

DEPARTMENT 1006

4-H AND YOUTH DAIRY GOAT SHOW

GENERAL INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT DATES

Entry Form Due: Friday, October 2nd, 2026

Show Date: Saturday, October 10th, 2026

Entry Receiving: N/A

Entry Pick Up: N/A

Entry Fee: \$5.00 per animal, (*online only*) **\$3.00 per exhibitor**

Camper Fee: \$20.00 per camper (under 20' in length- no slider-outs) per night
\$30.00 per camper (with slider-outs and/or over 20' in length) per night

Camping and Overnight: Please contact the Dept. Chairman for more information.

ABSOLUTELY NO UNSUPERVISED CHILDREN OR YOUNG ADULTS UNDER AGE 21 YEARS.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors must be between the ages of 5-18 as of January 1, 2026. (5-7 year old's are considered Cloverbuds.)
2. Only hornless animals may be shown.
3. They may arrive on the fairgrounds between 6:00-9:00pm, Friday, October 9th, 2026, but must arrive before 9:00am, Saturday, October 10th, 2026. Animals must remain in place until 5:00pm or until the end of the show, whichever comes later by penalty of premium loss.
4. **Entry fees MUST accompany entry forms and along with HEALTH CERTIFICATE. Checks made payable to Topsfield Fair, and mailed to: Topsfield Fair, P.O. Box 134, Topsfield, MA 01983, to be received by Friday, October 2nd, 2026.**
5. **ONLINE – you must enter classes, pay fees and attach HEALTH CERTIFICATES on or before Friday, October 2nd, 2026. No late entries will be accepted.**

6. **ABSOLUTELY NO DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES ACCEPTED.**
7. All animals shown must be owned or leased by exhibitor. Each exhibitor may show no more than 2 animals per class and no more than 8 total. If animals are leased we must have contract copy included with entry forms.
8. Classes XYZ are open only to currently enrolled 4-H members and all 3 must be entered.
9. Type classes will include purebreds, recorded grades and non-recorded grades that are true to type.
10. Any animal suspect of disease will be removed from the area immediately and other animals with it as well and entries forfeited.
11. The management will use care and diligence for the safety and health of the animals. The committee is not liable for loss, injury or damage.
12. Pens will be supplied for each exhibitor. Fill in entry form with how many goats and pens needed.
13. The decision of the judge will be final.
14. Classes XYZ will be judged and awarded premiums through 6th place, and/or awarded rosettes, prizes and/or ribbons.
15. Herdsmanship – will be awarded to the farm, family, Club or exhibitor as described on page 2. \$50 first place, \$25 runner-up. The animals must be cared for entirely by the youth or 4-H'er to qualify for herdsmanship.
16. All milk must be removed from grounds by exhibitor or dumped in marked barrels provided only for milk removal.

** Fitting Classes -- animals are to be fit solely by exhibitor (except with clover buds where minimal help is understood) any evidence of foul play will result in disqualification.

Please enclose an entry of **\$5.00** per animal to be shown. An exhibitor may enter each specialty division only once. **All specialty classes must be pre-entered.**

Please use a separate entry form for each exhibitor. Mail to: **Topsfield Fair, P.O. Box 134, Topsfield, MA 01983 or enter online: www.topsfieldfair.org**

HERDSMANSHIP AWARD

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- All goat care must be by exhibitor and all decorations put up by exhibitor.
- Goats are safe and well cared for. Stall is generally clean and dry and free of excessive or soft/messy

droppings. Goats have fresh, clean hay and water at all times.

- Stall is safe at all times, free of debris that the goats can eat or get injured on. Gates should be closed securely and modifications made when necessary to ensure containment of smaller goats. (For example, if you add a piece of chicken wire to the bars, it must be secured in a safe and appropriate way that will not leave sharp edges or long pieces if twine hanging.)
- Goats are transferred to and from the show ring safely with secure collars, are not dragged, are not on long leashes which can be unsafe in crowds. Also, goats should not be brought out of the stall unless they are in a class or about to be. Bringing goats out of the stall to interact with the public is not allowed this year. Goats should not be taken out unless in a class or for an approved activity.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA:

- Decorations, including name plates and farm information, give the stall a welcoming appearance. Any decorations must be safely secured and out of reach of goats. All set-up must be done by exhibitor.
- Appearance and cleanliness of the tack stall: Equipment in tack stall should be clean and well organized. (For example, if you have clippers, they should not have wires hanging across the stall, all hair should be swept up, and cups for cleaning hooves should be gathered up and put out of sight. If you are milking, buckets should be rinsed out and stand wiped down, any grain or treats swept up.)
- Interaction with the public: People will want to pet your goats and ask questions. It is important to engage with the public and answer their questions. (This year will be different because animals will not be allowed to come out of stalls for petting, holding, or pictures.)

DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

GENERAL CLASSES

Breed Classes and 4-H Classes

Awards:

- FIRST \$24.00
- SECOND \$22.00
- THIRD \$18.00
- FOURTH \$16.00
- FIFTH \$12.00
- SIXTH \$10.00

**ALPINE
CLASS A
LOT**

1. Dairy Goat - Alpine kids 1-6mos
2. Dairy Goat - Alpine kids 6-12mos
3. Dairy Goat - Alpine yearlings
4. Dairy Goat - Alpine milkers 1-3y
5. Dairy Goat - Alpine milkers 3y/over

**LAMANCHA
CLASS B
LOT**

1. Dairy Goat - Lamancha kids 1-6mos
2. Dairy Goat - Lamancha kids 6-12mos
3. Dairy Goat - Lamancha yearlings
4. Dairy Goat - Lamancha milkers 1-3y
5. Dairy Goat - Lamancha milkers 3y/over

**NIGERIAN DWARF
CLASS C
LOT**

1. Dairy Goat - Nigerian D kids 1-6mos
2. Dairy Goat - Nigerian D kids 6-12mos
3. Dairy Goat - Nigerian D yearlings
4. Dairy Goat - Nigerian D kid milkers 1-3y
5. Dairy Goat - Nigerian D kid milkers 3y/over

**NUBIAN DAIRY
CLASS D
LOT**

1. Dairy Goat - Nubian kids 1-6mos
2. Dairy Goat - Nubian kids 6-12mos
3. Dairy Goat - Nubian yearlings
4. Dairy Goat - Nubian milkers 1-3y
5. Dairy Goat - Nubian milkers 3y/over

**OBERHASLI DAIRY
CLASS E
LOT**

1. Dairy Goat - Oberhasli kids 1-6mos
2. Dairy Goat - Oberhasli kids 6-12mos
3. Dairy Goat - Oberhasli yearlings
4. Dairy Goat - Oberhasli milkers 1-3y
5. Dairy Goat - Oberhasli milkers 3y/over

**SAANEN DAIRY
CLASS F
LOT**

1. Dairy Goat - Saanen kids 1-6mos

2. Dairy Goat - Saanen kids 6-12mos
3. Dairy Goat - Saanen yearlings
4. Dairy Goat - Saanen milkers 1-3y
5. Dairy Goat - Saanen milkers 3y/over

TOGGENBURG DAIRY

CLASS G

LOT

1. Dairy Goat - Toggenburg kids 1-6mos
2. Dairy Goat - Toggenburg kids 6-12mos
3. Dairy Goat - Toggenburg yearlings
4. Dairy Goat - Toggenburg milkers 1-3y
5. Dairy Goat - Toggenburg milkers 3y/over

MINI NUBIAN

CLASS H

LOT

1. Dairy Goat - Mini Nubian kids 1-6mos
2. Dairy Goat - Mini Nubian kids 6-12mos
3. Dairy Goat - Mini Nubian yearlings
4. Dairy Goat - Mini Nubian milkers 1-3y
5. Dairy Goat - Mini Nubian milkers 3y/over

MINI TOGGENBURG

CLASS I

LOT

1. Dairy Goat - Mini Toggenburg kids 1-6mos
2. Dairy Goat - Mini Toggenburg kids 6-12mos
3. Dairy Goat - Mini Toggenburg yearlings
4. Dairy Goat - Mini Toggenburg milkers 1-3y
5. Dairy Goat - Mini Toggenburg milkers 3y/over

COSTUME CLASS

Theme: "Pop Culture"

Dress your goat as your favorite musician, movie star, character, etc.

Awards:

RIBBONS

Extra points if you can tie it with dairy products.

CLASS J – class can be combined, must have 3 per class

LOT

1. Costume - Senior
2. Costume - Junior
3. Costume - Cloverbud

Awards:

FIRST \$24.00
SECOND \$22.00
THIRD \$18.00
FOURTH \$16.00
FIFTH \$12.00
SIXTH \$10.00

DAIRY GOAT PET WETHER

CLASS K

LOT

1. Dairy Goat Pet Wether

DAM AND DAUGHTER

CLASS L

LOT

1. Dam and Daughter

HERD (3 does from the same farm)

CLASS M

LOT

1. Herd Class

DRY DOE - 2 AND UP / PET DOE – 3 AND UP

CLASS N

LOT

1. All Breeds – DRY DOE
2. All Breeds – PET DOE – who has never kidded

HERDSMAN (See Qualifications & Criteria)

CLASS O

LOT

1. Herdsman

POSTER CONTEST

The theme is: "I LOVE MY GOAT" or "GOAT CARE 101"

Awards:

FIRST \$10.00
SECOND \$7.00
THIRD \$5.00
FOURTH \$4.00
FIFTH \$3.00
SIXTH \$3.00

1. Each exhibitor may enter only one poster.

2. Goat oriented, poster board size picture, so that it may be seen when hung in the building.
3. Premiums will be awarded as for the other classes.
4. Poster Drop-Off is Saturday, October 10th, 2026 at the Sheep/Goat Barn from 4:00-9:00pm.

CLASS P

LOT

1. Senior
2. Junior
3. Novice
4. Cloverbud

4-H CLASSES

Class W is for Cloverbuds ages 5-7 for which there is a \$3.00 award. All first place winners (Junior, Senior, Novice) in Classes X, Y, and Z are automatically entered into the Championship of that class, for which a trophy is awarded.

Awards:

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP CLOVERBUD (5-7 yrs. old)

CLASS W

LOT

1. Fitting & Showmanship

FITTING – SHOWMANSHIP – JUDGING

Senior - Junior - Novice

Awards:

FIRST \$24.00

SECOND \$22.00

THIRD \$18.00

FOURTH \$16.00

FIFTH \$12.00

SIXTH \$10.00

FITTING

CLASS X

LOT

2. Dairy Goat Senior fitting
3. Dairy Goat Junior fitting
4. Dairy Goat Novice fitting

SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS Y

LOT

1. Dairy Goat Senior showmanship
2. Dairy Goat Junior showmanship

3. Dairy Goat Novice showmanship

JUDGING

CLASS Z

LOT

1. Dairy Goat Senior judging
2. Dairy Goat Junior judging
3. Dairy Goat Novice judging

OFFICIAL RULES

Topsfield Fair General Rules & Information

Topsfield Fair General Livestock Rules & Information

Commonwealth of Massachusetts 2026 Fairs Animal Health Rules – HEALTH CERTIFICATES required

4-H members must have Verification Form on file.