

# Brevard County 4-H Fair

## 2026 Dairy Goat Rule Book

April 13 – 18, 2026

UF/IFAS – Extension Brevard County Office  
3695 Lake Drive  
Cocoa, FL 32926

### General Rules & Regulations

#### 1. Entries

- Registration is done through the official Brevard County 4-H Fair & Market Poultry Auction registration website: [https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6LHJUa1Z63Nrnlk](https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6LHJUa1Z63Nrnlk)
- All entries must be made using the official entry form, with all information complete and accurate. All Brevard County 4-H Fair entries must be received by the UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County Office by the established deadline.

#### 2. Health Requirements

- A certified State Inspector will be on the grounds to check in all animals and accompanying papers. Animals are not to be cooped in the show cages without approval from the State Inspector on duty and the 4-H Agent.
- Any violation of these rules will be grounds for disqualification of entry.

#### 3. Premiums and Awards

- Premiums will be paid based on the judges books, not from ribbons.
- The Brevard County 4-H office will mail premium checks within ten weeks of the close of the Fair. Emails will be sent indicating the date checks are sent. It is up to individuals to let the 4-H office know if checks have not been received within a week of the email.
- Premium checks not cashed by November 20, 2026, will be forfeited. At that time, no replacement checks will be issued for any reason.

#### 4. Judges and Judging

- The decision of the judge will be final, and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest (see Protests).
- Any exhibitor who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from the competition; if interference occurs with the premium awards after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.
- All animals must be in their cages and evaluated by the judge to receive a premium.

#### 5. Liability for Loss or Theft

- The owner or custodian of property of any kind brought to the site either for exhibit or for other purposes assumes, as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risks and/or responsibility for its loss, damage, or theft.
- UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County, its officers, and employees cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, the elements, accidents, or other conditions or causes, whether to exhibits, property

of exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein, and any other property of any nature whatsoever.

6. **General**

- By application for entry to the Brevard County 4-H Fair, each exhibitor certifies that all exhibits are in accordance with the Rules & Regulations of the Brevard County 4-H Fair and that the exhibitor agrees to be governed by these rules.
- Entries are limited to Brevard County 4-H members in good standing (active in 4HOnline, residing in Brevard County, applicable membership fees paid) and who have attended at least five (5) club meetings. Exhibitors must be between the ages of 5 and 18 as of September 1, 2025, to compete.
- Animals are restricted to a designated area of the site and must not be taken from this area. Violators are liable for any damage incurred by the owner or animal.
- Names and telephone numbers of qualified local veterinarians will be available at the Extension office. Each exhibitor is responsible for any bills incurred.
- **Only animals being shown at the Brevard County 4-H Fair are permitted on the site.**
- **No dogs shall be allowed in the Animal Show area, as this causes undue stress on the animals.**
- **Smoking is not permitted on site.**
- **The use of tobacco products, drugs, or alcoholic beverages by exhibitors and/or their families on site is strictly prohibited.**
- Failure to maintain animals and exhibit areas to acceptable standards and/or failure to cooperate with Fair Officials may result in premium forfeiture.
- Any person who violates any of the General Rules or special rules as published in the 2026 Brevard County 4-H Fair Dairy Goat Rule Book will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.
- The physical condition of an entrant, which the appropriate committee considers to be a problem for that entrant to participate in the show, may result in the committee not accepting entry or not allowing that entrant to participate in the show.

7. **Protests**

- All protests must be made in writing, must plainly state the complaint, be accompanied by a cash deposit of \$50.00 (which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained), and must be delivered to the 4-H Agent within 24 hours after the cause of the protest.

8. **Attire**

- All exhibitors are required to wear the following for shows and sales:
  - **4-H Exhibitors: dark pants or khakis, white collared shirt, 4-H insignia**
  - **4-H jacket is optional**
- **NO BLUE JEANS!!!**
- No headgear (hats, caps, etc.) shall be worn for the show or showmanship.
- Closed-toe shoes or boots are required.

# International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE)

## National Code of Show Ring Ethics

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open-class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations, which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial, and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards, and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibitions in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs and livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of volatile drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitters, trainer, and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event that culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with the federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence that such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, a licensed veterinarian shall administer all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only, and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons, either by affirmative action or inaction, to violate this code of ethics. Violations of this rule shall subject such individuals to disciplinary action.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant, whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of the Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rule of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock

show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expositions*, and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further consent that any action that contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

## Florida Department of Agriculture

### CHAPTER 5C-4 ADMISSION OF ANIMALS FOR EXHIBITION

The purpose and effect of the rule changes are to update and specify identification, testing, and documentation requirements for the exhibition of animals.

- 5C-4.0015 Definitions.
- 5C-4.0017 General Requirements and Limitations.
- 5C-4.005 Goats or Sheep
- 5C-29.002 General Requirements for Movement of Sheep and Goats.

#### 5C-4.0015 Definitions.

For the purposes of this Chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) Accredited veterinarian. A licensed veterinarian who has been approved to perform certain functions of the federal and cooperative federal-state programs by the Deputy Administrator, United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, in accordance with the provisions of 9 CFR 161 (1993).
- (2) Animal(s). This term shall include:
  - (a) Livestock, including grazing animals, such as cattle, horses, sheep, swine, goats, and other hoofed animals;
  - (b) Ratites, limited to ostriches, emus, and rheas;
  - (c) Domesticated fowl which are propagated or maintained for commercial, exhibition, or breeding purposes, or as pets; and
  - (d) Wild or game animals which may threaten the agricultural interests of the state.
- (3) Department Representative. An employee of the Department who is authorized to perform animal health regulatory activities regarding the prevention, control, and eradication of certain infectious or communicable diseases of animals.
- (4) Exhibition. An assembly of animals for the purpose of competition or public presentation, including but not limited to fairs, shows, and rodeo events.
- (5) Group. One or more animals maintained on the same premises or in contact.
- (6) Horse. Any horse, mule, ass, zebra, or other Equidae.

- (7) Isolation. Separation of individual animals by a physical barrier in a manner that assures one animal does not have access to the body, excrement, or discharges of another animal; does not share a building with a common ventilation system; and is not within ten feet of another animal.
- (8) Market Class. An exhibition class consisting of finished-fed animals where all animals in the class go directly to slaughter immediately following the exhibition.
- (9) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI). An official form approved by the senior animal health official of the state of origin or an equivalent form from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), which is a complete and legible certificate issued by a veterinarian who is licensed and accredited in the state of origin.
- (10) Official test. A test conducted by a method approved by Department rules for the specific disease and animal species.
- (11) Segregated. The maintenance of one group of animals so as to prevent physical contact with another group of animals.
- (12) Materials. Title 9 C.F.R. ' 161 (1994) is hereby incorporated by reference. Copies may be obtained from the United States Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Mail Stop SSOP, Washington, D.C. 20402-9328.

#### **5C-4.0017 General Requirements and Limitations.**

- (1) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) Required. All animals for exhibition in Florida, unless specifically exempted, must be accompanied by an OCVI issued by a veterinarian accredited in the state of origin.
  - (a) The OCVI must be complete, including the breed, name and registration number, and permanent identification such as tattoo, ear tag number, microchip number, or brand.
  - (b) Results of a specific test requirement or herd certification or validation number for each animal must be recorded on the OCVI with the date of the test or herd certification or validation.
- (2) For exhibition purposes only, an OCVI is valid for 90 days from the date of issue; or until the expiration date of any required tests, whichever is the earliest date. For importation into the State, the OCVI is valid for 30 days pursuant to paragraph 5C-3.002(1)(c), F.A.C.
- (3) Exemption to Required OCVI. An OCVI is not required for animals originating in the State of Florida and entered in market classes provided that the animals are segregated from other animals and the pens are occupied only by the animals in a market class. Pens used for market classes must not be reused until after cleaning and disinfecting.
- (4) Prior to acceptance at an exhibition, all animals presented for exhibition must be visually inspected by a veterinarian licensed in the state of Florida, or by a Department representative for:
  - (a) The required identification of the animal;
  - (b) Clinical signs of disease; and
  - (c) Evidence of compliance with test requirements.
- (5) Any animal which has clinical signs of contagious or infectious disease on visual inspection or any animal which is known to be exposed must be:
  - (a) Withdrawn from exhibition and returned to the place of origin, or
  - (b) Examined at the owner's expense within 24 hours by a veterinarian licensed



in the State of Florida who certifies by a signed written statement that the animal is free of contagious or infectious disease.

#### **5C-4.005 Goats or Sheep.**

(1) OCVI Required.

(a) Florida-origin goats or sheep presented for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to presentation.

(b) Goats or sheep imported into Florida for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI completed within 30 days prior to the exhibition.

(2) Identification. All goats or sheep entered for exhibition purposes must have an official individual identification in accordance with the National Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, APHIS 91-55-066, June 1, 2005.

(3) Test or Certification Required.

(a) Tuberculosis Test. All dairy goats six (6) months of age or older imported for exhibition purposes must originate from an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free Herd or have had a negative caudal fold tuberculosis test within 90 days prior to exhibition. When originating from accredited tuberculosis-free herds, the OCVI must show the accredited herd number and the date of the last herd accreditation test.

(b) Brucellosis Test. All dairy goats six (6) months of age or older imported for exhibition purposes must originate from a Certified Brucellosis-Free Herd or have had a negative brucellosis test within 90 days prior to exhibition. When originating from a certified brucellosis-free herd, the OCVI must show the certified herd number and the date of the last herd certification test.

(c) Exemption From Test Requirements. There are no tuberculosis or brucellosis test requirements for meat-type goats or Florida-origin dairy goats.

(4) Materials. Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, APHIS 91-55-066, June 1, is hereby incorporated by reference. Copies may be obtained from the United States Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Mail Stop SSOP, Washington, D.C. 20402-9328. History—New 11-4-76, Last Amended 6-21-06.

#### **5C-29.002 General Requirements for Movement of Sheep and Goats.**

(1) Identification Requirements.

(a) All sheep and goats moved intrastate or interstate for any purpose must be officially identified to their flock/herd of birth. All sheep and goats that change ownership for any purpose must be officially identified to their flock/herd of birth as required by 9 C.F.R. § 79.2 (2008). In cases where the flock/herd of birth cannot be determined, the sheep and goats must be officially identified to the flock/herd of origin.

(b) Official Identification Methods: Only APHIS-approved identification methods of sheep and goats as required by the USDA Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, APHIS 91-55-079, June 1, 2005, may be used. Such identification methods must be permanent or tamper-evident, secure, carry a unique premise and individual animal number, and be traceable to flock/herd of birth or flock/herd of origin.

Approved methods of identification include:

1. Official USDA-APHIS-VS ear tags,
2. Premises identification tattoos (must be legible and contain the flock/herd number and unique animal number),
3. Official registry tattoos (must be accompanied by either an official breed registration certificate or an OCVI that includes the corresponding official registration number), or
4. Electronic microchip/implant (must be accompanied by owner statement of ID numbers and chip manufacturer, and agent should have a chip reader for verification of placement).

(2) Responsibility for the Identification of Sheep and Goats.

(a) Primary Responsibility. The owner of the flock/herd of origin has the primary responsibility for the identification of all sheep and goats before moving their animals and involving them in intrastate commerce and before they are commingled with animals from different flocks/herds of origin. If official identification has not been placed on the sheep or goats by the owner before leaving the flock/herd of origin and moving them for the purpose of involving them in intrastate commerce, the owner must ensure that the sheep or goats are officially identified before the animals are commingled with sheep and goats from different flocks/herds of origin and before change of ownership.

(b) Secondary Responsibility. Persons with secondary responsibility to identify sheep or goats include:

1. A person who delivers any sheep or goats to a place where they will be commingled must ensure that the sheep or goats are officially identified to their premises of origin before allowing contact with sheep or goats from different flocks/herds or before the change of ownership.
2. A person who receives any sheep or goats that are required to be identified to their premises of origin must ensure that the sheep or goats are officially identified to their premises of origin before commingling with sheep or goats from different flocks/herds or before change of ownership.

(3) Retagging Sheep and Goats with Lost Identification.

(a) If a sheep or goat loses its identification to its flock/herd of birth or origin while in intrastate or interstate commerce the person that has control or possession of the sheep or goat is responsible for identifying the animal before commingling with sheep or goats of different flocks/herds of origin.

(b) The person retagging the sheep or goat shall record the identification number and the flock/herd of origin of the animal. If the flock/herd or origin cannot be determined all possible flocks/herds of origin shall be listed in the records.

(4) Removal of Official Identification Prohibition.

(a) No person shall remove or tamper with any official identification device.

(b) Official identification devices which are damaged and are no longer functional may be replaced provided all possible flocks/herds of origin are listed in the record associated with the application of the new official identification.

(5) Violations. Sheep and goats entering the state, moving within the state, or changing ownership in violation of the provisions of this chapter may be stopped by an agent, or



employee of the Division or by any FDACS law enforcement officer of the state of Florida or any subdivision of the state. Any person, firm, or association having charge, custody, or control of animals imported or moved in violation of this rule will return the animals to the state or flock/herd of origin as directed by the Division.

# 2025 Brevard County 4-H Fair

## DAIRY GOAT SHOW

Registration Due ..... Friday, March 20, 2026, by 11:59 PM  
Record Books Due ..... Friday, March 27, 2026, by 5:00 PM  
Registration Payment Due..... Friday, March 27, 2026, by 5:00 PM

*Educational posters, photography, etc. are all due Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, by 6 PM to the UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County Office at 3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa, FL 32926.*

Goat Check In.....Thursday, April 16, 2026, from 4 – 7 PM  
Goat Skill A Thon..... Thursday, April 16, 2026, from 3:30 – 7 PM  
Goat Judging & Showmanship.....Friday, April 17: Time TBD  
4-H Breakfast Social.....Saturday, April 18, 2026, at 9:00 AM

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*All entries in this category shall be subject to the Brevard County 4-H Fair General Rules and Regulations, the Florida Department of Agriculture Animal Health Requirements, and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics as found in the front of this Premium Book.*

## **PURPOSE**

The intent of the Goat and Sheep Show is to promote youth development through a meaningful experience that will help young people grow into mature adults, as well as to provide a fun and educational experience for the general public attending the events.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Only bona fide 4-H members in good standing (**active in 4HOnline, residing in Brevard County, applicable membership fees paid**) and having attended at least five (5) club meetings are eligible to participate. Exhibitors must be between the ages of 5 and 18 as of September 1, 2025. Clubs must be valid clubs in good standing with their local and state organizations.
2. Participants must be at least 8 years of age by September 1, 2025, to compete.
3. Participants must be under the direct supervision of an adult, teacher, or leader at all times.
4. Youth Livestock Ethics and Animal Care Workshop will **NOT BE MANDATORY** to show at the Brevard County 4-H Fair Dairy Goat Show. It is recommended that all exhibitors take this class, but it will not be required. Workshops can be found at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FADA62EA7F4C34-49540921-20242025#/>

## **Brevard County 4-H Fair Site**

### **SITE RULES:**

1. Each exhibitor is required to maintain clean and attractive quarters for his or her goats, cages, and personal equipment at all times. Personal items will not be allowed to be stored in or directly outside the barn area.
2. Brevard County 4-H will furnish housing.
3. **Brevard County 4-H WILL PROVIDE WATER.** Exhibitors must provide their own waterers, feeders, and feed for each goat/sheep.
4. No dogs will be allowed in the goat/sheep show area.
5. The Brevard County 4-H Fair, UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County, nor the 4-H Agent will be responsible for any loss that may occur but will exercise every reasonable care of exhibits.

### **ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMALS FOR SHOW:**

1. Animals must be in the possession and care of the exhibitor as of September 30, 2025.
2. Youth animals must be owned and registered in the name of the exhibitor, their families, or the herd's name, and the date of ownership or sale must be on or before September 30, 2025.
3. All animals must have an Official Identification Number from USDA in accordance with the Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules.

4. For registered purebred sheep identified with a permanent official breed registration number, official ear tags are not required. HOWEVER, a copy of the breed registration certificate must accompany each animal.
5. Tattoos: American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) rules state animals must be tattooed before registering or recording with ADGA. All dairy goats must have a legible tattoo that matches the tattoo on the registration or recordation certificate or stamped duplicate application certificate. Sheep with an unreadable tattoo or one that does not match the animal's registration certificate will not be permitted to participate.
6. Tampering or faking with any animal entered is prohibited.
7. **Horns:** All dairy goats (including kids) must be dehorned, disbudded, or naturally polled prior to drop-off.

## HEALTH RULES

1. All dairy goats must meet health requirements as required by the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services.
2. Dairy goats must be free of clinical symptoms of caseous lymphadenitis. Animals showing clinical symptoms of the disease will not be allowed to enter the show. With reference to caseous lymphadenitis, clinical symptoms are the term used to define enlargements of the lymph nodes, whether draining or not. Evidence of incised lymph nodes will be interpreted as prima facia evidence of caseous lymphadenitis in the animal under scrutiny.
3. Dairy goats must be free of symptoms of all other contagious and infectious diseases, whether or not such diseases are herein specially named.
4. Goats will be checked by FDACS.

## ENTRY AND ARRIVAL OF GOATS:

1. Completed Registration Form must be received by Friday, March 20, 2026, at 11:59 PM. Entry forms must be completed online.
  - a. Entry forms must be complete to be accepted. (It is advisable to submit early so that any questions may be cleared up prior to the closing date).
2. Entry fee is \$15.00 per goat. Entry fees should be made payable to Brevard County 4-H Association. Checks can be mailed to or dropped off at the Brevard County Extension Office (3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa, FL 32926). Complete and accurate payments should be received no later than Friday, March 27, 2026. Refunds will not be given for animals that were entered but not actually exhibited at the show.
3. Entry forms must be signed by the exhibitor and parent/guardian.
4. Goats will be received between 4 PM and 7 PM on Thursday, April 16, 2026. Participants must have their goats on site no later than 6:45 PM to allow for testing by FDACS by 7 PM.
5. Exhibitors must be present at check-in unless special permission has been requested and approved by the 4-H Agent prior to the night of check-in.
6. Management reserves the right to reject any entry or entries from any exhibitor.

#### **RELEASE:**

1. During the period of the exhibition, no specimen may be removed, except by consent of the 4-H agent.
2. Goats will be released upon the conclusion of the market poultry auction on Saturday, April 18, 2026. The exhibitor will be responsible for feeding and watering their animal(s).
3. Goats removed prior to this time without prior permission will forfeit all premium monies won.
4. All other items, such as posters and photos, will be released at the conclusion of the market poultry auction on Saturday, April 18, 2026. Exhibits will also be available for pick up during business hours at the Extension Office for the two weeks directly following the 4-H Fair.

#### **JUDGING:**

1. Goats will be judged on **Friday, April 17, 2026**, utilizing the modified Danish System of judging. Each entry will receive a Blue, Red, or White award. Only entries receiving a Blue quality award will be considered for Best of Variety and higher awards.
2. The judging of goats will be conducted in consideration of breed characteristics as stated by the ADGA.
3. All animals must meet health regulations as specified in the Rules for Exhibition as required by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
4. Animals must have current health papers at the time of arrival to the fair.
5. USDA identification tags or tattoos will be verified with the exhibitor's entry at check-in area during judging.
6. During the selection of champions, exhibitors and parents shall refrain from speaking with the judge.
7. The decision of the judge shall be final.

**DAIRY GOAT BREEDS** accepted will include: 1) LaMancha, 2) Nubian, 3) Alpine, 4) Nigerian Dwarf and 5) All Other Purebreeds (Oberhasli, Saanen, Sables, Toggenburg, & Golden Guernsey).

#### **DAIRY GOAT CLASSES:**

##### **Senior Doe Show**

Any does that has freshened (given birth), but is currently dry, or is in milk, or is being milked regularly (including precocious milkers).

- SD 1. Yearling doe under 2 years (DOB 4/16/24 through 4/16/25)
- SD 2. 2-year-old doe (DOB 4/16/23 through 4/15/24)
- SD 3. 3-year-old doe (DOB 4/16/22 through 4/15/23)
- SD 4. 4-year-old doe (DOB 4/16/21 through 4/15/20)
- SD 5. 5-year-old & older (DOB 4/15/21 or earlier)

##### **Junior Doe Show**

Under 24 months, that has NEVER freshened (given birth)

- JD 1. Junior Kids under 6 months (DOB 10/16/25 through 4/16/26)
- JD 2. Senior Kids under 12 months (DOB 4/15/25 through 10/15/25)
- JD 3. Junior Yearling under 18 months (DOB 10/14/25 through 4/14/25)

JD 4. Senior Yearling under 24 months (DOB 4/13/24 through 10/13/24)

### ADDITIONAL GOAT CONTESTS:

Age Divisions (as of September 1, 2025)

- Junior Division.....ages 8 - 10 years old
- Intermediate Division.....ages 11 - 13 years old
- Senior Division.....ages 14 - 18 years old

### RECORD BOOKS:

Due Friday, March 27, 2026, by 5:00 PM

1. **RECORD BOOKS ARE REQUIRED.** Record Books must be turned in by Friday, March 27, 2026, by 5 PM.
2. The completed Record Book must be approved and signed by the 4-H Leader.
3. Record Books will be available on the UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County website (<https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/brevard/4-h-and-youth/4-h-youth/#recordbooks>) or upon request from the UF/IFAS Brevard County Extension Office
4. Record Books will be entered and judged by stated age divisions.
5. Judging will be on a modified Danish System. All Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors will receive a Blue, Red, or White award. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons will be awarded to the top three Blue Ribbon winners in each of those three age divisions. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors will earn points toward Champion Exhibitor based on actual Record Book scores.

AWARDS: Record Books.....1st Place Ribbon in each age division  
2nd Place Ribbon in each age division  
3rd Place Ribbon in each age division

### SHOWMANSHIP:

Friday, April 17, 2026

1. Exhibitors must sign up for Showmanship through the online entry form.
2. Exhibitors will demonstrate showmanship skills on an individual basis to a judge.
3. Showmanship will be entered and judged by stated age divisions.
4. Judging will be on a modified Danish System. All Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors will receive a Blue, Red, or White Award. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons will be awarded to the top three Blue Ribbon winners in each of those three age divisions.
5. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors will earn points toward Champion Exhibitor based on actual showmanship scores.

AWARDS: Goat Showmanship .....1st Place Ribbon in each age division  
2nd Place Ribbon in each age division  
3rd Place Ribbon in each age division

## SKILL-A-THON:

Thursday, April 16, 2026, 3:30 PM – 7 PM

1. The Skill-A Thon is open to any registered goat exhibitor, and all are encouraged to participate.
2. Exhibitors must sign up for Skill-A-Thon on the online entry form.
3. **Any participant needing assistance with reading the questions must notify the Extension office in writing at least one week prior to the event.**
4. The contest will be based on the 2026 Florida State Fair Youth Goat Skill-a-thon information.
5. Skill-A-Thon will be entered and judged by stated age divisions.
6. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons will be awarded to the top three Blue Ribbon winners in each of those three age divisions.
7. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors will earn points toward Champion Exhibitor based on actual Skill-a-thon scores.

AWARDS: Skill-a-thon Contest.....1st Place Ribbon in each age division  
2nd Place Ribbon in each age division  
3rd Place Ribbon in each age division

## POSTER CONTEST:

Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 6 by 6 PM

1. to any registered goat exhibitor.
2. Posters must be turned in by the above due date and time. Late posters will not be accepted.
3. Posters will be available for release upon the conclusion of the market poultry auction on Saturday, April 18, 2026.
4. Posters must have been made by the exhibitor.
5. Posters may relate to any educational subject relating to the goat industry.
6. Posters will be entered and judged by stated age divisions.
7. Poster must follow guidelines as stated in the **Exhibits Rulebook** under **Animal Projects: Educational Posters**.
8. Failure to comply with any of the above rules will result in disqualification from the poster contest.
9. Judging will be on a modified Danish System. All Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors will receive a Blue, Red, or White award. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons will be awarded to the top three Blue Ribbon winners in each of those three age divisions.
10. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors will earn points toward Champion Exhibitor based on actual poster scores.

AWARDS: Goat Poster... .....1st Place Ribbon in each age division  
2nd Place Ribbon in each age division  
3rd Place Ribbon in each age division



## PHOTO CONTEST:

Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, by 6 PM

1. Photo entries must be received during check-in on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, by 6 PM. No entries will be accepted after 6 PM on the date of check-in.
2. The entry must be the original work of the exhibitor. No entries will be accepted in this contest from any club or organization.
3. The photo must have been taken by the exhibitor himself or herself.
4. Photos must follow guidelines as stated in the **Exhibits Rule Book** under **Animal Projects: Photography**.
5. The photo entries must be goat-related.
6. The 4-H Agent reserves the right to reject any entry not considered suitable, being too large, heavy, or small to be displayed properly, or being in non-compliance with these rules and regulations.
7. Photos will be entered and judged by age divisions as stated under Additional Goat Contests.
8. Judging will be on a modified Danish System. All Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors will receive a Blue, Red, or White award. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons will be awarded to the top three Blue Ribbon winners in each of those three age divisions.
9. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors will be awarded points toward Champion Exhibitor based on actual photo scores.

**AWARDS: Goat Photo Contest.....**  
1st Place Ribbon in each age division  
2nd Place Ribbon in each age division  
3rd Place Ribbon in each age division

The Champion exhibitor award is based on a premium point system, with the highest total score being the Champion. Point values for each category are stated below. Exhibitors are required to receive a minimum of 300 total points to be eligible for Champion Exhibitor. All points will be totaled

Category	Max Points
Record Book	100 points
Showmanship	100 points
Skill-a-Thon	100 points
Poster Contest	100 points
Photo Contest	<u>100 points</u>
	500 points total

**PREMIUMS AND AWARDS: Champion Exhibitor .....Rosette and \$100.00**

## Goat/Sheep Show Premiums and Awards

Blue Award	\$8.00
Red Award	\$6.00

White Award	\$4.00
Best of Breed	\$10.00
Best of Class	\$12.00

<i>Best of Show</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>
<i>Reserve Best of Show</i>	<i>\$35.00</i>
<i>Dairy Goat Division Champion Senior Doe</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>Dairy Goat Reserve Division Champion Senior Doe</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>
<i>Dairy Goat Division Champion Junior Doe</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>Dairy Goat Reserve Division Champion Junior Doe</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>