



# JUNIOR MARKET GOAT

## 2026 EXHIBIT GUIDE

**OCTOBER 21-22**  
**SWINE/SHEEP/GOAT ARENA**

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# JUNIOR MARKET GOAT SHOW

Physical Location:  
SC State Fair  
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### JUDGE

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# IMPORTANT DATES

**2026 South Carolina State Fair: October 15-25**

**Open Entry Registration:** July 1 - Sept. 1

**Move-In:** Swine/Sheep/Goat Arena  
Available Tuesday, October 20, 4pm  
Wednesday, October 21, 8am-10am

**Weigh-In:** Wednesday, Oct. 21 – 8:00 am – 10:00 am. No exceptions.

### SHOW TIMES: WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21

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 21  
ALL Animals released at conclusion of GOAT SHOW

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## FEES & PARKING

- **Entry Fee: \$5 per head / class**
- An exhibitor showing in both Jr Market Goat, Jr Commercial Doe Show, or Jr Commercial Ewe shows will be considered as one exhibitor.
- **VEHICLE HANGTAG:** Jr Market Goat, Doe & 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.

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# RULES & 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](http://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.

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# 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 Goat, Jr Sheep, Smallstock, Jr Swine, Open Swine, and Youth Horse.

#### Guidelines:

- The South Carolina State Fair President's Competition is open to all 2026 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 species show by the specie superintendent and the South Carolina State Fair Show Staff.
- Cleanliness of the exhibit area from the conclusion of species check in through the conclusion of the species 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 and 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.

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# DIVISION AWARDS

## BANNERS

- Grand Champion Open Jr Market Goat Wether
- Reserve Grand Champion Open Jr Market Goat Wether
- Grand Champion Jr. Project Goat Doe
- Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Project Goat Doe
- Grand Champion Jr. SC Born Goat
- Reserve Grand Champion Jr. SC Born Goat
- Grand Champion Market Goat Showmanship
- Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat Showmanship

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# JUNIOR MARKET GOAT SHOW

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

## 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.
5. All animals must have a scrapie tag.

## DIVISION 2201 – OPEN JR MARKET GOAT WETHERS

100. Wethers Entry Class – Born Sep 1, 2025 – July 17, 2026

*\*\*Wethers registered for Open Jr Market Goat Wether Classes Division 2201 are not eligible for Jr SC Born Wether classes.*

## DIVISION 2202 – JR PROJECT GOAT DOES

200. Jr Project Goat Does Entry Class – Born Sep 1, 2025 – July 17, 2026

*\*Does registered for Jr Project Goat Does Class 2202 are not eligible for Jr SC Born classes.*

*\*\*Entries in Division 2202-Jr. Project Goat Does and Does from Division 2203-Jr. SC Born Goats are eligible to also enter the Commercial Doe Show-1101, Class 101 if they meet the eligibility requirements and are entered online by the entry deadline.*

## DIVISION 2203 – JR SC BORN GOATS

300. SC Born Goats Entry Class – Born Sep 1, 2025 – July 17, 2026

*\*Goats registered for Open Jr Market Goat Divisions 2201 and 2202 are not eligible for Jr SC Born Goats classes.*

*\*\*Entries in Division 2202-Jr. Project Goat Does and Does from Division 2203-Jr. SC Born Goats are eligible to also enter the Commercial Doe Show-1101, Class 101 if they meet the eligibility requirements and are entered online by the entry deadline.*

## 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)