

2009 LINN COUNTY FAIR
OPEN MEAT GOAT
AND BOER GOAT SHOW
SANCTIONED BY THE ABGA

Judge: Douglas Glosser, Blakesburg, IA

Premiums: TBD

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 10, 2009

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Goat Check-In, Inspections & Market Wether Weigh In
8:15 PM - 8:30 PM	Exhibitor Meeting

Saturday, July 11, 2009

10:00 AM - ?	4-H & FFA Meat Goat Show
30 min. after 4-H/FFA show	Open Boer Goat Show Begins
5:00 PM	4-H & FFA Meat Goats released (This is only for animals not being exhibited in the Open Show)

Open Meat & Boer Goats officially released at the end of the Open Show

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5:00 p.m. Boer Goats may arrive
8:00 p.m. Boer Goats must be in place
8:15 p.m. Open Show Exhibitor Meeting

Schedule for Saturday, July 11, 2009

10:00 a.m. Linn County 4-H & FFA Meat Goat Show
?:00 p.m. Open Boer Goat Show (starts 30 minutes after the 4-H/FFA show)
After Show Open Boer Goats Released

GENERAL RULES

1. The Linn County Fair Open Meat & Boer Goat Show is sanctioned by the American Boer Goat Association. Awards will be presented based on ABGA's sanction rules. To get a copy of their rules & regulations, contact the ABGA by writing to them at American Boer Goat Association, 1207 South Bryant, Suite C, San Angelo, TX 76903 or www.ABGA.org. Goats entered under their ABGA registration numbers & presenting their Certificates of Registration will be eligible to earn points for their actual placing in the show as described "Criteria for Ennoblement of a Boer Goat".

Fair Admission, Parking & Overnight Accommodations - The Linn County Fair does not charge a parking fee or gate admission, but parking is limited. Exhibitors will be expected to park their trucks and trailers in the designated area after unloading their animals. No sleeping over in the barn. The barn will close at 10:30 p.m. to exhibitors but will be monitored by the Linn County Fair Board Association. The barn will reopen at 5:30 a.m. the next morning. Camping sites are available for rent on the Linn County Fair Grounds and hotel information is available upon request.

2. **Official Entry Forms** - Forms must be completed legibly & in their entirety and signed by the exhibitor, however if not associated with any Boer Goat Association, leave the association member line blank. The Linn County Fair Board Association has the right to reject entries that are incomplete. If the animal is 3 months of age or less and not yet registered, complete all information except the animal's registration number. Registration information on these animals must be given to the Show Superintendent at check in.

3. **Entry Fees, Stalls & Tack Pens** - Class entry fees are \$10 per head and must be POSTMARKED on or before June 19, 2009. For entries postmarked June 20 - June 30 the fee is \$15.00 per head. Absolutely no entries postmarked after June 30th will be accepted. Stalls are \$7.00 each (4' wide by 8' deep). All entries must be penned. Stalls will be assigned by the Show Superintendent or Chairperson/s. Tack pens are \$7.00 each, if space is available. All fees for entries, livestock pens and tack pens must be paid at the time of entry.

Stall Bedding - Shavings are required to be used in pens, no straw bedding, rubber mats or carpeting allowed in the livestock pens. There will be limited bedding available for purchase on the grounds.

Class Entry - Each exhibitor may show no more than 2 animals in each class, including the market wether class. Animals shall not be changed from one class to another after June 30th, unless it is ineligible for the class it was originally entered.

Commercial Meat Goat Classes - Commercial does will be judged along meat goat characteristics. Does may not have been shown in any other classes. Any doe over 24 months of age that has not kidded and cannot prove a current pregnancy will not be allowed to show.

Market Wether Classes - Market wethers will be weighed in at check-in to determine classes. Minimum weight of wethers must be 50 pounds. All market wethers must have their milk teeth and no adult teeth allowed.

Full Blood Bucks - Buck classes are for 0 months - 24 months of age. They must be washed and clipped prior to arriving at the show and kept as odor free as possible. If a buck is determined to be an odor problem or hazard by the Show Chairperson, he must be removed from the fairgrounds.

Computing Ages - Birth dates, as listed on the Certificate of Registration, will be used to determine the class divisions. The show date will be the base date in computing all ages. Take the show date and count back to the birth date of the goat to determine the age and the class of the animal. For example, for a December 1st show, an animal with a January 1st birth date would be 11 months old and would show in a kid class.

Classes - With the exception of market wethers & commercial does, all other animals must be registered purebred, Full Blood or percentage blood Boer goats. Percentage doe classes are for goats 50%-80%. Purebred & Full Blood Does that are 15/16 & higher (93.75% & up), and bucks that are 31/32 (96.87% and up). Bucks falling below the 31/32 (96.87%) requirement are not eligible to be shown. Nursing kids will not be allowed in the show ring with the fresh doe. The judge may request that the goats be turned loose in the ring as a function of judging. Division Champs will be selected from the first place class winners & the Division Reserve Champ will be selected from the remaining first place class winners plus the second place winner of the class from which the Division Champ was chosen. The Grand champion will be selected from the Division Champions. Reserve Grand Champion will be selected from the remaining Division Champs plus the Reserve Division Champ from which the Grand Champion was chosen.

Substitutions - will be allowed, made at check in, for the same class only and the ownership rules and health requirements must be followed.

Refunds - No refunds will be given, unless received in writing by July 1, 2009. Refund checks will be mailed out after July 20, 2009 and must be cashed within 60 days or the check will be voided.

4. **Ownership** - Goats must be owned by an individual or previous existing farm at least 30 days prior to the opening date of the show and must be shown on the Certificate of Registry as such. Certificates will be reviewed during check in examination.
5. **Animal Eligibility** - Market wethers and commercial does do not need to be registered. All Boer percentage & Full Blood Boer Goats must be registered in the Herdbook of a recognized association before the show. These associations are the ABGA, Canadian Boer Goat Association, International Boer Goat Association and the United States Boer Goat Association. The original certificate of registration, showing ownership, must be produced at the request of any of the Show Chairperson/s, during check in or inspection. A stamped duplicate or faxed duplicate, showing the date an application was received by the association is acceptable for animals under 3 months of age. Proof of birth date will be the date on the registration certificate & will be used to determine the class divisions.

Animal Identification & Tattoos - Animals must be tattooed with legible tattoos and must match with its registration paper. If tattoos are unreadable or do not match the registration, the animal will be disqualified. If your animal has a microchip for permanent id, you must provide the microchip reader.

NO tattooing is allowed on the grounds and anyone found in violation of this rule will be disqualified

from the class the animal was entered in.

Disqualifications - Any animal showing any pronounced defect or abnormality, such as a weak constitution, unthrifty condition, overshot or undershot jaw, abnormal abscesses, will be barred from showing in any of the classes. **No artificial coloring allowed.** Illegible tattoos or those inconsistent with the registration will be disqualified. Does over 24 months of age that have not kidded and cannot prove a current pregnancy will not be allowed to show. ***Additional disqualifications are listed under Animal Health & Animal Welfare.***

6. **Fitting & Clipping** - Due to space & electrical limitations, facilities for washing, drying and/or clipping your animals are NOT available.

Market Wethers - Wethers must weigh a minimum weight of 50 pounds. They must be uniformly clipped with 3/8" length of hair or less above the knee & hock joints, to include the head and excluding the tail. Wethers will be weighed in at check-in and then broken down into the appropriate class weight. There will be no more than 10 wethers per class. Wethers must have their milk teeth and must also be inspected by a veterinarian and appear on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. ***Make sure you read all Health Rules!***

7. **Ribbons, Rosettes & Premiums** - Ribbons will be awarded through 5th place. Division Champions & Reserve Division Champions, Grand Champions & Reserve Grand Champions will receive rosettes. Total premiums are yet to be determined, will be calculated based on the total number of entries in each class and mailed out starting on August 10, 2009.
8. **Release Time & Clean Up** - Animals are released at the end of the show. Exhibitors are required to clean up their bedding & garbage and put in the designated area/s. Any exhibitor that loads out their animals (even if you do not leave the grounds) prior to the official dismissal, or does not clean their area, will forfeit any premiums and will not be eligible to show in the 2010 Linn County Fair Open Meat & Boer Goat Show. ***This rule will be strictly enforced.***

ANIMAL HEALTH & ANIMAL WELFARE RULES

1. All animals, market wethers, commercial does, full blood Boer does and full blood Boer bucks, being exhibited must be individually identified on an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and must originate from herds or areas not under quarantine. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection requires clinical inspection by an accredited veterinarian and must be dated AFTER June 10, 2009.
2. All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag or by an official, readable, tattoo that is registered with the USDA (to register, call 1-866-USDA-TAG). If tattoos are used instead of scrapie tags, complete numbers and/or letters from both ears must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must also include a statement certifying the herd's participation in the Scrapie Program and scrapie premise number or the official herd prefix tattoo registered to the herd. It is recommended, but not required, that a copy of the letter certifying your herd prefix be attached to your Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
3. All sexually intact goats originating from outside of the state and returning to the premise of origin are exempt from TB & Brucellosis testing requirements. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must meet all general requirements, identification requirements and have the following statement written by the licensed accredited veterinarian: "The goat/s listed are for exhibition only and not for resale." Contact Dr Schmitt, IDALS, @ 515-281-5304 or e-mail david.Schmitt@idals.state.ia.us for the most current information on exhibition rules.

Any breeding animal exhibited and intended for sale, must meet Iowa's animal admission requirements. Brucellosis & TB class "free" state status for bovines IS NOT recognized for goats coming into Iowa.

Brucellosis - All goats over 6 months of age, except those for immediate slaughter, must either originate from a certified free herd, showing date of the last test and herd identification number, or prove negative to a brucellosis test conducted within 30 days prior to entry. All sexually intact goats less than 6 months of age must originate from a herd which has been whole-herd tested negative for brucellosis within the last 12 months or must originate from a certified brucellosis-free herd (the date of the last test and certified herd number must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection).

Tuberculosis (TB) - All goats must either originate from a TB-free herd, showing date of last test and herd accreditation number; or originate from a negative herd, tested within 12 months prior to entry, showing date of herd test; or have a negative TB test applied within 60 days prior to entry. Goats less than 6 months of age must originate from a herd which has been whole-herd tested negative for TB within the past 12 months or must originate from an accredited TB-free herd (the date of the last test and accredited herd number must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection).

To be exempt from TB & Brucellosis testing requirements, the animals may not be sold and Certificate of Veterinary must include the statement written by the licensed and accredited veterinarian: "The goat/s listed are for exhibition only and not for resale." The ear tags must match the identification number on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

All goats native to or originating from a county or region under quarantine for TB are not eligible for entry into Iowa.

4. **Any evidence of club lamb fungus, ringworm, abnormal abscesses, foot rot, sore mouth, or any other contagious disease will eliminate the animal from the show. Animals showing any evidence of contagious disease must be removed from the grounds immediately.**
5. **Driving & Bracing** will not be tolerated and will result in dismissal by the Judge or the Show Chairperson. The animals must have all four feet on the ground and shown with a collar or halter to control the animal. Only brief touches to the animal are permitted. Hitting, kicking or jerking on the animal will not be permitted and will result in dismissal.
6. No muzzles or muzzling.
7. Withholding food and water is prohibited and forbidden. Water buckets of at least 2 gallons in size must be secured and in pens at all times. Fresh water must be in buckets in sufficient quantity for the number of goats in the pen. This rule is strictly enforced.
8. No drenching is allowed.
9. Anal insertion or injection of any kind IS NOT permitted, unless done so by an on site veterinarian. Violations of this rule are serious and violator(s) will be disqualified from the entire show, and from the next 2 future shows, forfeit any fees paid, premiums earned and be required to leave. A report of the incident and of the actions taken will be made with the ABGA.
10. If your animal becomes ill, dehydrated or injured, a veterinarian will be called to the grounds. You will be responsible for payment to the veterinarian for services rendered.
11. **Noncompliance** - Noncompliance to show rules will result in dismissal from the show.
12. No smoking in the buildings or in the stands.
13. No dogs permitted on the grounds, for the safety of the public and livestock.

Our rules are established for the welfare and safety of not just our livestock, but for our exhibitors. If you have questions, please contact, Barbie Waltz @ 319-560-0854 or goatshow@thelinncountyfair.com.

