

Due to Covid-19, check in, weigh in and other rules listed below are subject to change. Up to date changes will be posted in the NC State Fair Livestock newsletter and the NC State Fair livestock Facebook page. Any such updates take precedence over statements in premium book.

025 - JUNIOR MARKET WETHER MEAT GOATS

SUPERINTENDENT: RON HUGHES– Retired Agricultural Extension Agent

JUDGE: Derrick Brown - Wellington, CO

CHECK IN: Wethers will be checked in Thursday, October 13 between 12:00 PM and 4:00 PM. Weigh cards will be turned in no later than 5:00 PM.

SHOW DATES:

SHOWMANSHIP - Thursday, October 13 at 5:00 PM in the Exposition Building (Information in Junior Showmanship, Section 104 and must be entered separately)

Jr Market WETHER - Friday, October 14 at 8:00 AM in the Exposition Building.

RELEASE TIME: Wethers will be released after the show and pens are cleaned. To assist the clean out and sanitation crews, please remove your equipment and animals from the barn as quickly as possible.

SALE OF CHAMPIONS: Sunday, October 23, 2:00 PM in the Graham Building.

EXHIBITORS: All exhibitors must be residents of North Carolina and 18 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2022 and **be able to show the animal on their own**. Goats not trained to the show ring will be disqualified.

ENTRIES: Each exhibitor may exhibit a total of two wethers. Only wethers - NO DOES - with all baby teeth and weighing 50 to 120 lbs will be allowed to show. **All horn tips must be dulled and/or blunt**. Junior meat goats must be in the possession and cared for by the exhibitor for 60 days prior to the show.

HEALTH: The health regulations of the Veterinary Division of the NCDA will be strictly enforced. **Be sure to read these under “Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division” before entering.** Any questionable health problems will be referred to the livestock director and/or the State Veterinarian. Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened), ringworm, soremouth or any other contagious disease **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN. All goats must be appropriately identified and comply with USDA and NCDA&CS Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines. Call 1-866-USDA TAG (873-2824) or (919)855-7707 for more information.**

COMPETITION:

Open to NC residents 18 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2022

ENTRY DEADLINE:

September 15, 2022

Online entries and payments will be accepted beginning August 1 at

www.ncstatefair.org

ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY

ENTRY FEE: \$10 per head

HEALTH REGULATIONS:

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It is the expectation that all junior exhibitors be involved in the care of their livestock project(s) during the ownership time frame specified for each species. Project animals must be housed near enough to the exhibitor to be cared for regularly by the exhibitor. Market and breeding animals should be housed at the same location. Housing location of project animals entered at the NC State Fair should be the same location as other project animals exhibited by the junior participant throughout the year in county and other local and regional circuit shows. FFA chapter programs and 4-H clubs housing animals at one location can submit one form with names of all participants at that location listed.

All market animal exhibitors need to complete the State Fair Animal Housing form. If housing the animals on your own property bring the completed form with you to a designated tagging station. If you are asking for permission to keep your animals somewhere other than a property owned by your family the form should be submitted by May 1 for steers, and July 1 for all other species. The housing form may be found at <http://www.ncagr.gov/markets/livestock/ncstatefair/index.htm>.

All market animal exhibitors need to complete the State Fair Animal Nomination form at <https://apps.ncagr.gov/EventRegistration/Pages/State-fair/Livestock/NominationForm.aspx>

Animal should be owned/possession as well as nominated and DNA submissions by July 15th

The Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and Grand Champion Got to be NC Jr. Market Meat Goats will be on display in an area designated by the Livestock Department. Premiums will be forfeited if animals are not kept in the designated area.

ETHICS: Illegal drugs, and/or unethical conduct in fitting and showing Junior Meat Goats will not be tolerated at the North Carolina State Fair.

WEIGH BACK GUIDLINES:

- Livestock will be allowed a variance around declared weight based on species
- The scale head will only be visible to the designated scale operator
- If an animal weighs outside of the allowed variance, the exhibitor will be given one opportunity to reweigh. The animal must exit the scale and immediately re enter the scale. If the animal weighs outside of the allowed variance a second time, the animal is disqualified
- Once an animal leaves the ring, there will be no reweighs
- **The scale in the ring is the OFFICIAL scale.** The official scale will be available to weigh livestock in the ring until 15 minutes prior to the start of the show. Scales in the barn can be used as reference but are not considered official.

Nomination Program Changes

In an effort to eliminate the need for families to have to travel to validation sites, as well as enhance the livestock projects they are involved with, the following changes have been implemented for the 2022 **Jr. ewes, market lambs, Jr. gilts., market barrows, Jr. does, and market goats shows.**

- It is the producer/breeder's responsibility to have Got to Be NC tags in qualified animals; they will need to be in the animal's ear when that animal is nominated (by July 15)
 - Exhibitors must request DNA/Tag kits by June 1st using the online request form that will be posted by April 15 here: <https://go.ncsu.edu/ncsfnomination>
 - DNA kits need to be requested for both Got to Be NC and non-Got to Be NC animals; kits will be sent out accordingly; you will need to specify how many of each you need when ordering the kits
 - Exhibitors will be responsible for validating through electronic nomination form, photo submission, AND DNA submission by July 15th. There will NOT be validation sites to take animals
 - Exhibitors will use the kits to collect a DNA sample from each animal being nominated (following the guidelines, videos, and instructional media that are posted here: [NC State Fair Junior Livestock Information | NC State Extension \(ncsu.edu\)](#))
 - Once collected, DNA kits are to be turned into any local N.C. Cooperative Extension Center by July 15th
 - Animals whose DNA samples and electronic nomination forms, and picture have not been submitted by July 15 may not be shown at the NC State Fair.
 - Completing the nomination process does not enter you in the State Fair, you must enter the State Fair online entry by Sept. 15th. Entries open online at www.ncstatefair.org on August 1st.
 - Exhibitors that are in the same household may share nominations on animals, not to exceed the maximum number allowed (i.e. 2 siblings nominating market lambs can nominate a maximum of 12)
 - FFA and 4-H program animals – will be allowed to be nominated under the FFA Chapter or Program/Club name
 - Each exhibitor is allowed to nominate up to 6 animals per species per gender (i.e., 6 market barrows and 6 gilts)
 - Please only request the actual number of DNA/Tag Kits that you will need
- NCDA staff, as well as local N.C. Cooperative Extension agents, are resources to call on should you have questions or need assistance in this process.

GOT TO BE NC AWARD

In 2016, the NC Born and Bred program began using the "Got to Be NC" slogan to recognize the award winning livestock originating in NC. In order for livestock to be eligible for the program, the animal exhibited must be conceived and born in NC. The producer of the animal must be a NC resident and a member of the "Got to Be NC" program. Livestock must be identified with an official "Got to Be NC" tag purchased by the producer before they are sold. All producers will be required to maintain records on their "Got to Be NC" tags placed in each animal. A copy of this record should be submitted to NCDA Livestock Marketing division by July 15th.

PREMIUMS

1st Place - \$75	2nd Place - \$70	3rd Place - \$65	4th Place - \$60	5th Place - \$55
6th Place - \$50	7th Place - \$45	8th Place - \$40	9th Place - \$35	10th Place - \$30
11th Place - \$30	12th Place - \$30	13th Place - \$30	14th Place - \$30	15th Place - \$30

Top two Got to Be NC tagged animals per class - \$5

Division 101 - Junior Market Wether Meat Goats

Market classes will be determined by ascending weights with a maximum of 20 animals per class.

01 - (Classes and divisions will be divided as determined by number of entries)

Division Champions:

Light Weight
Medium Weight
Heavy Weight
GOT TO BE NC

Reserve Division Champions:

Light Weight
Medium Weight
Heavy Weight
Reserve GOT TO BE NC

GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR MARKET WETHER
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR MARKET WETHER
3RD OVERALL
GRAND CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC JR. MKT. WETHER
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC JR MKT WETHER

