

**JUNIOR MARKET GOAT PRELIMINARY SHOW RULES**

1. **Preliminary entries must be completed online by May 15, 2025. Please note that complete breeder information must be included. (Name, address and phone number).**

**2. FULL SCRAPPIE TAG NUMBER MUST BE INCLUDED ON THE PRELIMINARY ENTRY FORM FOR ALL 2025 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 15, 2025, 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 13, 2025. If the DNA sample is unacceptable or there is a missing signature on the card, you will receive a notice and must pay a $5 fee for each additional pull/missing information.**

4. **Final entries to show at the fair must be made individually, online at https://upperpsf.fairwire.com July 15, 2025. 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.

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

6. Competition is open to any Michigan residents between 8 years of age through the person’s 20th 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 Scrappie tag. Goats arriving at the Upper Peninsula State Fair, without the official Scrapie tag will be refused entry.

9. All market goats must have been born after December 1, 2024.

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 15, 2025. **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 15, 2025, for each goat entered.

**In the event a UPSF ear tag/Scrappie tag is lost, the exhibitor must contact the Exhibitors Manager immediately:** [**exhibitorsmanager@deltami.org**](mailto:exhibitorsmanager@deltami.org) **or (906) 212-5419. 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/Scrappie 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 are 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 exhibiting 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 that 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 10, 2025**

* 1. 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.
  2. 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.
  3. 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.** **BIOSECURITY ZONES WILL BE POSTED FOR EACH DEPARTMENT IN THEIR RESPECTED BARNS. ANIMALS FOUND OUTSIDE OF THE DESIGNATED AREAS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED. GOAT DESIGNATED AREAS ARE WASH RACK, GROOMING AREA, SHOW RING, AND TRAVELING TO AND FROM THE SHOWRING ONLY ON SALE AND AUCTION DAYS.**

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 3rd place animal will become Reserve Grand Champion. If the Reserve Grand Champion is disqualified, the 3rd place animal will become Reserve Grand Champion. If both Grand and Reserve Grand Champion are disqualified, the 3rd 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.**

**26. YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certification which is due by June 13th. Each exhibitor must provide a certificate of course completion.**

**27. Showmanship age classes:**

* 1. **Class 280 Seniors (17-20) years old)**
  2. **Class 281 Intermediate (14-16 years old)**
  3. **Class 282 Juniors (11-13 years old)**
  4. **Class 283 Beginners (8-10 years old)**

28. Fitting area will be closed starting at 9 PM. No animals may leave their pens after that time unless authorized by the superintendent.