

2023 Hillsborough County Fair

Dairy Goat Show

November 2-12, 2023

Hillsborough County Fair Grounds- 215 Sydney Washer Rd., Dover, FL 33527

PLEASE BE SURE TO READ ALL RULES AS THEY HAVE BEEN REVISED

GENERAL RULES

Entries online by: October 1, 2023

Youth HCF Goat Seminar: TBD – Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page.

Check in: November 6, 2023

Animal Drop Off: 9 – 11 AM *Please prepare to bring your own shavings*

Youth Check In: 10 – 11 AM

Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting to follow at 12 PM

Show Dates -

Youth Showmanship: November 6, 2023 6 PM

Youth Shows: November 7, 2023 5:30 PM

Goat Fitting & Grooming Contest: November 6, 2023 1-2 PM

Release: November 7, 2023 – at the conclusion of the show

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Entries are to be submitted online at <https://hillsborough.fairwire.com/>

Eligibility

- A. To be eligible to show in the 2023 Hillsborough County Fair, youth must be in grades K-12 and either enrolled in Hillsborough County Public or Private Schools, homeschooled in Hillsborough County, or a member of Hillsborough County 4-H or FFA. Though we encourage all youth to be involved in the 4-H or FFA programs, it is not required if all other eligibility requirements are met. If the exhibitor has been suspended from school, the exhibitor will be suspended from showing at the fair.
- B. No claims for injury to any person or damages to or loss of any property on account of fire, theft, or any other cause shall be made against the Greater Hillsborough County Fair, its agents, or officers, by or on behalf of the exhibitor.
- C. Any physical condition of entrants, which could be a problem for the safety of entrant or animals, may result in entry not being accepted or not allowing entrant to show.

General

- A. Absolutely NO BUCKS!!!! This includes wether's as well.
- B. All goats MUST be dehorned, disbudded, or naturally polled.
- C. **Goats MUST be registered and must have a form of identification such as a tattoo or ear tag, along with any registration papers, including lease paperwork if the animal is being leased. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT IF YOUR GOAT IS MICROCHIPPED THE OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING THE CORRECT MICROCHIP SCANNER.** If your goat is microchipped and we cannot scan it or find the microchip, you will not be able to enter the show regardless.

- D. **NO DOGS IN THE BARN!!! ALL SERVICE ANIMALS NEED TO CHECK IN WITH THE LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR PRIOR TO CHECK IN.**
- E. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to properly feed, water, milk, and care for their animals. Failure to do so will result in exhibitor's prohibition from showing in the future, including the current show.
- F. The committee reserves the right to combine or split classes to improve the quality of the show.
- G. Specific breed rules (on the following pages) must be followed.
- H. **Exhibitors are required to turn in 2 thank you cards for show sponsors at the time of check out. Failing to do so will result in premiums being held.**
- I. The only animals allowed on the premise are animals that were entered on the entry form. Due to limited space, we cannot have companion animals or an over amount of goat kids taking up space needed by other exhibitors. If you do have goat kids you will be bringing please specify on the entry form.
- J. **ALL animals exhibited must be in the exhibitor's name that has entered the animal. Official documentation of lease paperwork is also acceptable. Animals not in the exhibitor's name will be disqualified.**
- K. PLEASE, NO KIDDING IN THE BARN! Although sometimes it is unexpected, we ask that you keep all does that are nearing the end of their pregnancy at home. If your doe ends up surprising you and kidding at the fairgrounds you will not be allowed to enter the show ring until your goat is checked by a veterinarian and all after birth has passed along with being cleaned up.
- L. **This year, we are requiring the youth to CLEAN OUT THEIR PENS prior to release.**
- M. **Please prepare to bring your own shavings.**

Youth HCF Goat Seminar

- A. **The seminar will be held at the Hillsborough County Fairgrounds. Please keep an eye on our Facebook Page for an updated date!**
- B. We will also be going over **basic goat care, showmanship, and anything else you can think of.**
- C. **If there are other youth that are not showing at the Hillsborough County Fair but would like to attend the seminar, you are more than welcome to join.**
- D. Please specify on your entry form what you would like us to go over and what you would like to learn about if anything specific.

Entry Fees

- A. **Entry fees are \$10.00 per goat. No more than two goats per class** and a youth exhibitor must show the second goat.
- B. After October 1, 2023, there will be no additions to entry forms. This means that if you already sent your entry form in, you cannot add anymore animals. You may substitute and scratch animals, but **NO** additional animals are to be added.
- C. Substitutions can be made all the way up until check in. After you have checked in there will be **NO** substitutions allowed.
- D. **THE 2023 HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FAIR YOUTH DAIRY GOAT SHOW WILL BE SANCTIONED. Please refer to the ADGA rules attached below. Breed Sanctioning will be determined at a later date – Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates.**

Health Rules

- A. **Veterinary health papers are required.** All goats consigned for public exhibition in Florida must be accompanied by official certificates of veterinary inspection dated not more than 90 days prior to the show, certifying all animals to be free from symptoms of contagious or infectious diseases. Goats imported into Florida must have an OCVI dated not more than 30 days before shows.
- B. Goats originating from Florida (not imported) are exempt from TB/Bruceellosis testing requirements. All imported dairy goats 6 months of age or older must originate from a certified/accredited herd (with appropriate documentation) or have verifiable documented negative testing results recorded on the OCVI.
- C. The USDA Premise Identification number must appear on the health certificate. A Premise ID may be obtained by calling the USDA office at (352) 333 - 3120.
- D. The state health inspector has the final decision on whether animals satisfy all health requirements.

- E. If your goat is only microchipped, you are responsible for bringing the proper microchip scanner. Failing to do so means we are unable to properly check your animal in and you will be asked to leave.

Arrival & Check in

- A. Animal drop off will begin November 6, 2023, from 9 - 11 am. Exhibitor check in will be from 10 – 11 AM. **If you are going to be late you MUST notify a member on the show committee** (Contact information for the committee is available on the first page). **Failing to contact the committee will count as a no show and will not be able to participate in the shows held that weekend.**
- B. Veterinary health certificate, goats, and scrapie tags will be reviewed by the state inspector upon arrival.
- C. There will be assigned pens for animals, there will be no guarantee that there will be tack space provided. If not, you may bring pop up tents and chairs to set up.
- D. After check in is completed there will be a mandatory meeting in the arena in which exhibitors, parents, and advisors are to attend.
- E. **All goats must be shown by the youth who owns or is leasing.** If there are two goats in the same class, you may have another youth show one of those animals.
- F. Proper paperwork such as ADGA registrations and lease papers are required at check in.

Tickets

- A. Each exhibitor will be issued one (1) exhibitor armband and two (2) parent passes per day for the days of the show. Any extra tickets that you need can be purchased at the gate.

Show Attire

- A. During breed specific classes, white or black pants and white-collar shirts are mandatory. Club official dress is highly recommended. Closed toed shoes or boots are required, and hats or ball caps are not allowed.
- B. During Showmanship, exhibitors are to conform to the 4-H and FFA dress code. See your club leader or your FFA advisor for official dress. (Wear something green for 4-H, blue for FFA if official dress is unavailable something simple like a ribbon in your hair, or a tie - collared shirts with the 4-H logo or club name is included as official dress.)

Premiums

- A. Premiums will be paid on the basis of the judging reports, which must be signed by the judge and/or by the department superintendent or clerk.
- B. Premiums will **be mailed** to the exhibitor after the Fair to the address given on the entry form – unless provided upon check out. Errors in premium statements will not be corrected until after December 1, 2023. All Premium checks must be cashed within sixty days of issuance, or they become void.
- C. Premium Amounts are as follows:
 - 1st Place – \$15
 - 2nd Place – \$10
 - 3rd Place – \$5

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PREMIUMS, EXHIBITORS CANNOT BE RELEASED EARLY AND MUST CLEAN THEIR PENS! FAILURE TO DO SO CAN RESULT IN INELIGIBILITY FOR FUTURE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FAIRS!

OTHER AWARDS AVAILABLE:

Herdsman Award

Your participation is not required but is requested. Over the course of the weekend, the fair board and livestock committee will be watching all the youth to see who has gone out of their way to ensure that everyone is taken care of. By that we mean, constantly there to help others and the board, keeping the livestock arena and barns clean, making sure your animals are taken care of, cleaning pens and organization.

Goat Fitting Contest

Your participation is not required but is requested – judge will be determined at the time of event.

- **Each team will need:** A small tarp, clippers, broom, dust pan, grooming supplies, baby wipes, and a bucket.
- You may have 2 sets of clippers, but only one can be running at a time.
- Each team will consist of 4 youth exhibitors, preferably all within the same age group. (not mandatory though)
- Teams will have 30 minutes to groom their goat and will be judged on teamwork, appearance of the animal at the end of the contest and the cleanliness of your area at the end of the contest.
- At least 3 of the goat's hooves always need to be on the ground.
- All tools must be put away, hair cleaned up, and tarp folded at the end of the contest.
- ALL TEAMS MUST SIGN UP AT CHECK IN
- Please keep in mind that if the animal your team is assigned to does not get finished clipping, you and your team are responsible for **finishing** the animal.

Youth Showmanship Age Divisions as of September 1, 2023

This event is required for ALL youth goat exhibitors

Clover Bud 4-7

Junior 8-10

Intermediate 11-13

Senior 14-18

We will start showmanship classes starting with seniors and working our way down the age bracket. In doing this, this allows the younger kids to watch the older more experienced kids to get an idea of what is expected in showmanship.

Dairy Goat Rules and Classes

(Age of goat is by the date of show)

The Junior and Senior Shows are Combined Sanctioned.

Show Rules

- A. All goats MUST be dehorned, disbudded, or naturally polled.
- B. All goats must have some form of identification (tattoo or ear tag)
- C. Over-uddering of dairy goats is frowned upon. The judge reserves the authority to excuse the animal from the ring to remove excess milk.
- D. Any goat over two years of age (24 months) that has not freshened will not be eligible for show.
- E. **All goats must be shown in showmanship and breed classes by the youth who owns or is leasing.** If there are two goats in the same class, you may have another youth show one of those animals.

Judging

- A. ADGA breed standards DO apply. "Miniature" breeds will NOT be accepted (Nigerian Dwarf crosses). Purebred Nigerian Dwarves WILL be accepted.
- B. Judging will begin with showmanship, move to senior does, then junior does.
- C. Breeds line up, sanctioning, and show order will be determined later. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates.

Base date for classes is November 7, 2023 – PLEASE properly calculate your goat's birthday when doing your entries. This will help expedite our show and check in.

Dairy Goat Classes

Senior Does – Does that have freshened by show date (Dry or Milking)

- SD1 – Milkers under 2 years of age
- SD2 – Milkers 2 years old & under 3 years old
- SD3 – Milkers between 3 years old & under 5 years old
- SD4 – Milkers 5 years and older
- Grand Champion
- Reserve Grand Champion
- Best Senior Doe in Show

Junior Does – Does that are under 2 years (24 months) of age without freshening.

- JD1 – Juniors under 6 months of age
- JD2 – Juniors 6-12 months of age
- JD3 – Juniors 12-18 months of age
- JD4 – Juniors 18-24 months of age
- Grand Champion
- Reserve Grand Champion
- Best Junior Doe in Show