

2026 Iroquois County Fair Exhibitor Entries

Entry dates and times:

Fair House June 2 - July 2

Fairgrounds Office July 6

Entries close July 2 at 6:00 pm

Late entries may be made on July 6, 2026 until 2:00 pm with a \$25.00 late fee

Mailing Address: Iroquois County Fair, PO Box 301, Crescent City, IL 60928

	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6
June 7	June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13
June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20
June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27
June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4
July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11
July 12	July 13					

Office Closed
Fair House open 9 am – 2 pm or by appointment. Tag pick-up at Fair Office on fairgrounds. June 28 hours: Noon to 3:00 pm
July 1 & 2 - Fair House open 9 am – 6 pm or by appointment. Tag pick-up at Fair Office
Fair Office open 9 am – 2 pm or by appointment. Late Entries taken with a \$25.00 per person fee. Tag pick-up at Fair Office
July 7 – July 13 Fair Office on Fairgrounds open 9 am – 2 pm. Tag pick-up at Fair Office

Online entries at iroquoisfair.com

Exhibitor's Instructions

1. General Rules apply to all exhibitors.
2. 4-H entries must be made through 4-H leader. FFA entries must be made through FFA Advisor.
3. All open and junior show entries must be made as outlined in the general rules through the Fair Office.
4. Camper Permit were mailed out in May for last year's campers. New camper applications can be found on our website.
5. All entries in the Open Class and Junior Class Shows will close at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 2, 2026, and at 2:00 pm Monday, July 6th for late entries, except Tractor Pulling Contests, Horse & Pony Shows (Department R), and the Open & Youth Sanction Rabbit Show which accept entries on show day. All entries shall be in place by the time indicated in departmental rules. LIVESTOCK WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO UNLOAD BEFORE 7:00 a.m. for swine and 8:00 am for the rest of the livestock ON TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026. No Entry Fees will be refunded on changes made after July 6, 2026. (Social Security number is required)
6. All livestock exhibitors are required to fill out the Animal Identification Blank. This form is to be turned in to your livestock superintendent with your health papers upon arrival at the fairgrounds. The Code of Ethics in the General Rules will be strictly enforced. Registration papers for all purebred animals must be available for inspections and remain on the Fairgrounds.
7. If you have any questions about filling out an entry blank, call Debbie Krones @ (815)228-2924 or email: debkrones@gmail.com. Individual appointments can be made by contacting Debbie to set one up.
8. Premise ID is recommended for All Livestock entries. Beef, Dairy & Swine must have 840 Tags.
9. Online Registration link is available on website – www.iroquoisfair.com. Online Registration closes on July 2, 2026 for on-time registrations and July 6th for late registrations.
10. Entry Tags will need to be picked up during office hours at the Fair House by July 2, 2026 or at the Fair Office beginning July 6th.

Fees:

Season Pass: \$17.00

Senior Citizen Exhibitor Pass: \$10.00

Exhibitor Pass: \$15.00

Late Fee: \$25.00

All exhibitors over age 5 must purchase an exhibitor pass

Department Entry Fees

Department	Page Number	Children's Show	Junior Show	Open Show
Ag Products		\$2.00	\$2.00	Classes 1301-1362 – \$2.00 Classes 1363-1368 – \$3.00 Class 1369 – \$5.00
Floriculture		\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
Fine Arts & Textiles		\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
Culinary		\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00

Arrival of Entries

All exhibits must be in place by 9:00 am. Wednesday. The Open Class Building will be open to accept entries on Tuesday from 5:00-7:30 pm. and on Wednesday from 7-9 am. Judging will start at 9:30 am.

Release of Entries

Entries will be released on Sunday from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. No exceptions to this time frame. Any perishable entries not picked up by 4:00 will be disposed. All other entries will be locked up. You will need to call the Fair Office on Monday to make arrangements to pick up.

Iroquois County Agricultural & 4-H Club Fair Open & Junior Class General Project Rules

1. These rules apply to all classes in the Open & Junior General Projects Departments. Please read and follow these rules
2. Open class entries are open to the world. Junior Entries are limited exclusively to Illinois residents. Junior Class entries are open to boys and girls who are 8 years of age or in third grade and not yet 21 years of age on or before September 1 of the year prior to the fair.
3. All non-exhibitors, age 6 and older, must pay daily admission (\$5.00) or have a season pass (\$17.00).
4. The interpretation of all rules governing the Open & Junior Fairs shall rest entirely with the Fair Association and their decisions shall be final.
5. No Alcoholic beverages allowed on the fairgrounds. Use and possession of intoxicating beverages for livestock and human consumption are strictly prohibited on grounds.
6. Unsportsmanlike conduct, abusive language, possession of, or partaking in consumption of alcoholic beverages, fighting, or inappropriate behavior as deemed by the Superintendent and Fair Board Officials will be grounds for dismissal from the fairgrounds and forfeiture of any premiums.
7. No concealed firearms will be allowed on the fairgrounds.
8. No dogs will be allowed on the fairgrounds except for the 4-H Dog Show and those must be on a leash.

Entries

9. Each exhibitor must purchase an exhibitor pass (\$15.00) or senior exhibitor pass (\$10.00) at the time of making entries, a firm being treated as an exhibitor. Only one member of the firm will be admitted to the grounds on this ticket, which entitles their firm to compete or exhibit. 4-H members are given free passes and may not purchase exhibitor passes.
10. Make entries legible, using entry blanks and supplying all information requested. Exhibitors are requested to submit their entries as early as possible as this will save office work and will be to the

advantage of both the exhibitor and association. Social Security Numbers are required on all entries. No exceptions.

11. No exhibitor will be permitted to make more than two entries in any one class which is considered as one premium number. All youth exhibitors that exhibit in the Open Class Building must have separate exhibits for each show.
12. A charge of \$40.00 will be made for all checks NSF.

Exhibits

13. When bringing exhibits to the fair, report to the superintendent in charge of the department in which you have entered. Be sure that your entries are properly made. Attach your entry tags to your exhibit. Please be sure to complete your entry tags with your name, town, and description on them. Remove the claim stub before arriving at the fair. You will need it when checking out articles on Sunday.
14. Judges will be instructed to disqualify all exhibits that do not conform to specifications of the schedule.
15. ALL exhibitors are strongly encouraged to sign up to help watch the Open Class Building during fair week. Sign-up sheets will be available when you bring your entries. This is for the protection of your exhibits.
16. No article may be exhibited that has won a premium at a previous Iroquois County Fair.
17. Superintendents of each department shall arrange and supervise all exhibits within their department.
18. All superintendents in each department shall have the right and responsibility to settle any controversy which may arise in their department. **Superintendents cannot make changes to the fair book.**
19. Superintendents shall record winners, affix ribbons, and be responsible for returning appropriate information to the Fair Office for payment of premiums.
20. The Superintendents will assure that award books are returned to the Fair Office properly certified by the judge and superintendent of the Department as soon as the awards are concluded. Superintendents and Judges' affidavits must be signed and notarized before payment of premiums. Payments of premiums can be authorized only upon entries contained in the judge's book therein.
21. No one shall be allowed in the show area while the exhibit is being judged. Any exhibitor attempting to interfere with judges during their judging will be promptly excluded from competition.
22. The decision of the judges will be final, and no appeal will be considered. Exhibitors may be barred from competition for trying to influence or finding fault with the judges' decision.
23. **PROTEST:** Any exhibitor lodging a protest must first deposit \$25.00 with the Secretary, which sum will be forfeited to the Iroquois County Agricultural and 4-H Club Fair Association if the protest is not sustained. All protests must be made in writing, signed by the protester, and be lodged within six (6) hours after showing.
24. Neither the Secretary or any officer of the Fair shall disclose to competitors or any other person, what entries have been made, nor shall any other person, other than the Secretary and officers of the Fair, be allowed to know what other entries have been made before entries close.
25. Exhibitors display their exhibits at their own risk.
26. Sponsors of the show will take every precaution to prevent injury or sickness to exhibitors occurring in connection with the show.
27. While every precaution will be taken by the management to avoid thefts and accidents, the Fair Association cannot and will not be responsible for accidents or damage to exhibitors or anyone in attendance. In no case shall the Iroquois County Fair or any of its officers or directors be held responsible in damages for any loss, damage injury, or disability by disease or from the theft of from any other cause to such property, or to any person coming upon said fairgrounds, while said person or property are on the Iroquois County Fairgrounds.
28. The Iroquois County Fair Association hereby refuses to assume responsibility for the safety as bailee or otherwise, of any property brought upon said fairgrounds—said property being brought upon and kept upon said grounds at the owner's risk.
29. The Iroquois County Agricultural & 4-H Club Fair Association refuses to assume responsibility for injuries to the person of any exhibitor or their officers and employees or to any patron or other persons

coming upon the fairgrounds, but no claim for injury to any person or property shall be asserted or suit instituted or maintained against the Iroquois County Fair, its officers, agents, representatives or contractual representatives from said cause by any person having license or privilege to exhibit on the fairgrounds or occupying any space thereon, and it is part of the consideration for such license or privilege that such claims for damages are specifically waived.

Premiums

30. Premiums will be paid out at the pay windows as soon as they are ready. Announcements will be made via the PA system as to when Pay Windows will open. Tentative Pay window hours are noon to 7:00 pm.
31. The Iroquois County Fair intends to award all prizes and premiums listed within the premium book.
32. Payments for premiums are based on the continued funding from the Illinois Department of Agriculture's premium fund for agricultural fairs. The Iroquois County Fair reserves the right to amend premiums and prizes based upon support from this fund.
33. The Treasurer of the Iroquois County Fair Association reserves the right to cancel or stop payment on any check issued by them if not cashed within 60 days after the date of issuance.
34. All premiums will be paid in full, if receipts warrant it, on or before October 1 following the closing of the fair. Premiums will not be paid for any event not held.

Department J - Agricultural Products

Superintendent - Sheila Schmidt 815-383-6841

Assistants - Linda Wyss, Linda Bruniga & Julie Senffner

\$1,767.00 offered in this Department

Theme for 2026: USA 250 Years – “Be True to Our Red, White & Blue”

Open Agricultural Products Department Rules

1. Entry fee will be \$2.00 for all classes except 1363-1367 which are \$3.00 and 1369 which is \$5.00. See Section C for entry fees.
2. All exhibits must be grown in current year except for ears of field corn, popcorn, gallon yellow shelled corn and gallon soybeans which are to be from last year's crop.
3. Grain samples should be in gallon wide mouth glass containers - corn untreated.
4. All root crop produce is to be displayed with 1” tops and washed except for onions which are unwashed and unpeeled: No waxes or oils can be used.
5. Vegetables used in group exhibits cannot be entered in single exhibits.
6. Exhibitors may show a maximum of TWO entries per premium number. Entries must have been grown by exhibitor.
7. Exhibit must contain exact amount (number or measure) as specified in the schedule or exhibit will be disqualified.
8. Ribbons must be left on exhibit until exhibit is removed at the end of the fair.
9. Stalks of corn must have roots in plastic bag and in 5-gallon buckets or pail.
10. Bundle must measure 3 inches in diameter. Soybeans bundle must have exactly 10 plants per bundle.
11. All entries must be checked in by superintendents.
12. For entries that are to be displayed on paper plates or trays, **PLATES AND TRAYS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

Section A – AG PRODUCTS DIVISION I

Premiums for classes 1301 - 1320 will be: \$9.00 \$8.00 \$6.00 \$4.00 \$3.00

- 1301 Single stalk of field corn
- 1302 Best 3 stalks of field corn
- 1303 Best 3 stalks of sweet corn
- 1304 Single ear of corn from last year
- 1305 Popcorn – 5 ears from last year – 1 variety
- 1306 Sweet corn – 5 ears
- 1307 Yellow field corn - 5 ears from last year
- 1308 Indian corn - 5 ears from last year
- 1309 Tallest single stalk of corn - cut at ground level
- 1310 Tallest sunflower stalk - cut at ground level
- 1311 Yellow field corn - 1 gallon
- 1312 Soybeans - 1 gallon
- 1313 Wheat - 1 gallon
- 1314 Soybeans - 10 plants tied
- 1315 Wheat – 3” bundle
- 1316 Oats – 3” bundle
- 1317 Alfalfa – 3” bundle
- 1318 Broomgrass - 3" bundle
- 1319 Hay - mixed, 3-4" slice in plastic bag
- 1320 Hay - alfalfa, 3-4" slice in plastic bag
- 1321 Champion - 1301 thru 1320 - Rosette & \$10.00**

Section B - GARDEN PRODUCTS

Premiums for classes 1322 - 1361 will be \$8.00 \$6.00 \$4.00 \$3.00 \$2.00

- 1322 Tray of Potatoes - Kennebec - 5
- 1323 Tray of Potatoes - Pontiac - 5
- 1324 Tray of Potatoes - Any variety - 5 - must include variety name
- 1325 Largest Potato by weight
- 1326 Green Onions - bundled bunch of 12 - peeled & tops untrimmed
- 1327 Tray of Onions - White – 5 – 1 variety
- 1328 Tray of Onions - Yellow – 5 – 1 variety
- 1329 Tray of Onions - Red – 5 – 1 variety
- 1330 Display Tray of Onions - 2 or more kinds - 5
- 1331 Cucumbers for slicing - 6" or longer - 5
- 1332 Cucumbers for Sweet Pickles - 2 1/2" to 4” long - 5
- 1333 Largest Cucumber by weight
- 1334 Snap Beans - Green - 12 pods
- 1335 Snap Beans - Yellow - 12 pods
- 1336 Garlic – 1” top with 1/2" trimmed roots - 5
- 1337 Cabbage - white round - 1 trimmed
- 1338 Cabbage - white flat - 1 trimmed
- 1339 Cabbage - red - 1 trimmed
- 1340 Tray of Kohlrabi - red or white – 5 – 1” stem tops, roots removed
- 1341 Radishes - red - 5
- 1342 Squash - yellow summer – 5 – 1 variety
- 1343 Squash - zucchini – 5 – 1 variety
- 1344 Largest Zucchini by weight
- 1345 Tray of Tomatoes - red slicing - 5 with stem tops
- 1346 Tray of Tomatoes - green - 5 - with stem tops
- 1347 Tomatoes - cherry or grape - 12 - with stem tops
- 1348 Largest Tomato by weight

- 1349 Tray of Green Bell Peppers – 5 – 1 variety
- 1350 Tray of Sweet Banana Peppers – 5 – 1 variety
- 1351 Jalapeno Peppers – 5 – 1 variety
- 1352 Pepper Tray - 2 each of 3 kinds
- 1353 Carrots – 5 – 1 variety
- 1354 Tray of Beets – 5 – 1 variety
- 1355 Tray of Vegetables - any 3 varieties, 2 of each vegetable (example - 2 potatoes, 2 onions, 2 peppers)
- 1356 Broccoli - 1 head
- 1357 Dill -2 heads - tied
- 1358 Tray of Apples - 5 - must include variety name
- 1359 Tray of Pears - 5 - must include variety name
- 1360 Tray of Rhubarb - 5 - bottoms untrimmed with 1” leaf tops
- 1361 Freak Vegetable - must display an unusual mutation
- 1362 Champion from classes 1322 - 1361 - Rosette and \$10.00**

Section C - GARDEN DISPLAYS

Entry Fees for Classes 1363 - 1367 will be \$3.00 each

Premiums for classes 1363 - 1368 will be \$10.00 \$8.00 \$6.00 \$4.00 \$3.00

- 1363 **Salad Group** - Lettuce or Cabbage and 4 other vegetables suitable for tossed salad. Must be in appropriate salad container

- 1364 **New England Boil Group** - to consist of 1 head of cabbage and 3 other vegetables to be selected from carrots, turnips, onions, or potatoes. Put in cooking utensil.

- 1365 **Salsa Group/Sauce Group** - to consist of 3 or more kinds of vegetables to make salsa or sauce. Must include recipe and be displayed on a chopping board. Ex. - peppers, onions, tomatoes, herbs, etc.

- 1366 **Herb Bundle** - 1 bundle containing 5 kinds of herbs - bundles must measure 2” in diameter with 12-15” in length. Must be displayed in a pint jar. May contain both perennial and annual. Must include card with kinds of herbs used in bundle.

- 1367 **Vegetable Centerpiece Arrangement** - Creative arrangement using vegetables in place of flowers. Must incorporate theme: **USA 250 Years – “Be True to Our Red, White & Blue.”** Not to exceed 24 x 24”.

- 1368 Champion 1363 - 1367 - Champion Garden Display - Rosette & \$10.00**

Entry for class 1369 - \$5.00

Premium for Class 1369 - \$20.00 \$16.00 \$12.00 \$8.00 \$6.00

- 1369 **Container Vegetable Garden** – Any size up to 32” x 32” container to include at least 3 kinds of vegetables, 1 herb, and 1 edible flower. Must incorporate theme: **USA 250 Years – “Be True to Our Red, White & Blue.”**