

## Junior Market Goat Show

*Morgan Cox - Vice President - Livestock*

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**ELIGIBILITY:** The goat show is limited to entries from the state of Texas. To be eligible exhibitors must be in the third grade or nine years old and not more than nineteen years old on September 1, 2025. They must be enrolled in private or public elementary or secondary schools (accredited home school programs are acceptable) of Texas and be a bona fide resident of the state during the show dates and proper ownership periods. Exhibitors must have continuously fed and cared for the animals under direct supervision of a County Extension Agent or Agriculture Science Teacher. **EACH EXHIBITOR WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE WITH ENTRIES A “QUALITY COUNTS” VERIFICATION NUMBER (Number to be provided on the summary sheet for entries).**

1. Each exhibitor is limited to five goats of any breed or crossbreeds in this show. **Wether goats only may be shown.** Goats must have been owned and cared for continuously since November 1, 2025.
2. To be eligible to exhibit in the 2026 Junior Market Goat Show, all goats must be validated in the Texas 4-H or FFA Goat Validation Form Master List completed by the County Goat Validation Committee.
3. All general rules apply to the goat show.
4. Goats may be penned beginning at 12:00 noon on Thursday January 8, 2026 and all goats must be in place by 4:30 p.m. Thursday January 8, 2026. Note: Goats arriving prior to 12:00 noon will not have access to a pen until 12:00 noon. Releases will be written after the show is completed. Champion and Reserve Champion goat may not be released until after the rodeo on Friday January 9, and may be required to be available for a parade of Champions during the rodeo.
5. **All entries must be postmarked by November 17, 2025.** Entry fee will be \$30.00 for each entry and no refunds will be made after the closing date for receiving entries. Name, **“Quality Counts” verification number**, and address of exhibitors must be included with entries. Late entries at \$60.00 per head will be accepted if postmarked by 12-31-2025 or e-mailed by 12-31-2025 from the country extension agent or agricultural sciences advisor to the goat show chairman.
6. **Pens will be assigned and initial bedding with wood shavings furnished. Any additional bedding wanted by the exhibitor will have to be purchased (available at the show) or supplied by the exhibitor.**
7. The Goat committee will be available to weigh goats beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday January 8, 2026. Note: individuals may bring their goat to the scales after 2:00 p.m., all goats from a chapter or county do not have to come together. **All goats not weighed must be in line at the scales by 4:45 p.m.** Scales will close after the last goat in line **at 4:45 p.m.** has been weighed on

Thursday January 8, 2026, No goat will be re-weighed after leaving the scales any re-weigh must be requested immediately after goat has been weighed and prior to next goat in line being weighed.

**8. Goats will be checked for hair length, uniformity of hair length & sharp horns at the time of weigh in and may be checked again for uniformity during class staging. Decision at scales on hair length and uniformity by show official is final and goats cannot be touched up at the scales.**

9. A minimum number of classes will be determined by dividing the number of entries that are weighed-in by eighty-five (85). Classes will be divided by weight. There will be a 50 pound minimum and no maximum weight.

10. No paint, powder, or artificial coloring is allowed. Goats must be **uniformly** shorn to 3/8" or less above the knee and hock joints, goats may have longer hair on the end of the tail. **Shearing of goats will be allowed on the grounds, and the hair length will be checked at weigh-in and may be re-checked for uniformity of length at the time of staging for each class.** Horns must be tipped before arrival on show grounds. No sharp points allowed.

11. **Goat show will be at 8:00 a.m. on Friday January 9, 2026**, with release after the completion of the show. Champion and Reserve Champion goat may not be released until after the rodeo on Friday January 9th, and may be required to be available for a parade of Champions during the rodeo.

12. Exhibitors that have exhibited 2 Grand Champion goats at the Sandhills Stock Show are not allowed to exhibit that specie again.

13. **Drug Testing:** see Residue Avoidance Program, Animal Health Regulations, USDA Wholesome Meat Act, and General Rules.

14. This is a **Premium Show Only**. NO goats will be sold in the auction sale. Premium money will be determined by number of entries. Minimum premiums for the following placings have been determined with other premiums to be determined after entries received.

**Champion - \$2000**

**Reserve Champion - \$1000**

**Note: Added Premium Money Donated by Angus Measurement for 2026**

**Top 10 Class Placing premiums for 2026**

(Note: Additional Premiums may be paid depending on entries.)

1 <sup>st</sup> - \$150	6 <sup>th</sup> - \$70
2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$100	7 <sup>th</sup> - \$65
3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$90	8 <sup>th</sup> - \$60
4 <sup>th</sup> - \$80	9 <sup>th</sup> - \$55
5 <sup>th</sup> - \$75	10 <sup>th</sup> - \$50

**In addition to these premiums there will be a \$250 randomly drawn premium paid in each class.**

15. Exhibitors are responsible for confining and keeping their animals in the assigned pens. The Sandhills Stock Show will not be held responsible for any animals getting out of the assigned pens. Some goats may need to be tied. Pens are assigned by 4-H or FFA organization according to the number entered from each 4-H or FFA. Pens assignments may be changed depending on number of goats arriving at the show.

16. No external parasites will be allowed. If goat is found to have external parasites, it will be disqualified and the exhibitor will be asked to remove the goat from the grounds.

17. Exhibitors will be allowed to use halters or collars in the show ring.

18. All protests must be accompanied by \$500.00. Money will be refunded if protest is sustained. Executive Committee of the Sandhills Stock Show reserves the right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences arising from protest.

19. Any unethical conduct on the part of the exhibitor, parents, CEA or AST, such as interfering with the weighing committee or judge, will bar the exhibitor from present show and future shows.

20. Showmanship is not sanctioned by J.M.G.S.C. A committee will select exhibitors during judging to return with their goat for showmanship placing by official judge.

21. Substitute exhibitors may be used for the following reasons:

- More than one goat showing in the same class
- Exhibitor is not present due to participation in a U.I.L. sponsored function
- Exhibitor is medically unable to show, at the discretion of the Livestock Show Vice-President. Doctor's written verification may be required
- Other reasons as approved prior to showing by the goat show Chairman and Livestock Show Vice- President

Note: Substitute exhibitors must have entered an animal in the 2026 Sandhills Livestock Show

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