



# Market Goat Project

## Important Dates

**April 2nd: MQA Testing**– Your family will receive an email if you have to take the test

**May 9th:** LAST DAY to own and have in your possession Market Goat

**May 11th:** Weigh Day–8:00–10:30am at Pathfinder Park (for State Fair Must request DNA Packets from State Fair Website)

**June 5th:** Market Test at Extension Office 8am–10am

**June 6th:** Market Test at Extension Office 6–8pm

**June 10th:** Fair Entry Online opens

**June 27th:** Market Retake Tests at Extension Office 6–8pm

**July 1st:** Last day to enter Fremont County Fair at NO CHARGE

**July 10th:** Record Book Workshop 5:30–7:00pm

**July 29th:** Livestock Check In 8:30 –9:30am

**Mandatory Livestock Exhibitor Meeting– Time TBD**

**July 30st:** Market Goat Show followed by Showmanship 6:00pm

**August 3rd:** 8:00 am Master Showmanship

2:00pm Buyers BBQ

4:00 pm Market Livestock Sale

**August 4th:** Fremont County Fair Clean Up

**August 22nd:** LAST DAY to turn in Record Books

● **Contact the office with any** ●

**questions! 719-276-7390**

# Helpful Tips Straight from the Fair Book!

## MARKET GOATS

Exhibitors are responsible for all health rules that apply to their project. 4-H/FFA members must have taken a written exam and meet eligibility requirements.

**Arrival Time:** As to be communicated by Fair Board on entry arrival times and weigh-in times on Monday, July 29, 2024.

Market Goats will be weighed beginning as communicated by the Fair Board.. Market Goats must be carrying all milk teeth in normal positions. Goats showing either or both of the first pair of permanent incisors will be disqualified.

All market goats must be shown with a collar, chain or an approved show halter. (Pronged collars will not be allowed)

If Goats have horns, the horns must be tipped. Market Goats do not have to be dehorned.

Wether (castrated male) or Doe Kids will be allowed to show in the Market Goat Show.

Any Doe shown in the Market Goat Show is NOT eligible to show in the Breeding Goat Show.

Market Goats MUST be shorn to no more than ¼" at weigh in. Doe Kids are required to have scrapie tags. Wether Goats do not need a scrapie tag.

Market Goats must weigh a minimum of 50 lbs. and a maximum of 120 lbs. All goats under 50 lbs. or over 120 lbs. will be shown in a special class and will not be eligible for the Market Livestock Sale, Ultrasound Contest, or Special Awards. They will only be eligible for class ribbons.

The front feet of the Goat must remain on the show ring floor while being shown. Judges and Superintendents will have discretion to enforce disqualification.

Drenching for hydration purposes will be allowed for market goats, NO Stomach pumping devices will be allowed.

### Market Goat Classes

Classes divided according to weight  
Class 4160, Bred by Exhibitor (shows last)

### BREEDING & MARKET GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Class 4501, Senior Showmanship(14-18yrs old)  
Class 4502, Intermediate Showmanship(11-13 yrs old)  
Class 4503, Junior Showmanship(8-10 yrs old)

# What Goes in the Showbox

Goat Stand

Blower

Adhesive

Hairspray

White Touch Up

Clippers (small & Large)

Muzzles

Coats

Cooling Towels

Towels for drying

Shavings (3 bags)

Feed (grain & scoop)

Hay and Rack

Minerals

Treats

Leads

Show Collars

Rasp for horns

Baby oil

Shampoo and Conditioner

Purple Soap

Baby Wipes

Baby Powder

Dawn Dish Soap in a Spray Bottle

Scoop Fork

Slicker Brush

Water Bucket

Feed Bin

Throw Away Bucket

Show Clothes- 2-3 Long or short sleeved button shirts or blouses, undershirts, 2-3 pairs of clean dark colored jeans, or slacks, a belt. Hard soled closed-toed shoes or boots for safety.



# Buyer Letters

## Why is the 4-H buyer letter and marketing so important?

Each year the community comes out to attend the 4-H auction and spends thousands of dollars supporting 4-H kids in their projects. Without the support of local businesses there would be no stock sale for your kids to sell their animals at. Getting out and delivering market letters to these local businesses is a great way to keep your auction going and to get new buyers to the fair!

## Who should you send/deliver a letter to?

Any local business your family patronizes  
Your families Doctor, Dentist, Eye Doctor,  
Orthodontist or any other specialist you see

Previous Buyers of your 4-H animal

Relatives, Family Friends, Neighbors

## What should you include in your letter?

**An introduction:**

Your name, age, Club, and project

Something you learned raising this animal

**An invitation to the auction including:**

Fair information

Sales Dates, Time and Location

Extension Office phone number for more information

Thanks for their support in the past if they've previously bought an animal

Picture of you with your project animal

## What Not to Include

Any hardships your family is going through.

Having an asking price for your animal.

Asking for a direct donation.

Any threats to not do business with them anymore if they don't buy your animal