



Hello Everyone!

Enclosed you will find information for the 2024 UPSF Market Goat preregistration. Please make sure to read each document thoroughly.

I ask that you please either mail, drop off, or scan and email the completed forms back to me. Photos of the completed forms are difficult to read and print for our records. Please also make a copy for your records.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me or your department superintendent.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kelly Zellar'.

Kelly Zellar  
Exhibitors Manager  
Upper Peninsula State Fair  
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April 2024

TO: 4-H PROGRAM COORDINATORS, LEADERS, PARENTS, AND EXHIBITORS

FROM: Carol Quist, Goat Superintendent 906-295-0888 (cell) 906-639-2855 (home)  
Kelly Zellar, Exhibitors Manager, 906-212-5419

Hello! It's that time of year! Pre-registration for The Upper Peninsula State Fair Market Goats.

Enclosed you will find information for making preliminary entries in the 2024 Upper Peninsula State Fair Junior Market Goat Show and Sale. The rules are a summary only, and official rules are published in the annual Exhibitor's Guide to Classes & Awards (Premium Book). There are numerous changes so please read over the summary rules very carefully.

This year's barn theme is Wild West/Outdoor.

Note the changes on the 2024 Preliminary Entry Form. This is the only form that will be accepted. You may make copies if needed, but do not use forms from previous years. **LATE OR INCOMPLETE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**New this year is YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certification which is due by June 25th. Each exhibitor must provide a certificate of course completion. Please see the YQCA attachment or visit the UPSF website where all the information for the program is under the Exhibitors tab. Do not miss the in-person classes offered by Michigan State University Extension beginning in January.**

The Upper Peninsula State Fair will assign an ear tag after the pre-entry deadline. Ear tags will be mailed to the exhibitor with a copy being mailed to the leader. The ear tagging procedure helps maintain control over entries and prevents tagging at the fair. We appreciate your direct review of the entry forms to help reduce and eliminate attempts to enter a goat that does not qualify for the show.

**DNA sample submission is required for all goats entered into the 2024 UPSF goat show and sale. Further information and instructions will be mailed to you along with the UPSF Ear tag. There will be a charge of \$15.00 for the DNA sampling, which must be paid at the time of the DNA submission. There will not be a charge for the alternate goat; however, you must submit the DNA hair sample from the alternate goat.**

**IT IS ALSO A REQUIREMENT THAT YOU INCLUDE THE FULL SCRAPPIE TAG NUMBER ON THE PRELIMINARY ENTRY FORM.**

**The enclosed parental/exhibitor code of conduct must be signed and included with your preliminary entry form.**

The deadline for preliminary entries is **May 31, 2024**. Please contact us with any questions about the Junior Goat Show. Thank you for your help in making the Upper Peninsula State Fair Junior Goat Show a success!

**Reminders:**

- **Please provide all information requested on the preliminary entry form and review for accuracy. The Code of Conduct must be signed by the parent/guardian and exhibitor and returned with the preliminary entry form.**
- **DNA SAMPLE(S) & YQCA WILL BE DUE ON JUNE 25, 2024. Cost is \$15.**
- **Final individual entries are due July 15, 2024, and MUST be entered online at <https://upperpsf.fairwire.com>. Make sure you enter the correct record keeping and showmanship classes.**
- **Every exhibitor must purchase a weekly pass, discounted junior exhibitor weekly passes will be available for purchase with your final online registration**
- **The goat show is Tuesday, 6pm, in the beef barn arena.**
- **2024 Fair dates: August 12th-18th**

The Upper Peninsula State Fair reserves the right to deny, accept conditionally, and to cancel any entries and awards of prizes without cause and without claims for damages.



## JUNIOR MARKET GOAT PRELIMINARY SHOW RULES

1. **Preliminary entries must be received/postmarked by the U.P. State Fair, 1001 N. Lincoln Rd., Escanaba, MI 49829 on or before May 31, 2024.** Entries must be made on the enclosed Preliminary Entry Form for the Junior Goat Show and Market Sale. (Entries should be made by club or group, if belonging to a club/group.) The preliminary entry form must be completed in its entirety. Entries received after May 31, 2024, will not be accepted. **Please note that complete breeder information must be included. (Name, address and phone number)**

2. **FULL SCRAPPY TAG NUMBER MUST BE INCLUDED ON THE PRELIMINARY ENTRY FORM FOR ALL 2024 JR. MARKET GOATS.**

3. **DNA Hair Sample is required.** Detailed instructions and an official DNA Sample ID card will be mailed to each registered exhibitor after the May 31, 2024, deadline. The cost will be \$15.00 for each market goat entered, and \$0.00 for each alternate market goat entered. The DNA hair sample is required for the alternate goat; however, there is no charge for the alternate DNA sample. The deadline for returning the DNA sample and the DNA processing fee is **June 25, 2024.**

4. **Final entries to show at the fair must be made individually, online at <https://upperpsf.fairwire.com> July 15, 2024. Entry must show proper animal identification. You must also register for the correct showmanship class and record keeping classes.**

In order to participate in the Jr. Market Livestock competition and sale, exhibitors are required to show his/her own animal in their age-appropriate Showmanship class.

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6. Competition is open to any Michigan resident between 8 years of age through the person's 19th birthday. An exhibitor's official fair age is the exhibitor's age on January 1 of the year of the fair.

7. Entry weights must be taped or scaled at start of feeding program from a 4-H leader. If the exhibitor is not a 4-H member, the entry weight must be verified by a responsible party (parent, guardian or self if over 18 years of age).

8. The State of Michigan regulations require all goats to be tagged with an official Scrapy tag. Goats arriving at the Upper Peninsula State Fair, without the official Scrapy tag will be refused entry.

9. All market goats must have been born after December 1, 2023.

10. **In order to participate in the Jr. Market Livestock competition and sale, exhibitors are required to submit a completed Market Livestock Record book for each animal.** The record book can be found on the MSUE Delta County or the U.P. State Fair website. Records should begin on the day the exhibitor takes possession of the animal. All goats must have been owned by junior exhibitor for the entirety of the project and may not be sold at any time during the project, housed in Michigan for the duration of the project, and must have been in his/her care prior to May 31, 2024. **Failure to turn in the Jr. Market Livestock Record Book to the sheep/goat office no later than 1 p.m. Monday of fair week, will result in disqualification from the Market Class.** The final weight may be determined by tape measure or scale at home or the fair. This will allow the exhibitor to complete the record book prior to the fair.

11. All goats will be identified by a UPSF ear tag, and the Scrapie tag. The Upper Peninsula State Fair will furnish an ear tag after May 31, 2024, for each goat entered.

**In the event a UPSF ear tag/Scrapie tag is lost, the exhibitor must call the fair office immediately. There will be a \$20.00 fee for a lost UPSF ear tag or Scrapie tag, which must be paid prior to unloading the goat at the UPSF. Please have the previously assigned UPSF/Scrapie tag number available. The goat will be automatically selected for DNA testing. The exhibitor will be mailed a "request for change from original registration form". The procedures to follow will be clearly outlined. The completed form must be in the exhibitor's possession before they will be allowed to unload the goat on the UPSF fairgrounds. If an animal arrives at the fair without both of the correct identifying tags, it will not be allowed to enter the fair.**

12. Exhibitors are limited to exhibit one market goat only in the show and sale. Exhibitors/families may enter an alternate goat. Grand and Reserve Champion Goats are required to be sold at the Jr. Market Livestock Auction.

13. Junior market livestock exhibitors may exhibit more than one species but shall be allowed to sell only one market animal, in addition to any/all Grand or Reserve Champion Market Animals.

14. The superintendent may exclude an animal from competition if there is an unnecessary or embarrassing delay by the exhibitor bringing the animal into the show ring. If an animal is not shown in its respective class, it will not be allowed to sell in the Junior Market Livestock Sale and premiums will be forfeited.

**15. No drugs shall be administered to livestock that are prohibited by State or Federal regulations. Animals under the care of a licensed veterinarian and/or taking any type of performance enhancing medication which may include but is not limited to steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers, and pain killers are ineligible for competition, show, and sale. Exhibitors are responsible to read all product labels to make sure they do not contain such ingredients. Exhibitors must be aware drug residue may be found in the system longer than the labeled withdrawal time. Adequate time must have passed so the animal does not test positive for drugs during any testing during the fair or at the time of slaughter. Animals must remain free and clear of all such drugs during the fair or be disqualified from competition, awards, placements, ribbons, or sale. Animals requiring such treatments during the fair may be allowed to remain for public display only at the discretion of the superintendent and the UPSF staff veterinarian. Animals needing treatment outside of 12 hours before competition and during competition or sale, may receive treatments administered under the supervision and direction of the UPSF Veterinarian with consultations with Department Superintendent, UPSF Management, and owner/parent. All questions should be directed to the UPSF Exhibitors Manager. The following practices are NOT allowed at the UPSF: the ingestion, injection or insertion of ANY material into an animal for the non-medical purpose to modify the conformation or appearance of the animal. This includes drenching.**

**16. GOATS ARE TO REMAIN UNCOVERED ON THE TRAILER AND MUST BE VISIBLY CHECKED BY SUPERINTENDENT or STAFF PRIOR TO UNLOADING.** Animals with visible signs of warts, fungus, sore mouth or prolapse will not be allowed to exhibit.

17. Goats must be weighed and penned between **8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 11, 2024**

- A. Goats will be weighed for weight classification Sunday upon arrival at the fair. Goats must have a minimum weight of 60 lbs. to be eligible for show and sell.
- B. If a market animal does not make minimum weight the following options are available: Option A— If the exhibitor has an alternate animal, they are allowed to get their alternate as long as they can arrive back at the fairgrounds before the scale closes at 5:00 pm. If they do not have an alternate or choose not to get their alternate, then they can utilize Option B— Animal is required to go into the barn or designated area and could be fed and watered. They would have until the scale closes at 5:00 pm to re-weigh and make weight. Should the animal not weigh the minimum required, the animal will be removed from the scale, scale will be balanced, and the animal will be immediately re-weighed. This is the final weight. If an animal is disqualified before it crosses the scale the exhibitor may choose to get their alternate animal as long as they can arrive back at the fairgrounds before the scale closes at 5:00 pm.
- C. There is no allowed scale tolerance when weighing in market animals and final weight is not allowed to be protested.

18. MARKET GOATS SHALL NOT LEAVE THEIR DESIGNATED AREA AS DEFINED IN THE PREMIUM BOOK.

19. Market goats must be at least 50% meat breed (ie Boer, Kiko, Saneen).

20. Goats exhibited in market classes shall not be exhibited in breeding classes.

21. Market goats can be of either sex.

22. No training spikes will be allowed or used at the show.

23. Animals with testicles, portions of testicles or yearling teeth will be disqualified.

24. Horns are optional.

25. If the Grand Champion is disqualified, the Reserve Grand Champion will become Grand Champion, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place animal will become Reserve Grand Champion. If the Reserve Grand Champion is disqualified, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place animal will become Reserve Grand Champion. If both Grand and Reserve Grand Champion are disqualified, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place will become Grand Champion. No other animals will be advanced. This rule applies only to the market steer, market lamb, market swine and market goat shows.

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June 25<sup>th</sup>

27. Showmanship age classes:

- a. Class 280 Seniors (17-19 years old)
- b. Class 281 Intermediate (14-16 years old)
- c. Class 282 Juniors (11-13 years old)
- d. Class 283 Beginners (9-10 years old)

## 2024 UPPER PENINSULA STATE FAIR JUNIOR MARKET MEAT GOAT SHOW AND SALE PRELIMINARY ENTRY FORM

**Entry form & signed Code of Conduct due May 31, 2024      Mail: U.P. State Fair 1001 N. Lincoln Rd. Escanaba, MI 49829**

**E-mail: Exhibitorsmanager@delta.mi.org      Fax: 906-786-8830      Form must be completed in its entirety**

Upon completion of this entry form the Exhibitor/Parent/Club leader certifies the following:    1) the goats entered are being fed and handled as a productive enterprise project

2) a market livestock record book will be completed for each animal and delivered to the goat barn office no later than 1:00 pm Monday of fair week

3) the entry weight was determined using a dependable scale or tape on the date indicated    4) I have read the goat show rules

5) a signed Code of Conduct is included with this preliminary registration    6) Final registration to be completed online not later than July 15, 2023

7) Goats must be housed in Michigan for the duration of the project and owned by the exhibitor continuously from pre-registration date until auction sale day of the Fair

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### Exhibitor Information

Name:	Birthdate:	Fair age:	County:	
Address:	Cell Phone:	Home Phone:	E-mail:	
<b>Primary Goat Information</b>				
Address where animal is housed:	Entry Date:	Entry weight:	FULL Scrappie Tag #	
Breeder Name:	Sex of animal: M or F	Office use	Fair tag#	
Breeder Address:	Breed:	Office use	DNA#:	
<b>Alternate Goat Information</b>				
Address where animal is housed:	Entry Date:	Entry weight:	FULL Scrappie Tag #	
Breeder Name:	Sex of animal: M or F	Office use	Fair tag#	
Breeder Address:	Breed:	Office use	DNA#:	
<b>Parent Information</b>				
Name:				
Address:	Cell Phone:	Home Phone:	E-mail:	
<b>Club Name:</b>				
Club Leader Name:				
Address:	Cell Phone:	Home Phone:	E-mail:	

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(Livestock Exhibitors)  
PARENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT**

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As a parent or legal guardian, of a Jr. Market Livestock exhibitor, exhibiting at the Upper Peninsula State Fair I agree to abide by the following:

- Maintain and promote a positive attitude towards the atmosphere of the Jr. Market Livestock program and follow all barn rules.
- I agree to encourage and guide my child, my club member, and myself to conduct ourselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. I will ask questions concerning rules and policy in an appropriate adult manner.
- I agree to abide by the restrictions of the Class C Liquor License; alcohol consumption is limited to designated areas on the fairgrounds. I further understand that none of the barns or buildings are designated areas.
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- No adult or exhibitor will conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of conduct and Upper Peninsula State Fair show rules or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of conduct or show rules.
- By signing this code of conduct I am accepting the responsibility of informing my immediate family members of the Parental Code of Conduct.
- Violation of the parental code of conduct will subject the individual (s) to disciplinary actions, up to and including, but not limited to; dismissal or disqualification, expulsion of the exhibitor.

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- I will follow the competition rules and will not use abusive, questionable, or unethical techniques in the feeding, caring, fitting and showing of my animal (s).
- I will not resort to fraudulent, illegal, or deceptive practices when preparing my animal(s) for the show ring.
- I will also not allow my parents, leader, or any other adult or minor to employ such practices to my animal(s).
- I have asked my parents, leader, or any other adult or minor to not break the rules on my behalf.
- I want my animal project to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer, good and bad, and how to live with the outcome.
  - I will respect my fellow exhibitors, and their project, and realize I have no right to disrupt or disturb their animal, barns or stalls. I further realize it is my responsibility as an exhibitor at the Upper Peninsula State Fair that I must report any or all unusual activity in or around any barn.
- I realize that I am responsible for:
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Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Dear U.P. State Fair market livestock exhibitor,**

**Subject: YQCA certification for 2024 UPSF**

The Upper Peninsula State Fair Authority is pleased to announce the addition of a new program for the 2024 U.P. State Fair!

**What is YQCA?**

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth. YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness.

**How is YQCA managed and funded?**

YQCA is a nonprofit governed by state university extension specialists, representatives of the livestock industry and a livestock show representative. Funds for the program come from checkoff funds from beef, pork, sheep and corn producers, which exhibitors contribute to through the Jr. Market Livestock sale.

**Who will be required to be YQCA certified?**

All 2024 U.P. State Fair junior market livestock exhibitors: beef, swine, lamb, goat, poultry, and chicken eggs.

**How does an exhibitor get certified?**

The program is offered online at [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org). or Michigan State University Extension will be offering in-person instructor led trainings throughout Michigan.

**How much does certification cost?**

Online cost is \$12.00 per person, in-person training cost is \$3.00 per person.

**How long does it take to get certified?**

The training generally takes 60 minutes.

**How long are certifications good for?**

Certifications are good for one year and must remain active for the dates of the Fair.

Additional information on this new exciting program and changes to the required market livestock record book will be coming in the near future. Please visit the YQCA website for additional information.





## Upper Peninsula YQCA Trainings January - May 2024

**Saturday, January 20, 2024**

**Alger**

MSU UPREC Conference Room  
E774 University Drive, Chatham  
10:00 AM EST  
Tyreen Prunick

**Saturday, January 20, 2024**

**Menominee**

MSU Extension Office  
S904 US 41, Stephenson  
12:30 CST  
Kristen Havelka

**Tuesday, January 23**

**Menominee**

MSU Extension Office  
S904 US 41, Stephenson  
6:00 PM CST  
Kristen Havelka

**Thursday, February 15, 2024**

**Marquette**

Peter White Library  
217 N. Front Street, Marquette  
6:00 PM EST  
Liana Pepin

**Saturday, February 17, 2023**

**Delta**

Delta County MSU Office  
2840 College Avenue, Escanaba  
10:00 AM EST  
Dave Radloff

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

**Chippewa**

Bruce Township Hall  
3156 E 12 Mile Rd, Dafter  
6:00 EST  
Maggie Mercherberger

**Thursday February 22, 2024**

**Delta**

Delta County MSU Office  
2840 College Avenue, Escanaba  
6:00 PM EST  
Dave Radloff

**Saturday, February 24, 2024**

**Marquette**

Peter White Library  
217 N. Front Street, Marquette  
10:00 AM EST  
Liana Pepin

**Saturday, March 2, 2024**

**Dickinson**

Dickinson County Library  
401 Iron Mountain St, Iron Mountain  
11:00 AM CST  
Jessica Ice

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

**Marquette**

Peter White Library  
217 N. Front Street, Marquette  
10:00 AM EST

**Tuesday, April 30, 2024**

**Marquette**

Peter White Library  
217 N. Front Street, Marquette  
6:00 PM EST  
Liana Pepin

**Thursday, May 2, 2024**

**Delta**

Delta County MSU Office  
2840 College Avenue, Escanaba  
6:00 PM EST  
Dave Radloff

**Saturday, May 4, 2024**

**Delta**

Delta County MSU Office  
2840 College Avenue, Escanaba  
10:00 AM EST  
Dave Radloff

**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

**Chippewa**

Chippewa County Fairground  
6430 W. M-80, Kinross  
12:00 PM EST  
Maggie Mercherberger



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