

2026 Bradford Agricultural Fair Youth Goat Show

Rules and Guidelines

Show Check-In: Saturday, February 28th, 2026 @ 8:00 AM

Show Date: Saturday, February 28th, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Show Location: Bradford County Fairgrounds Livestock Arena

Show Superintendents: Lisa Holtzendorf - 352-258-0987
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Other Important Dates:

Interest Meeting: **September 29, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

Registration Deadline: **December 1, 2025 by 4:00 PM**

MANDATORY Informational Meeting: **January 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM**

Record Books – First Submission Deadline: **February 25, 2026 by 4:00 PM**

Bradford-Union Youth Goat Show: **February 28, 2026**

Market Wether Sale: **March 6, 2026**

The goats will arrive on Saturday, February 28th from 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM. The show will be on Saturday, February 28th, at 10:00 AM in the Livestock Arena. The goats will be released after the entire show has been completed and the arena and holding area are clean from all manure, hay, and trash.

Websites and Social Media:

Bradford Agricultural Fair Website: <https://bradfordagfair.com/>

Bradford Union Goat Show Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064710817331>

Health Rules:

All goats consigned for public exhibition in Florida must be covered by an Official Health Certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian certifying the animals to be free from symptoms of contagious or infectious diseases. This health certificate is to be obtained within 90 days of the Youth Goat Show and will be inspected upon arrival.

Per State of Florida regulations, all animals must be participating in the scrapie eradication program and have a scrapie tag **OR** be registered by a breed association and have a legible tattoo and a certificate of registration.

- *Order your scrapie tag at 866-873-2824. Tags are free and come with an ear tag applicator. Be sure to order in advance and allow at least 2 weeks to arrive.*
- *If you purchase from a breeder, the breeder should tag goat (per Florida law) and you will not need to order scrapie tags.*
- *Electronic microchips or implants may be used; they must be accompanied by an*

owner statement (OCVI) that includes the microchip numbers and the name of the manufacturer. Owner/agents must have a chip reader to verify placement; The Microchip number must be listed on the OCVI the same as a Scrapie Tag number.

Eligibility:

The Youth Goat show is open to 4-H and FFA members in Bradford and Union Counties. Ages for each division are as follows (age as of September 1, 2025):

- **PeeWee Division:** 5-7 - PeeWee Show ONLY
- **Junior Division:** 8-10
- **Intermediate Division:** 11-13
- **Senior Division:** 14 and Up

Entries:

- No buck entries will be accepted. Only doe and wether entries will be allowed.
- Each Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitor may have up to 4 entries, but only one entry per class. Classes will be determined by division and age/weight of goat. **Please note that classes and divisions may be combined due to lower participation.** Exhibitors will be notified of these changes prior to the show.
- Entries will be accepted by **pre-registration only**. **Registration deadline is Monday, December 1st, by 4:00 PM.** Registration forms and fees should be submitted to the Bradford County Extension Office. All information on the entry form must be accurate and updated to date on the form. Changing animal information after registration will not be allowed.
- All exhibitors should be a member in good standing in Bradford or Union County 4-H or FFA. Please speak to your club leader/advisor to determine minimum standards.
- All exhibitors are expected to seek out at least one show sponsor of \$50.00 or more by the mandatory meeting on **January 13th, 2026**. Fundraising letters will be provided as well as receipts for tax purposes.

Entry Fees:

- \$35.00 per entry for Goat Show (Ages 8 and Up) Maximum of four (4) entries.
- \$20.00 per entry for PeeWee Show (Ages 5-7)
- No entry fee for Showmanship Contest (Ages 8 and up)
- Cash or check is due at time of registration. Checks should be made payable to the Bradford County 4-H Association.

Record Books:

- Junior, Intermediate and Senior exhibitors are **required to complete** a 4-H or FFA goat project record book. Failure to complete the entire record book will result in the exhibitor not being able to show.

- “PeeWees” (ages 5-7) may complete a Cloverbud Project Book (available at the Extension Office). Cloverbuds are not required to complete a project book but are highly encouraged to.
- All goat project record books are to be turned into the Bradford County Extension Office by February 25, 2026 by 4:00 PM.

Mandatory Meeting:

- Exhibitors **must attend the mandatory meeting** in order to show. If an exhibitor is unable to attend due to school-related events or other extenuating circumstances, please contact the show superintendent.
- **Mandatory Meeting is Tuesday, January 13 at 7:00 PM** at the Bradford County Extension Office. Location may change depending on the number of entries.

General Rules and Information for Exhibitors:

- The Bradford County Fair Association or the UF/IFAS Bradford/Union County Extension Office will assume no liability for the loss or injury to any goat and/or exhibitor participating in this show.
- Goats MUST remain on their trailer until the FDACS health inspector approves their health certificate and animals at check-in.
- FDACS requires all goats to be either ear tagged, ear tattooed, or microchipped for a health certificate.
- **Goats are not allowed in any fair building or barn areas, only designated show area and holding area.** Until time of show, exhibitors are expected to hold their animal in their trailer.
- Wash racks are not available for cleaning your goats, please do this prior to the show. All clipping and last-minute grooming must be done at your trailer, not in the fair barns. Exhibitors must provide their own generator.
- Exhibitors must provide their own feed, water, and hay for their animals.
- **Exhibitors are responsible for the care and clean-up of any area used at the Bradford County Fairgrounds. Shavings, hay, manure, etc. MUST BE REMOVED BEFORE LEAVING THE GROUNDS!**
- All goats must be shown with a leather chain collar in the Goat Show and Showmanship Contest. A rope halter or collar may be used in the PeeWee Show.
- Parents/guardians are not allowed in the show ring unless prior arrangements have been made with the show superintendent.
- Dairy goats must be dehorned. It is recommended that all other goats have their horns blunted (meaning no sharp edges).
- Junior, Intermediate & Senior exhibitors are required to wear 4-H or FFA attire. **All exhibitors must wear black jeans and closed toe shoes.**
- **All exhibitors and families MUST help clean the arena, holding area, parking area, and walkways before signing out their premium money at the conclusion of the show.**

Code of Conduct:

Exhibitors and adults are expected to adhere to the following rules of conduct at all fair sanctioned events. Failure to adhere to this could result in forfeiture of all premiums, awards and elimination or expulsion from participation in the current or future fair events.

- Abide by all Bradford Agricultural Fair rules and regulations.
- Consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages and drugs on fair property or being under the influence of such beverages is strictly forbidden.
- The use of profanity or fighting on fair property is forbidden.
- The possession of firearms by anyone under the age of 18 on fair property is forbidden. Adults must secure firearms in locked vehicles when left unattended.
- No open fires are permitted on fair property.
- Any intentional destruction or abuse of Fair property will be grounds for immediate expulsion from the fairgrounds and/or activities.
- No improper comments or conduct toward buyers, fair officials or volunteers will be tolerated.

SHOWS, DIVISIONS, AND AWARDS:

PeeWee Show: for exhibitors ages 5-7 (age as of September 1, 2025)

The PeeWee Show is a fun, non-competitive event where younger exhibitors can gain experience showing goats and receive participation awards.

- Exhibitors may have assistance from any one person they choose to help them in the ring, preferably an older youth 4-H or FFA member.
- Pee Wees will not be judged, but ALL exhibitors will receive a participation award.

Goat Show: for exhibitors ages 8 and up (age as of September 1, 2025)

In the Goat Show, the focus is on the goat's conformation, meaning how well its physical structure and body traits meet the breed standards.

- The judge will use the Modified Danish System, with each goat receiving a blue, red, or white ribbon based on its quality.
- The judge will rank all goats in each class determining the class winner.
- The judge will choose a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in each division.
- Divisions will include:
 - Dairy Breeding Does
 - Meat Breeding Does
 - Pygmy Breeding Does
 - Market Wethers
- **Please note that classes and divisions may be combined due to lower participation.** Exhibitors will be notified of these changes prior to the show.

Market Wethers Show & Sale Rules: for exhibitors ages 8 and up (age as of September 1, 2025)

- The general rules and information apply to this show and sale.
- Exhibitors are limited to 1 market wether entry.
- **You are only able to sell 1 market animal in the Bradford Agricultural Fair or Union County**

Livestock Association for the year 2026.

- Wethers must show no evidence of testicular tissue and be completely healed from castration.
- Must be shorn 3/8 inch or less above the knee and hock joints prior to entering the show.
- Market wethers must be meat goat breed influenced (examples of a meat goat breed is Boer and Kiko).
- **Wethers must weigh in between 70-150 lbs. and must not exceed 15 months of age.**
- The sale order will be a mixed animal sale. Each animal will be sold to the highest bidder.
- Exhibitors are responsible for soliciting their own buyers with buyer letters and/or personal visits.
- A 5-6% sale commission will be deducted from the exhibitor's proceeds.
- All exhibitors that sell a wether are required to write an appropriate thank you letter to all buyers.

Showmanship Contest: for exhibitors ages 8 and up (age as of September 1, 2025)

In the Showmanship Contest, the focus is on the exhibitor's ability to handle and present their goat. Exhibitors will be judged on their presentation, presentation of their animal, and proper fitting and grooming.

- The judge will place the top three showmen in each division.
- Divisions will include:
 - Junior Showmanship: Ages 8-10 (as of September 1, 2025)
 - Intermediate Showmanship: Ages 11-13 (as of September 1, 2025)
 - Senior Showmanship: Ages 14 and up (as of September 1, 2025)

Goat Skillathon:

To Be Determined

The Bradford-Union Youth Goat Show reserves the right to amend the information in this document at any time as necessary.