produce-of-Dam consists of two does, produce of one dam. Produce all need not be owned by the exhibitor. Entries in this class shall be made in the name of the dam. In the Produce-of-Dam at least one of the animals shown must be owned by the exhibitor.
2. Only animals exhibited in open individual classes are eligible to show in group classes.
3. Junior Champion Class shall consist of all first & second place winners in the first (4) four classes. Senior Champion Class shall consist of all first place winners in the next five classes, or does under 2, in milk and older animals.
4. Senior Champion and Junior Champion and Reserve animals shall compete for Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion.
5. Challenge Doe Class Permanent Champion Dairy Doe who has received a permanent ADGA Championship. Permanent champions may be shown in the regular or the challenge class, whichever the owner chooses.
6. Premier Exhibitor. The exhibitor winning the most points from placings for their top six animals in the open single classes, exhibited by himself/herself shall be designated the Premier Exhibitor. Families/Farms cannot combine animals to receive this award. The point system for determining Premier Exhibitor is as follows:

Points	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Grand Champion 20 Reserve Grand Champion 10
 Division Champion 10 Reserve Division Champion 5
 *Champion points will only be used to break ties from above.

DAIRY GOATS

The Open Dairy Goat Show is an official show of the American Dairy Goat Association, PO Box, 865, Spindale, NC 28160. ADGA show rules shall govern the show. Purebred and American Purebred animals will compete in the same classes. Entries in these classes will be restricted to Registered Does. This is a combined Junior and Senior sanction and also a separate Junior sanction show. The order of the show may change.

BOER GOATS

The Boer Goat Show is an official sanctioned show of the American Boer Goat Association, 4258 S. Jackson St., San Angelo, TX 76903. ABGA rules along with Michigan State Fair, LLC rules shall govern.

GOAT PREMIUMS OPEN – SINGLE CLASSES

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$25	\$23	\$21	\$19	\$17

GROUP CLASSES

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6

Dairy Goat Classes

Use tables below for Section and Class #
 (Example – Nubian, Does under 2 years of age, would be Section NU Class 6)

BREED	Open Section #	BREED	Open Section #
Alpine	AL	Nubian	NU
Any Other Purebred	AOP	Recorded Grade	RG
La Mancha	LM	Saanen	SA
Nigerian Dwarf	NG	Toggenburg	TG

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	A	O	L	N	N	R	S	T
SECTION #	L	P	M	G	U	G	A	G
Does born after April 1, current year	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Does born March 1 through March 31, current year	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Does born January 1 through February 29, current year	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Does born before December 31, 2024, under 2 years of age, Not in Milk	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Junior Champion Doe & Reserve Champion Doe - Rosette	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Does under 2 years of age	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Does 2 years of age and under 3 years of age	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Does 3 years of age and under 4 years of age	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8

Does 4 years of age and under 5 years of age	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Does 5 years of age and over	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Senior Champion Doe and Reserve Champion Doe - Rosette	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Champion Challenge Doe	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Best of Breed – Champion and Reserve Champion - Rosette	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Dam and Daughter	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Produce of Dam	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Best Herd of Four Animals	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
Best Home Bred	18	18	18	18	18	18	18

Supreme Champions – Section 1

Class	Description	
1	Supreme Champion Best Doe in Show Best Udder in Show	Banner
2	Best Junior Doe in Show	Banner

Premier Dairy Goat Exhibitor – Section 2

Class	Description	
1	Premier Dairy Goat Exhibitor	Banner Sponsored by: Granted Wishes

Open Boer and Any Other Meat Breed Goats

Use tables below for Section and Class #
(Example – Boer Percentage Doe, 16 months of age to 20 months of age, would be Section BP Class 7)

BREED	Open Section #
Boer Percentage Does	BP
Boer Full Blood Does	BR
Any Other Meat Breed	AOM
Boer Fullblood/Purebred Bucks	BB
Percentage Bucks	PB

	SECTION #	BP	BR	AOM	BB	PB
0 to 3 months of age		1	1	1	1	1
3 months of age to under 6 months of age		2	2	2	2	2
6 months of age to under 9 months of age		3	3	3	3	3
9 months of age to under 12 months of age		4	4	4	4	4
Junior Champion and Reserve Champion - Rosette		5	5	5	5	5
12 months of age to under 16 months of age		6	6	6	6	6
16 months of age to under 20 months of age		7	7	7	7	7
20 months of age to under 24 months of age		8	8	8	8	8
Yearling Division Champion and Reserve Champion - Rosette		9	9	9	9	9
Best Junior 3 Does		10	10	10		
24 months of age to under 36 months of age		11	11	11	11	11
36 months of age plus		12	12	12	12	12
Senior Champion & Reserve Champion – Rosette		13	13	13	13	13
Produce of Dam		14	14	14	14	14

Best Herd of Four Animals	15	15	15	15	15
Best Home Bred	16	16	16	16	16

Supreme Champions – Section 3

Class	Description	
2	Supreme Champion Boer Percentage	Banner
	Reserve Supreme Champion Boer Percentage	Banner
3	Supreme Champion Boer Fullblood	Banner
	Reserve Supreme Champion Boer Fullblood	Banner
4	Supreme Champion Boer Fullblood Buck	Banner
5	Supreme Champion Any Other Meat Breed	Banner
6	Overall Supreme Champion Goat	\$50

Commercial Boer Goat Show- Section CB

PREMIUMS – SINGLE CLASSES

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$25	\$23	\$21	\$19	\$17

GROUP CLASSES

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6

Champion & Reserve Champion Commercial Boer Doe Rosette

- This show is open to all exhibitors.
- Exhibitors can show up to two (2) head per individual weight class and six (6) does total.
- Commercial Boer does will be shown by weight, with a class minimum of five (5) head.
- Does will be weighed in before they show.

Use table below for Section and Class #.

(Example –Commercial Boer Doe would be Section CB Class 25)

Class

- 1 Commercial Boer Doe (enter class 25 – Does will be placed in proper class after being weighed)
- 2 Weight Class
- 3 Weight Class
- 4 Weight Class
- 5 Weight Class
- 6 Pair of Commercial Boer Does
- 7 **Champion and Reserve Commercial Boer Doe**

Premier Boer and Any Other Meat Breed Goat Exhibitor – Section 4

Class	Description	
1	Premier Boer and Any Other Meat Breed Goat Exhibitor	Banner

Open Showmanship – Section 5
(Non-Premium)

Class	Description
1	Any Goat Exhibitor

Special Contests – See Department 39

Educational Contest

“Bill Bowman” Supreme of Supremes

Department 8 - Youth Goats

ALL GOATS MUST HAVE REGISTRATION PAPERS. YOUTH'S NAME MUST APPEAR ON THE REGISTRATION PAPERS.

1. **Youth may not enter an animal in the same class for in-person and 4-H virtual show. (Example: if a youth enters a Boer 3 Months of Age to less than 6 Months of Age in the in-person show, they may not enter a Boer 3 Months of Age to less than 6 Months of Age in the 4-H Virtual Show).**
2. All goats must be identified by registered breed tattoo accompanied by breed registration papers. All registration papers must match the tattoo of the animal.
3. A Youth Exhibitor must be seven (7) years of age, but not over twenty (20) years of age as of January 1 of the current year to participate in any youth animal class. For classes under the Youth Educational or Demonstration categories exhibitors are limited to youth who are seven (7) years of age, but not over twenty (20) years of age as of January 1 of current year. Date of birth must be on entry form. Open Exhibitor must be seven (7) years of age unless otherwise stated.
4. **OWNER IS THE EXHIBITOR.** All entries must be made as the papers read. No signed transfers. Exhibitor must have ownership by July 1 of the current year. Limit of 25 head per farm or address.
 - a) All registration papers must match the tattoos of the animal(s).
 - b) Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, ownership and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception. Any premiums, trophies or awards won by such exhibitor will be withheld.
5. **Entries must be made on proper entry forms. Youth exhibitor's must complete Youth section of entry form and submit all Youth fees. Animals must be in Youth's (the exhibitor) name. All goats must have registration papers. Registration papers should be presented at time of check-in. Youth's name must be printed on the registration papers. Youth exhibitors entering Open classes must complete Open section and pay open fees.**
6. The base date for computing the age of goats shall be the day the animal is judged.
7. Each youth exhibitor will be permitted to enter a maximum of ten (10) goats and show a maximum of two (2) per class, except in championships.
8. Youth exhibitors in this department are expected to observe the following dress regulations: White shirts or blouses with white, black, or khaki pants or skirts. Shorts are not proper attire for Goat exhibitors all will not be allowed in the ring.
9. Open & Youth – All Breeds, all does 2 years and older must have freshened.

GOAT PREMIUMS YOUTH – SINGLE CLASSES

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$20	\$17	\$14	\$11	\$8

GROUP CLASSES

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6

Use tables below for Section and Class #

(Example – Nubian, Best Home Bred would be Section YNU Class 18)

BREED	Youth Section #	BREED	Youth Section #
Alpine	YAL	Nubian	YNU
Any Other Purebred	YAO	Recorded Grade	YRG
La Mancha	YLM	Sannen	YSA
Nigerian Dwarf	YNG	Toggenburg	YTG

Youth Dairy Goat Classes

	Y A L	Y A O	Y L M	Y N G	Y N U	Y R G	Y T G
SECTION #	L	O	M	G	U	G	G
Does born after April 1, current year	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Does born March 1 through March 31, current year	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Does born January 1 through February 29, current year	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Does born before December 31, 2024, under 2 years of age, Not in Milk	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Junior Champion Doe & Reserve Champion Doe – Rosette	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Does under 2 years of age	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Does 2 years of age and under 3 years of age	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Does 3 years of age and under 4 years of age	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Does 4 years of age and under 5 years of age	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Does 5 years of age and over	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Senior Champion Doe and Reserve Champion Doe - Rosette	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Best of Breed – Champion & Reserve Champion - Rosette	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Best Udder, Does in Milk, Any Age	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Produce of Dam	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Dam and Daughter	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
Best Home Bred	18	18	18	18	18	18	18

Supreme Champions – Section Y1

Class	Description	
1	Supreme Champion Best Doe in Show	Banner/\$25.00
	Reserve Supreme Champion Dairy Doe	Banner

Class	Description	
2	Best Udder in Show	Banner

Boer and Any Other Meat Breed Goats

Use tables below for Section and Class #
 (Example – Boer Percentage Doe, 16 months of age to 20 months of age, would be Section YBP Class 6)

BREED	Youth Section #
Boer Percentage Does	YBP
Boer Full Blood Does	YBR
Any Other Meat Breed Does	YOM

	SECTION #	YBP	YBR	YOM
0 to 3 months of age	1	1	1	1
3 months of age to under 6 months of age	2	2	2	2
6 months of age to under 9 months of age	3	3	3	3
9 months of age to under 12 months of age	4	4	4	4
12 months of age to under 16 months of age	5	5	5	5
16 months of age to under 20 months of age	6	6	6	6
20 months of age to under 24 months of age	7	7	7	7
Junior Champion & Reserve Champion – Rosette	8	8	8	8
Best Junior 3 Does	9	9	9	9

24 months of age to under 36 months of age	10	10	10
36 months of age plus	11	11	11
Senior Champion & Reserve Champion – Rosette	12	12	12
Produce of Dam	13	13	13
Dam and Daughter	14	14	14
Best Home Bred	15	15	15

Supreme Champions – Section Y2

Class	Description	
1	Supreme Champion Meat Doe	Banner/\$25.00
	Reserve Supreme Champion Meat Doe	Banner

Commercial Wether-Type Goat Show- Section YCB

PREMIUMS – SINGLE CLASSES

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$25	\$23	\$21	\$19	\$17

GROUP CLASSES

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6

Champion & Reserve Champion Commercial Wether-Type Doe Rosette

- This show is open to all youth exhibitors.
- Exhibitors can show up to two (2) head per individual weight class and six (6) does total.
- Commercial Wether-Type does will be shown by weight, with a class minimum of five (5) head.
- Does will be weighed in before they show.

Use table below for Section and Class #.

(Example –Commercial Wether-Type Doe would be Section YCB Class 25)

Class

- 1 Commercial Wether-Type Doe (enter class 25 – Does will be placed in proper class after being weighed)
- 2 Weight Class
- 3 Weight Class
- 4 Weight Class
- 5 Weight Class
- 6 Pair of Commercial Wether-Type Does
- 7 **Champion and Reserve Commercial Wether-Type Doe**

Youth Showmanship – Section Y3

Entries in this section will be accepted up to show time.

PREMIUM SCALE

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5

Rules

1. Exhibitors who own and show in a youth breeding class are eligible for the showmanship class. They must use their own animal.
2. The class winners will compete for champion showman.
3. The dates for computing the age of a showperson will be January 1 of the current year.
4. No bucks to be shown in Showmanship classes.

CLASSES

Class #

- 1 7 through 11 years of age
- 2 12 through 15 years of age
- 3 16 through 20 years of age
- 4 **Champion and Reserve Champion Showman**

Demonstration Project – Section Y4

Goat Milking Competition

RIBBONS

- 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th

Rules

1. The contest will be held at 5:00 pm on Sunday, September 1st
2. The contest is open to all youth goat exhibitors. Entries accepted up to milking time.
3. Milking time limits:
 - First age division - 1 minute
 - Second age division - 30 seconds
 - Third age division - 30 seconds
4. A youth exhibitor who does not have a milking doe can make arrangements to have the superintendent select one for use in the milking contest.
5. Youth who exhibit milkers, must milk their own does.
6. The goat superintendent will be in charge of all details.
7. There will be three (3) age classes. Age breaks will be determined after check in.

CLASSES

Class #

- 1 Youth Goat Milking competition

Special Contests – See Department 39

Educational Contest

Youth Scholarship

Youth Showmanship Sweepstakes