

2027 PA FARM SHOW

DEPARTMENT 11 - MEAT GOATS

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIR PEOPLE!



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ENTRY DEADLINE

All entries must be made online using ShoWorks software no later than November 6, 2026.

Please be sure to review all general rules and department rules prior to entering.



New for 2027



PA Secretary of Agriculture, Russell C. Redding

Pennsylvania's State Fair showcases top competitors from 108 county and local fairs, and the diversity and quality of Pennsylvania's agriculture industry, the innovative people who make it thrive, and the faces of our proud past and promising future. The show offers visitors a peek into the industry that supports 593,000 Pennsylvania jobs and contributes \$132.5 billion to Pennsylvania's economy every year. See you at the PA Farm Show!

RULES AND REGULATIONS

General Rules	1. Health Requirements are listed in the General Rules and Regulations . All entries will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations .
Eligibility	2. Only registered animals may be shown in the Open Boer Goat Show. All Boer goats must be registered in the herd-book of a recognized association before the date of the show. Recognized associations include ABGA and the Canadian Boer Goat Association.
Boer Goat	3. All animals must be registered purebred, fullblood, or percentage blood Boer goats. Percentage doe classes must be 50% to 88%, Purebred/Fullblood doe classes must be 15/16 blood (94%) and higher. Bucks must be 31/32 blood (97%) and higher.
ABGA	4. All goats must be registered in the ABGA herd book by the entry deadline, November 6, 2026. Original registration certificates are required, except that a copy of a registration application stamped with the date received by ABGA can be accepted for kids less than 3 months of age. Animals over the age of 3 months must be verified as registered in the ABGA database at the time of the show. An animal that may be verified as registered in the web-based database of ABGA will be accepted in lieu of registration certificate. Verification must be provided by the exhibitor in either digital or print to the show secretary. JABGA ownership must be verified using the transfer history on the animal pedigree if the certificate is not provided. All goats must be appropriately identified and comply with USDA Scrapie Eradication Program Guidelines. Call 1-888-USDA TAG (873-2824) or visit the following website for more information: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/scrapie/ ABGA prohibits the transfer of any goat exhibited in a JABGA sanctioned show back to the seller and/or seller's agent for a period of one year from date of purchase for all goats that are not bred and owned by the JABGA exhibitor. When the animal is verified as registered in the ABGA database or a stamped registration application is presented at check-in, their registered name, ABGA registration number, and tattoos/microchip number of each animal must be recorded. All goats must have legible tattoos consistent with the registration certificate or the animal will be disqualified. If an animal is disqualified due to illegible or inconsistent tattoos, all lower placing animals will be moved up in placement. First and second place animals in each class will have their tattoos read. Permanently implanted microchip identification will be accepted by ABGA as official identification in addition to, or in lieu of, tattoos. The owner is responsible for providing the appropriate scanning device to read any microchip used for identification purposes. Goats registered in a frozen or suspended account are ineligible to exhibit.
Age	5. Ages will be determined by the birthdate on the registration certificate and calculated to December 31, 2026.
Horns	6. Animals with natural horns, disbudded, or de-horned may be shown without regard to discrimination.
Judge History	7. An exhibitor shall not present an animal to be shown under a judge from whom it was purchased within 90 days of the show.

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Merit	8. In classes where there is no competition, awards shall be made by the judge according to the merit of the animal. In class(es) where the quality of the animal(s) is not of Champion consideration type, the judge shall begin the class(es) with a second-place ribbon and the animal(s) shall not compete for Champion or Reserve Champion.
Breeding Requirements	9. To be shown, all Boer does must have kidded or exhibited pregnancy by 24 months of age.
Entry Limits and Fees	10. An exhibitor shall be limited to two entries in any one class. Entry fee is \$10.00 per head.
Arrival	11. Meat goats must arrive on Wednesday, January 13, between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. All animals must have papers presented by 6:00 p.m. Tattoos will be read on each goat at check-in.
Check-In	12. All goats must be checked in by 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2027.
Release	13. Release time is 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 16, 2027. Any exhibit removed prior to the listed times without Show Management approval will result in forfeiture of all premiums.
Substitutions	14. Substitutions are allowed within the same class only and must have same ownership as the original entry. Substitutions will be made at check-in.
Champion Classes	15. Competition for Champions will be limited to first- and second-place animals.
Grooming	16. Use only grooming products that are approved for use on meat-producing animals when fitting any animal for show. Unapproved products may contain ingredients that result in unacceptable residues in the meat. If it is not certain that a product is residue safe and approved for use on meat animals, DO NOT use it.
Drenching	17. Drenching of animals is not permitted unless approved by the show veterinarian.
Show Order	18. The Open Boer Goat show will follow the Junior Boer Goat Show. The Junior Meat Breeding Goat show will begin on Saturday, January 16, at 8:00 a.m. Showmanship is first, followed by the breeding classes. Classes will start with Percentage Does and will be followed by Fullblood Does.
Fitting Stand	19. Fitting stands are allowed however a sticker must be requested with entries or during set up from the show office. The stand must have the sticker affixed to somewhere visible on the stand. All stands must be kept out of aisles and in designated areas or they will be removed from the grounds. This sticker will only be good for meat goats.

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Be A STAR	20. Be A STAR (Showing Teamwork and Respect)- Through STAR you have the opportunity to highlight those exhibitors that are demonstrating sportsmanship, lending a helping hand or just doing a good deed. You can also report barn issues with this form. Deadline for award nominations will be January 16 at 2 pm for second half of the week. https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/D4vVQfA3qC
Code of Show Ring Ethics	21. The Mandatory Code of Show Ring Ethics form must be read, signed, dated, and then uploaded with entry by the entry deadline.

See General Rules, Regulations & Health Requirements online at
<https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/rules-regulations>

HOW TO ENTER



Register all entries for each exhibitor in the family before proceeding to payment section.



Be sure to click the SUBMIT button when you have completed your entries.



Check your email inbox for a confirmation email with a list of your entries and invoice.



[Step by step entry document](#)



OPEN BOER GOAT CLASSES

JUDGES

TBD

DATE/TIME

Open Boer Goat Classes
Saturday, January 16, 2027
After Junior Meat Goat Show
Northwest Hall

CHART OF CLASSES - DIVISIONS 0001-0007

DIVISION 0001 - Junior Division Percentage Doe (1/2-7/8, never freshened)

Class 0001	3-under 6 months (7/1/26 to 9/30/26)	Class 0004	Junior Division Champion Percentage Doe
Class 0002	6-under 9 months (4/1/26 to 6/30/26)	Class 0005	Junior Division Reserve Champion Percentage Doe
Class 0003	9-under 12 months (1/1/26 to 3/31/26)		

DIVISION 0002 - Yearling Division Percentage Doe (1/2-7/8, never freshened)

Class 0010	12-under 16 months (9/1/25 to 12/31/25)	Class 0013	Yearling Division Champion Percentage Doe
Class 0011	16-under 20 months (5/1/25 to 8/31/25)	Class 0014	Yearling Division Reserve Champion Percentage Doe
Class 0012	20-under 24 months (1/1/25 to 4/30/25)		

DIVISION 0003 - Senior Division Percentage Doe (1/2-7/8, have freshened)

Class 0015	2-under 3 years (1/1/24 to 12/31/24)	Class 0017	Senior Division Champion Percentage Doe
Class 0016	3-and older (Before 12/31/23)	Class 0018	Senior Division Reserve Champion Percentage Doe

DIVISION 0004

Class 0025	Best of Show - Percentage Doe (Plaque)		
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DIVISION 0005 - Junior Fullblood/Purebred Doe (94% or higher)

Class 0031	3-under 6 months (7/1/26 to 9/30/26)	Class 0034	Junior Division Champion FB/PB Doe
Class 0032	6-under 9 months (4/1/26 to 6/30/26)	Class 0035	Junior Division Reserve Champion FB/PB Doe
Class 0033	9-under 12 months (1/1/26 to 3/31/26)		

DIVISION 0006 - Yearling Fullblood/Purebred Doe (94% or higher)

Class 0040	12-under 16 months (9/1/25 to 12/31/25)	Class 0043	Yearling Division Champion FB/PB Doe
Class 0041	16-under 20 months (5/1/25 to 8/31/25)	Class 0044	Yearling Division Reserve Champion FB/PB Doe
Class 0042	20-under 24 months (1/1/25 to 4/30/25)		

DIVISION 0007 - Senior Fullblood/Purebred Doe (94% or higher, have freshened)

Class 0045	2-under 3 years (1/1/24 to 12/31/24)	Class 0047	Senior Division Champion FB/PB Doe
Class 0046	3-and older (Before 12/31/23)	Class 0048	Senior Division Reserve Champion FB/PB Doe

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CHART OF CLASSES - DIVISIONS 0008-0012

DIVISION 0008	
Class 0060	Best of Show - Fullblood/Purebred Doe (Plaque)

DIVISION 0009 - Junior Division Fullblood/Purebred Buck (97% or higher)			
Class 0066	3-under 6 months (7/1/26 to 9/30/26)	Class 0069	Junior Division Champion FB/PB Buck
Class 0067	6-under 9 months (4/1/26 to 6/30/26)	Class 0070	Junior Division Reserve Champion FB/PB Buck
Class 0068	9-under 12 months (1/1/26 to 3/31/26)		

DIVISION 0010 - Yearling Fullblood/Purebred Buck (97% or higher)			
Class 0075	12-under 16 months (9/1/25 to 12/31/25)	Class 0078	Yearling Division Champion FB/PB Buck
Class 0076	16-under 20 months (5/1/25 to 8/31/25)	Class 0079	Yearling Division Reserve Champion FB/PB Buck
Class 0077	20-under 24 months (1/1/25 to 4/30/25)		

DIVISION 0011 - Senior Fullblood/Purebred Buck (97% or higher)			
Class 0080	2-under 3 years (1/1/24 to 12/31/24)	Class 0082	Senior Division Champion FB/PB Buck
Class 0081	3-and older (Before 12/31/23)	Class 0083	Senior Division Reserve Champion FB/PB Buck

DIVISION 0012	
Class 0090	Best of Show - Fullblood/Purebred Boer Buck (Plaque)

OPEN MEAT GOAT PREMIUMS									
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
\$40.06	\$34.33	\$28.61	\$22.89	\$20.60	\$17.17	\$14.88	\$11.44	\$9.16	\$9.16

Champions	Rosette
Reserve Champions	Rosette
Best of Show	Plaque & Rosette
Supreme Champion	\$286.11 & Banner
(Best of Show Winners Compete)	

SPECIAL AWARDS: Keystone Goat Producers Assoc., Cameron Reigle, 405 South Deodate Rd, Middletown, PA 17057, will sponsor a special award to the Champion Doe in the Purebred/Fullblood Boer, Percentage Boer, and Champion Boer Buck Purebred/Fullblood in the Open Boer Show.

JUNIOR MEAT BREEDING GOAT

JUDGES	DATE/TIME
TBD	Junior Meat Breeding Goat Saturday, January 16, 2027 After Meat Goat Showmanship Northwest Hall

General Rules	1. Health Requirements are listed in the General Rules and Regulations . All entries will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations and the department rules and regulations found on pages 2-3.
Eligibility	2. To be eligible to exhibit in the Junior Meat Breeding Goat Division, youth must have been born in 2007 to 2017 inclusively, must be members in good standing of either a 4-H club or an FFA chapter in the state of Pennsylvania, and must have been enrolled in a breeding meat goat or market goat 4-H project or be carrying an FFA breeding meat goat or market goat Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). For 4-H members, Farm Show is the culmination of 4-H projects taken during the previous 4-H Program year (October 1-September 30, 2026). 4-H members must have completed a breeding meat goat or market goat project during the previous 4-H Program year in order to be eligible to exhibit at Farm Show. For FFA members, Farm Show is a part of the learning experience related to SAEs carried during the current (2026-2027) school year. FFA members must be carrying a breeding meat goat or market goat SAE during the current school year in order to be eligible to exhibit at Farm Show. It is expected that all youth exhibitors will own, work with, and provide the majority of the care for their animal(s), except in the case of illness or other extenuating circumstances. Any exceptions to this rule must be approved by the Farm Show Competitive Events Manager.
Entry Deadline	3. Entries must be computer timestamped by November 5, 2026. Entries must be made online at www.farmshow.pa.gov by the entry deadline giving all necessary information.
Entry Fee	4. No entry fee for junior classes.
Ownership	5. All animals must be owned by and be in the possession of the exhibitor by November 5, 2026, in the name of the junior exhibitor only.
Breeding and Market	6. An animal may show in one division only. Meat Breeding does cannot show in the Market Goat Division and vice versa.
Registration Papers	7. Boer goats must be registered as fullbloods or purebred Boer goats to show in Boer classes. Percentage Boer goats must have papers listing the animal as a percentage Boer to show in percentage classes.
Arrival	8. Junior Meat Breeding Goats must arrive by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2027. Pens will be open to receive animals at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2027. All goats must be checked in with the Superintendent by 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2027.

JUNIOR MEAT BREEDING GOAT

Grooming	9. Use only grooming products that are approved for use on meat and milk-producing animals when fitting any animal for show. Unapproved products may contain ingredients that result in unacceptable residues. IF IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT A PRODUCT IS RESIDUE SAFE AND APPROVED FOR USE ON MEAT AND MILK PRODUCING ANIMALS, DON'T USE IT.
Release	10. Meat Breeding Goats will be released at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 16, 2027, and must depart by midnight. Any exhibit removed prior to the listed times without Show Management approval will result in forfeiture of <u>all</u> premiums.
Drenching	11. Drenching is prohibited.

JUNIOR MEAT BREEDING GOAT PREMIUMS				
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th-10th
\$24.03	\$21.75	\$19.45	\$17.17	\$13.73

SPECIAL AWARDS: Keystone Goat Producers Assoc., Cameron Reigle, 405 South Deodate Rd, Middletown, PA 17057, will make two awards for the Champion Doe in the Purebred/Fullblood and Percentage Junior Meat Breeding Show.

CHART OF CLASSES - DIVISIONS 0013-0014

Class	DIVISION 13 - Purebred/Full Blood Boer	DIVISION 14 - Percentage Boer	Special Award
Doe 3-6 months (7/1/26 - 9/30/26)	6611	6661	
Doe 6-9 months (4/1/26 - 6/30/26)	6612	6662	
Doe 9-12 months (1/1/26 - 3/31/26)	6613	6663	
Junior Champion	6614	6664	Ribbon
Reserve Junior Champion	6615	6665	Ribbon
Doe 12-16 months (9/1/25 - 12/31/25)	6616	6666	
Doe 16-20 months (5/1/25 - 8/31/25)	6617	6667	
Doe 20-24 months (1/1/25 - 4/30/25)	6618	6668	
Champion Yearling Doe	6619	6669	Ribbon
Reserve Champion Yearling Doe	6620	6670	Ribbon
Doe 24-36 months (1/1/24 - 12/31/24)	6621	6671	
Doe 36 months and over (before 12/31/23)	6622	6672	
Champion Senior Doe	6623	6673	Ribbon
Reserve Champion Senior Doe	6624	6674	Ribbon
Grand Champion Doe	6625	6675	Plaque
Reserve Grand Champion Doe	6626	6676	Rosette

Grand Champion Junior Meat Breeding Goat will be selected. Banner will be provided.

JUNIOR MEAT BREEDING GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

JUDGES	DATE/TIME
TBD	Junior Meat Breeding Goat Showmanship Saturday, January 16, 2027 8:00 a.m. Northwest Hall

This contest is open to youth who have been deemed eligible for (and who have shown in) the Junior Meat Breeding Goat Show. Contestants must show one of their own animals and must declare which animal they will show prior to the start of the Junior Meat Breeding Goat Show. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Meat Breeding Goat Showmen will be eligible to compete in the **Breeding Master Showmanship Competition (held on Saturday, January 16, 2027, at 2:30 p.m. in the Small Arena).**

CHART OF CLASSES - DIVISION 0015

Class 6701	Goat Showmanship I (2007-2009)	Class 6703	Goat Showmanship III (2012-2014)
Class 6702	Goat Showmanship II (2010-2011)	Class 6704	Goat Showmanship IV (2015-2017)

Grand Champion Showman (Plaque)
 Reserve Champion Showman (Rosette)

Awards - Junior Goat Breeding Showmanship

JUNIOR GOAT BREEDING SHOWMANSHIP PREMIUMS									
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
\$20.60	\$17.17	\$14.88	\$12.57	\$11.44	\$10.30	\$9.16	\$8.01	\$6.86	\$5.72
Plaque	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon

Additional premiums for the first place winners of each Division will be awarded by the Pennsylvania Livestock Association.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING AWARDS

The Pennsylvania Farm Show Commission offers special daily premiums to breeding goat exhibitors who maintain the most attractive and sanitary exhibit at the 2027 Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Exhibits of five goats or more will be scored on the following basis:

Preparation of Exhibit - 40 Points

- Decorations neat and attractive, well-planned, not too gaudy or overdone
- Appropriate Farm or Exhibitor signs displaying complete information
- Appropriate color scheme, background, show boxes, and originality

Appearance and attitude of exhibitors - 20 Points

- Knowledgeable, courteous, friendly, and able to answer questions about the exhibit and goats
- Clothes and person neat and clean, dressed appropriately

Care of the exhibit - 40 Points

- Animals clean and well-groomed
- Aisles are clean and neat with adequate space for spectators to walk through
- Bedding clean and dry
- Feed and equipment stored neatly (out of sight if possible), equipment clean

Total - 100 Points

Inspections will be made unannounced. Exhibitors will be scored daily and their rating for the day published. Prizes will be awarded Thursday through Saturday with grand prizes for the total period.

Prizes for the best exhibitors are as follows:

DAILY PRIZES							
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
\$57.22	\$45.78	\$40.06	\$34.33	\$28.61	\$22.89	\$22.89	\$17.17

3 DAY CUMULATIVE PRIZES		
1st	2nd	3rd
\$57.22	\$45.78	\$40.06