

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

South Dakota 4-H Meat Goat Divisions

Meat Goat Divisions Starting in 2025



Registered Breeding Does

- Registered breeding does must have registration papers either fullblood or percentage. Papers must be in the 4-H members name and/or family name or have appropriate lease forms. All purebred, fullblood, and percentage will be shown together in one show.
- These does will be shown by age and must fit in one of these age groups.
 - Junior Does
 - 3 to under 6 months
 - 6 to under 9 months
 - ▶ 9 to under 12 months
 - Yearling Does
 - ▶ 12 to under 16 months
 - ▶ 16 to under 20 months
 - Senior Doe
 - 20 to under 24 months
 - ► 24 to under 36 months
 - ► 36 months and over
- Tattoos will be checked at check-in time. If tattoos are not legible, animals will be moved to the Commercial Division.
- Does can be trimmed to enhance their individual qualities.
- Does can be shown with collar, halter, and no rules will be enforced on bracing but all four feet must be on the ground at all times and no excessive slapping of the animal.

Commercial/Haired Breeding Does

- Commercial breeding does are not required to be registered.
- Commercial breeding does will be shown with hair and trimmed to enhance their individual qualities.
- Commercial breeding does will be shown by weight with a minimum declared weight of 45 pounds and never have kidded before.
- Weigh-backs: The top 3 purple ribbons in each class will be weighed back immediately after class. They must weigh within 5% of their declared weight or they will be immediately excused from the show and will not be eligible for awards.
- Commercial breeding does do not have registration papers but will be required to have USDA Official Scrapie ID.
- Does can be shown with collar, halter, and no rules will be enforced on bracing, but all four feet must be on the ground at all times and no excessive slapping of the animal.

Wether Dam/Slicked Does

- A wether dam is a doe that has a wether style breeding and will be raised as a market style goat.
- Does must be slick shorn with a 3/8 inch of hair or less. Hair may be left on the legs up to the hocks and knees only.
- These does shall not be kidded and must be under 1 year of age.
- Wether dams will be shown by weight with a minimum declared weight of 45 pounds and never kidded before.
- Market Does will be showed in the Wether Dam Division but will not have to have DNA collected.
- Animals will not need registration papers but will be required to have USDA Official Scrapie Tag ID.

- Weigh-backs: The top 3 purple ribbons in each class will be weighed back immediately after class. They must weigh within 5% of their declared weight or they will be immediately excused from the show and will not be eligible for awards.
- Does can be shown with collar, halter, and no rules will be enforced on bracing, but all four feet must be on the ground at all times and no excessive slapping of the animal.

Market Wethers

- Market castrated wethers will be shown in the market wether division.
- DNA will be required by June 1st.
- Wethers will be shown by weight with a minimum declared weight of 45 pounds.
- Wethers must be slick shorn with a 3/8 inch of hair or less. Hair may be left on the legs up to the hocks and knees only.
- Weigh-backs: The top 3 purple ribbons in each class will be weighed back immediately after class. They must weigh within 5% of their declared weight or they will be immediately excused from the show and will not be eligible for awards.
- Wethers can be shown with collar, halter, and no rules will be enforced on bracing, but all four feet must be on the ground at all times and no excessive slapping of the animal.

Showmanship

- Showmanship will be split into two separate contests: Breeding Showmanship and Market/Wether Dam Showmanship.
- Breeding Showmanship consists of: Registered Breeding Does and Commercial/Haired Breeding Does.
- Market/Wether Dam Showmanship consists of: Market Wethers and Slicked/Wether Dam Showmanship.
- Youth may compete in one showmanship contest not both.
- Youth may show their goat at their best ability if that is consisting of bracing, no bracing, showing on a collar or halter.

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