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2026 Allegany County Fair Youth Goat Show Results

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On Friday, July 24th youth exhibitors showed off their goat projects at the Allegany County Fair. The contest is a culmination of a year plus of hard work caring for and training their animals.

In the Senior Showmanship division, Addison Middaugh Belmont, NY with a first-place finish received a blue ribbon along with a photo frame sponsored Bugman & Sons Inc. followed by Emmet Roulo Wellsville, NY; and Kaden Huffer Belmont, NY also receiving blue ribbon awards.

For the Junior Showmanship Haylie Salmonson Wellsville, NY topped the class followed Lillian Gessel Arkport, NY; Ivan Jordan Wellsville, NY; Jackson Gessel Arkport, NY; and Sophie Freeman-Brauen, Wellsville, NY. All five receiving blue ribbons. Haylie received a photo frame sponsored by Skyview Farm.

In the Novice division which are first year showman, Savannah Middaugh Belmont, NY earned first place receiving a show harness sponsored by the Ermer family. Second place awarded to Sarah Dorrett Friendship, NY; third Garrett Ploetz and fourth to Beverley Ploetz both from Cuba, NY. All four receiving blue ribbons.

The top from each division competed for Master Goat Showman. This year's winner Addison Middaugh received a photo frame sponsored Nicholson Pharmacy. Reserve Master Showman was awarded to Haylie Salmonson.

A single participant in our Cloverbud division, Finley Freeman-Brauen. This class is for 5–7 year-olds, future 4-Hers.

A single entry in the Market Goat division exhibited by Addison Middaugh. She received a blue ribbon and photo frame sponsored by the Ermer Family.

In the breeding beef division, an excellent group of blue-ribbon stock exhibited by our 4-Hers. The Junior Champion Doe was awarded to Emmet Roulo with the Reserve Junior Champion presented to Sophie Freeman-Brauen. Emmet received a photo frame sponsored by the Kopper Keg Restaurant. Senior & Grand Champion Doe was exhibited by Emmet Roulo and Reserve Senior/Grand Champion an entry from Sophie Freeman-Brauen. Emmet received photo frame sponsored In Memory of Sarah Beiler for Senior Champion and a second from Hometown Fitness for Grand. For the Boer division, the Grand Champion Boer doe exhibited by Garrett

Ploetz and Reserve to Beverly Ploetz. Both received a photo frame, grand sponsored by Hometown Fitness and reserve by Country Crossroads Feed & Seed.

Our Champion Cart Goat exhibited by Haylie Salmonson and Champion Pack Goat exhibited by Kaden Heiffer both received awards sponsored by Country Crossroads Feed & Seed. The Champion Wether shown by Ivan Joran awarded photo frame sponsored by Hometown Fitness.

This year's judge for the show Sarah Hinz from Fillmore, NY. With 27 years of showing dairy goats, Sarah and her husband operated a commercial goat dairy for over ten years. She loves showing sheep and goats, acknowledging it's about the skills you develop and the people you meet.

Youth shows at the fair are one of many programs offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Allegany County (CCE-Allegany). The association is part of the national cooperative extension system, an educational partnership between County, State, and Federal governments. As New York's land grant university Cornell administers the system in this state. For more information, call 585-268-7644 or visit our website at www.cce.cornell.edu/allegany. Cornell Cooperative Extension provides equal program and employment opportunities.

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Photo Caption: Master Goat Showmanship (Left to right) Haylie Salmonson, Judge Sarah Hinz, Addison Middaugh.



Photo Caption: (Left to right) Haylie Salmonson with the Reserve Grand Champion Doe, Emmet Roulo Grand Champion Doe.



Photo Caption: (left to right) Beverly Ploetz with the reserve Champion Boer Doe, Judge Sarah Hinz, and Garrett Ploetz with Grand Champion Boer Doe.

