



JUNIOR MARKET GOAT

2025 EXHIBIT GUIDE

OCTOBER 15

SWINE/SHEEP/GOAT ARENA

JUNIOR MARKET GOAT SHOW

Physical Location:
SC State Fair
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SWINE/SHEEP/GOAT ARENA

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IMPORTANT DATES

2025 South Carolina State Fair: October 8-19

Open Entry Registration: July 1 - Sept. 1

Move-In: Swine/Sheep/Goat Arena
Available Tuesday, October 14, 4pm
Wednesday, October 15, 8am-10am

Weigh-In: Wednesday, Oct. 15 – 8:00 am – 10:00 am. No exceptions.

SHOW TIMES: WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15

11am: Jr Market Goat Scholarship Interviews
12pm: Jr Market Goat Showmanship
followed by Jr Market Goat Show
Jr Market Goat Scholarship Presentation

RELEASE: Wednesday, October 15
ALL Animals released at conclusion of GOAT SHOW

GENERAL INFORMATION

FEES & PARKING

- **Entry Fee: \$5 per head / class**
- An exhibitor showing in both Jr Market Goat, Jr Commercial Ewe, and Jr Market Lamb shows will be considered as one exhibitor.
- **VEHICLE HANGTAG:** Jr Market Goat & Lamb/Ewe exhibitors will receive one (1) complimentary Gate 1 vehicle hangtag and will be mailed to exhibitor in late September.

TOTAL PREMIUMS OFFERED

\$2,760 (This figure does not include value of other awards, i.e., ribbons, rosettes, banners, belt buckle, gift cards, scholarships, etc.)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

This show is open to youth residing **in or out of South Carolina**, ages 5-21 years old as of January 1 of the current year.

PREMIUM CHECKS

1. Exhibitors awarded over \$599 must provide to the Entry Office a valid, signed W-9 to receive premium (prize) monies.
2. Premiums will be paid by check within thirty (30) days after the close of the Fair.
3. Premium checks not cashed in ninety (90) days of issue date become void and will not be reissued.
4. Lost or stolen premium checks will not be reissued past sixty (60) days of original issue date.
5. No claim that a premium(s) has not been paid, or that there was a discrepancy in payment of the premium(s) won, will be considered when claim is made later than November 30 following close of the Fair.

SCHOLARSHIP

The SC Farm Bureau Federation is proud to offer annually a \$2,500 Jr Market Goat Scholarship.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The South Carolina State Fair General Rules and Regulations shall apply. As an exhibitor in the SC State Fair, you agree to the following:

1. *I have reviewed and agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in the online 2025 SC STATE FAIR EXHIBITS GUIDE.*
2. *Upon delivery of my entry, I acknowledge that others will be using said facilities and premises at the same time and that the State Agricultural & Mechanical Society of South Carolina, aka The South Carolina State Fair, is not responsible for the acts, property, equipment and animals of others or the acts or products of any concessionaire.*
3. *I agree that photos of exhibits taken by official fair representatives may be used on the South Carolina State Fair website and social media pages, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.*
4. *I acknowledge that the State Agricultural & Mechanical Society of South Carolina, aka The South Carolina State Fair, is not responsible for any loss, injury, illness, or damage to any animals or property or exhibit articles and that such understanding and agreement is a condition of my entry or exhibit.*

5. *Further, I agree to and hereby indemnify the State Agriculture & Mechanical Society, aka The South Carolina State Fair, from any loss, injury, damage or claim of any third person caused by any animal, exhibit, entry or property of mine or any act of anyone or mine acting on my behalf.*

ENTRY REGISTRATION

1. Online entry registration is the preferred method for registering entries. A link to the ShoWorks entry system is found on the SC State Fair website at www.scstatefair.org/competitions
2. Online entry registrations are confirmed at time of submission.
3. Please print/save and bring your confirmation on Delivery Day.
4. An exhibitor may opt to mail an entry form and must include a self-addressed, stamped legal size envelope to receive a return confirmation that the entry form was received.
5. The Show Manager may reject any applications that are not properly prepared or that are received or postmarked after September 1.

ENTRY REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION

1. Online entry registrations are confirmed at time of submission.
2. Please print and bring your Confirmation ID on Delivery Day.
3. Exhibitors who postal mail their entry registrations must include a self-addressed and stamped business size envelope and we will return with a confirmation letter.

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. All goats must be weighed.
2. Scales will close at 10:00 am on the day of the show.
3. Market Classes will be broken into 3-5 weight classes depending on the number of participants. Classes will be determined on the day of the show.
4. Either animal may be shown in showmanship by the youth in which the animal is registered under.

FEEDING AND WASHING

1. Exhibitors must furnish feed and water for their animals.
2. Washing areas are to be kept clean of manure, shaving and supplies when you are finished using the wash rack.

CONDUCT

- Fair and show management reserve the right to remove any exhibitor from the grounds who is deemed to be mistreating any animal and/or exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct.
- The youth must always be able to maintain control of their animal(s) during this event.
- Parents are not allowed in the Show Ring during judging. Parents entering the ring during judging will result in the exhibitor being disqualified.
- Cloverbud exhibitors may request a senior exhibitor to accompany them in Market classes only.
- NO assistants will be allowed in Showmanship. The assistant is only allowed to step in and control the goat for the safety of the exhibitor(s) or the goat. Assistants are not allowed to lead, set-up or brace goats.
- The fair/show manager reserves the right to make decisions concerning or changing rules, regulations, and/or health requirements.
- Any animal exhibiting any significant visible symptoms of disease or sickness will not be allowed to be unloaded from the vehicle or remain on the fair/show grounds.
- All decisions by the Judge are final.

AWARDS

SC STATE FAIR PRESIDENT'S CHOICE AWARD

Silver Belt Buckle

Purpose:

The President's Award was designed to bestow the highest recognition to an outstanding exhibitor of the South Carolina State Fair who has demonstrated exceptional involvement in the livestock industry and is an advocate for agriculture and livestock education. The President's Choice Award is considered the highest honor at the South Carolina State Fair.

Selection: President Award Recipients will be selected in the following species: Jr Beef, Open Beef, Jr Dairy, Open Dairy, Dairy Goat, Jr Market Goat, Jr Sheep, Smallstock, Jr Swine, Open Swine, and Youth Horse.

Guidelines:

- The South Carolina State Fair President's Competition is open to all 2025 South Carolina State Fair youth and open exhibitors (exhibitor is defined as an individual that exhibits an animal show in a minimum of one class in one specie show and receives an official placing by the judge.)
- Contestants may only compete in one specie area in which they are currently exhibiting.
- Once a youth exhibitor is recognized with the President's Award, they will not be eligible to compete for this award in the same species again. Youth winners are eligible to compete in the open division in future years.
- Once an open exhibitor is recognized with the President's Award, they will not be eligible to compete in future years.

Selection Information:

- This distinguished award will be selected by the specie superintendent and the support staff.

The intent of this prestigious award is determined on the following criteria:

- Exhibits will be evaluated each day of the designated specie show by the specie superintendent and the South Carolina State Fair Show Staff.
- Cleanliness of the exhibit area from the conclusion of specie check in through the conclusion of the specie show.
- The aisles must be kept clean. Feed and water pails should be neat, clean, and removed from the stalls/pens when not in use.
- Identification such as stall cards, farm signs are highly encouraged.
- Manure must be removed from stalls/pens and placed in appropriate containers/areas.
- The appearance of animals should be clean and always cared for.
- Livestock should be in the barn/stall area when not being groomed or shown.
- Courtesy to other exhibitors, spectators and show officials will count towards the award. Disregard for show and facility rules and regulations will count against award calculations.
- Positive interaction with the public during the designated specie competition time frame.

DIVISION AWARDS

BANNERS

- Grand Champion Doe
- Reserve Grand Champion Doe
- Grand Champion Wethers
- Reserve Grand Champion Wethers
- Grand Champion Market Goat Showmanship
- Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat Showmanship
- Grand Champion Jr. SC Born Wethers
- Reserve Grand Champion Jr. SC Born Wethers

CLASS PREMIUMS: 1st - \$40, 2nd - \$30, 3rd - \$20, 4th - \$15, 5th - \$10, 6th - \$5

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PLEASE NOTE:

1. Open to 4-H and FFA members residing in or out of South Carolina.
2. Exhibitors do not have to be members of the SC Meat Goat Project.
3. Market Goats do not have to be tagged with a SC Meat Goat Project Tag.
4. Each Division will be divided into classes by weight, depending on the number of registered participants.

DIVISION 2201 – JR MARKET GOAT DOES

100. Does Entry Class – Born Sep 1, 2024 – July 17, 2025

DIVISION 2202 – JR MARKET GOAT WETHERS

***Wethers registered for Jr Mkt Goat Wether Classes Division 2202 are not eligible for Jr SC Born Wether classes*

200. Wethers Entry Class – Born Sep 1, 2024 – July 17, 2025

DIVISION 2203 – JR SC BORN GOAT WETHERS

***Wethers registered for Jr Mkt Goat Wether Classes Division 2202 are not eligible for Jr SC Born Wether classes.*

300. SC Born Wethers Entry Class – Born Sep 1, 2024 – July 17, 2025

DIVISION 2204 - SHOWMANSHIP

401. Novice (Age 5-9 as of January 1 of current year)
402. Junior (Age 10-14 as of January 1 of current year)
403. Senior (Age 15-18 as of January 1 of current year, must be enrolled in high school)
404. Collegiate (Age 17-21 as of January 1 of current year, must be enrolled in college/technical school)