

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

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Wisconsin State Fair officials are excited to announce that two Junior Market Goats will be represented in the 2024 Governor’s Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction. The Grand Champion Market Goat and the Grand Champion Bred and Owned Market Goat will be sold. This document contains some important information about the 2024 show schedule and DNA testing.

How many boer and market goats can I bring for the Junior Boer and Market Goat show?

Each junior boer and market goat exhibitor may enter and show no more than 4 goats in the Junior Boer and Market Goat Show with no more than two (2) market goats.

Does my Junior Show boer and/or market goat need to be DNA Identified?

All junior show market goats and non-registered breeding boer goats do need to be DNA identified. DNA identification envelopes must be returned postmarked on or before May 22, 2024 to be eligible for champion awards. More information about the DNA Identification program is available at: <https://tinyurl.com/DNA-Identification>

What is the Junior Boer and Market Goats schedule for 2024?

Date	Activity
Monday, July 29	After 1 pm arrival for Junior Boer/Market Goats
Tuesday, July 30	9 am – Must be “In Place” for Junior Boer/Market Goats 9-11 am – Registered Breeding Stock check-in 11:30 am – Exhibitor Meeting Noon – Declared Weight Cards are Due 2 pm – Showmanship begins
Wednesday, July 31	8 am - Junior Boer Goat Breeding Show 1 pm - Junior Market Boer Goat Show 7-8 pm - Quiz –Junior Boer/Market Goat
Thursday, August 1	8 am - Open Boer Goat Show 10-12:30 - Communications Contest Junior Boer/Market Goat 5 pm - Staggered Release all Open and Junior Boer/Market Goat exhibitors

Why did the dates change?

The scheduling of the show at the 2024 Wisconsin State Fair was made after extensive consideration of several options. Our goal was to provide accessibility to all interested Junior Market Goat exhibitors. We also needed to consider the impact on the scheduling of other shows, including the Junior Dairy Goat show and the Open Boer Goat show. Consideration had to be given to barn space, availability of pens, animal loading in and out, show ring space, time and State Fair building operations.

The addition of two market goats in the Governor’s Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction (GBRLA), will increase the number of Market Goats that enter the 2024 Fair. The pre-Fair arrival will allow us to accommodate the increase in numbers.

FAQs

I am entered and showing in the Open Boer and Junior Boer and Market Goat Shows. Can I bring my open goats in at the same time as my Junior Boer and Market Goats?

Yes!

Will the Youth Center be available for Junior Boer and Market Goat Exhibitors?

Yes! Rooms during Junior Shows are reserved first by VAGCs (Group Leaders). Please contact your VAGC regarding their rooming plans and space available.

Will the Offsite Lots and shuttle busses to the offsite lots be available?

Yes! The offsite lots and shuttle busses to the offsite lots will be available beginning Monday, July 29th at noon.

Will there be any food vendors open on the grounds prior to the Fair opening?

Yes! A limited number of food vendors in Ag Village will be open to accommodate Junior exhibitors and families who are on the Fairgrounds July 29th – 31st. Meal service will be available in the Youth Center beginning Monday evening.

Can I still assist with the All for One Goat Show on Saturday, August 3rd?

Yes! Junior boer and market goat exhibitors are welcome to return to participate in the All for One Show on Saturday evening, and a free admission ticket will be provided for those who sign up in advance.

If my goat is selected as the Grand Champion Market Goat or the Grand Champion Bred and Owned Market Goat, do I have to stay onsite for the entire Fair?

The two Market Goats selected for the GBRLA will remain on the grounds in a secure backstage location from the time Junior Market Goat exhibitors are released until the Auction on Wednesday evening. They will be cared for by Agriculture Department staff and checked on daily by Wisconsin State Fair Veterinarians. The exhibitor(s) will not remain on site, but will return on Wednesday to attend the Supreme Drive and the Auction with their animals. Wednesday night, the goats will be returned to the secure backstage location following the Auction. On Thursday, August 8th, the exhibitor(s) and their animals will join the other exhibitors and animals in the Camp of Champions for the remaining days of the Fair.

REMINDERS FOR 2024

2024 Junior Show Entry Deadlines

May 22 at 7 pm Central Time – Online entries (with no late entry fee) close

YQCA Certification completed and valid through August 11, 2024

DNA/840 Ear Tag Identification Deadline (Postmarked on or before May 22, 2024)

VAIC (Volunteer Adult Independent Contact) applications due

May 29 at 5 pm Central Time – **Late** online entries (with \$130/exhibitor late fee) close – entries not completed and paid by this time will **not** be accepted

ENTRY INFORMATION is available at wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/.

The purchase of 840 tags/DNA sample envelopes does *not* constitute entry into 2024 Wisconsin State Fair.

ONLINE ENTRIES will open in April at entry.wistatefair.com. Use your email address and password from your 2023 entries or from DNA purchases made earlier this year. If you need a password reset, please email entryoffice@wistatefair.com.

YOUTH CENTER - The 2024 room rate is \$120.00 plus tax, or \$141.48 per night per room. This does not include admission or meals. Rooms during Junior Shows are reserved first by VAGCs (Group Leaders); please contact your VAGC regarding their rooming plans and space available.

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- Like, share and invite others to join Wisconsin State Fair's Exhibitor Facebook page at <facebook.com/WIStateFairExhibitors/>
- Questions? Please email us at entryoffice@wistatefair.com or call 414.266.7052 (Monday – Friday).

We look forward to seeing you at the 2024 Wisconsin State Fair!
Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Department