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 iroquoiscofair.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.iroquoiscofair.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 Exhibitor Pass: $15.00 Senior Citizen Exhibitor Pass: $10.00
Late Fee: $25.00 Generator Fee $ 5.00

All exhibitors over age 5 must purchase an exhibitor pass

DEPARTMENT	JUNIOR	OPEN	STALL/PENS FEES	WEIGH – IN Tuesday	SHOW DATE & TIME
BEEF	$4.00	$9.00	$10.00 per head $20.00 Cow/Calf	10:00 am	FFA – Tuesday 2:00 pm 4-H – Wednesday 8:00 am Jr. – Thursday 8:00 am Open – Saturday 8:00 am
DAIRY	$4.00	$9.00	$10.00 per head $20.00 Cow/Calf	12:00 pm	FFA – Tuesday 1:00 pm 4-H, Jr, Open – Wednesday 2:00 pm
DRAFT HORSE		$10.00 hitch	$5.00 per head		Friday – Hitch 9:00 am
DRAFT HORSE Miniature		$8.00 other	$5.00 per head		Friday – 9:00 am
SHEEP	$4.00	$7.00	$4.00 per head	9:30 am	FFA – Tuesday 1:00 pm 4-H – Wednesday 8:00 am Jr. – Thursday 8:00 am Open – Saturday 8:00 am
SWINE	$4.00	$6.00	$8.00 per pen (max of 2 per pen)	8:00 am	FFA – Tuesday 3:00 pm 4-H – Wednesday 9:00 am Jr. – Thursday 9:00 am Open – Saturday 9:00 am
POULTRY	$2.00	$2.00	$2.00 per bird		FFA – Tuesday 2 :00 pm 4-H, Jr & Open Wednesday 8:00 am
RABBITS	$2.00	$2.00 Meat - $3.00	$2.00 per pen		FFA – Tuesday 1:00 pm 4-H & Jr. – Thursday 8:00 am Open – Saturday 8:00 am
HORSE	$4.00	$5.00, $10.00, $15.00	$15.00 per head		FFA- Tuesday 1:00 pm 4-H – Wednesday 8:00 am Junior – Thursday 8:00 am Open – Saturday 7:30 am Open – Sunday 8:00 am
GOATS	$4.00	$6.00	$10.00 per pen (max of 3 per pen)	12:00 pm	FFA – Tuesday 3:00 pm 4-H – Wednesday – 8:00 am Jr. – Thursday 8:00 am Open – Saturday 8:00 am

Arrival of Entries

All Livestock need to be in place by Tuesday at noon.

Release of Entries

Entries will be released on Sunday between 2:00-4:00 pm for 4-H, AG PRODUCTS, FLORICULTURE, CULINARY, FINE ARTS & TEXTILES, KIDS UNDER 8

LIVESTOCK will be released on Sunday at 4:00 pm

Fair Closing Time is 5:00 pm.

Campers are not allowed to leave during animal release times on Sunday from 4-6 pm.

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

1. These rules apply to all classes in the Open & Junior Livestock Departments. Please read and follow these rules. Rules may change based upon laws or acts that affect the fair are made after the printing of the Fair Book. Any changes made will be posted or Facebook and the Fair's website.
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. Each exhibitor must purchase an exhibitor pass 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 a free pass and may not purchase an exhibitor pass.
5. The interpretation of all rules governing the Open & Junior Fairs shall rest entirely with the Fair Association and their decisions shall be final.
6. **Lights out in all Livestock Barns at 11:00 pm.**
7. No concealed firearms will be allowed on the fairgrounds.
8. No Alcoholic beverages allowed on the fairgrounds. Use and possession of intoxicating beverages for livestock and/or human consumption is strictly prohibited on the fairgrounds.
9. No dogs will be allowed on the fairgrounds except for the 4-H Dog Show and those must be on a leash.
10. Unsportsmanlike conduct, abusive/foul 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.
11. No trucks or trailers may drive on the inside track area from Tuesday noon until Monday morning of the following week. The east side of the track from the bathroom to 4-H Center is closed from Monday morning until Monday of the following week.
12. **Entryways/exits to barns must be clear of people, equipment, tents, chairs, etc. at ALL Times.**
13. Junior Show classes must be separate and distinct classes from the open and 4-H show classes and must be shown & competitively judged separately from the 4-H and open shows or exhibitions. (Section 260.95 d)
14. County 4-H shows or exhibitions must have separate and distinct classes from junior and open show classes. (Section 260.300 b)

Entries

15. Make entries legible, using entry blanks and supplying all information requested, including the number of pens and stalls, breed of livestock, and number of livestock entered. 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. Premise ID number is recommended for ALL livestock exhibitors.
16. Tack Stalls will be granted if stalls are available. Just because you pay for a tack pen does not mean that you will receive one.
17. No exhibitor will be permitted to make more than two entries in any one class which is considered as one premium number. Each exhibitor may show as many breeds as they wish.
18. ANYONE entering livestock in the Open Class or Junior Show must pay a one-time stall or pen rent per specie. **The only exception applies to 4-H members who are only showing in 4-H and not in any Open or Junior Show.**
19. A charge of $40.00 will be made for all checks returned for Not Sufficient Funds.

Guidelines for Arrival, Penning/Stalling, Check-in and Release of Animals

20. Each exhibitor must comply with the Illinois Exhibition Health Requirements; Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act; and the General Rules for Iroquois County Fair.

21. All entries must have a properly registered electronic tag or scrappie tag depending on the specie or species you are exhibiting.
22. Animal health papers or Coggins papers for horses, will be checked prior to unloading animals. No animals may be unloaded prior to veterinary inspection of both the animals to be shown and the health papers.
23. Animals will be visually inspected for precluding health issues by a staff member designated by the Iroquois County Fair Veterinarian. At the successful completion of inspection, the veterinary staff will stamp the health papers (keeping the papers until the end of the fair) and then the exhibitor will be allowed to unload their animals.
24. The arrival of Swine will begin at 7:00 am on Tuesday, July 14. All other species will begin at 8:00 am.
25. Exhibitors shall provide one physical copy of health or Coggins papers at the time of veterinary inspection. Papers will be returned on Sunday after the barns are cleaned out.
26. Exhibitors will be allowed to unload tack and set up pens prior to conducting the veterinary inspections, but no animals are allowed in the barns until they have been inspected by the veterinary teams.
27. Any exhibitor that unloads without complying with this prescribed veterinary health inspection will be disqualified from exhibiting and will be ordered to immediately remove their animals from the fairgrounds. No refunds will be issued.
28. All livestock must be on the fairgrounds from 12:00 p.m. Tuesday until 4:00 pm on Sunday. All Exhibitors are responsible for barn cleanup. (No exhibitor shall remove any exhibit or any part of any exhibit without permission of the Board of Directors. Premiums will be in jeopardy if these rules are not followed). NO EARLY RELEASES WILL BE ALLOWED in accordance with state rule (see Sections 260.50a and 260.55a5) & C-Part 260 Fair Operation Under the Agricultural Fair Act. Early release to go to another fair is NOT allowed NOR is the superintendent allowed to release an exhibit early.
29. Exhibits and livestock are required to be in place for exhibition on the fairgrounds for a minimum of three days, except for exhibits and livestock, in 4-H club shows, junior shows, one-day shows and in Departments C, E, Q, R, S, T, V, and Z. The Jr. Horse Show follows the 72-hour exhibition time. The County Fair Board may require specified exhibits and livestock to stay beyond the minimum 72-hour exhibition time. The number of days the exhibition or livestock must be on the fairgrounds for exhibition shall be indicated in the Premium Book. If recommended by the county fair's veterinarian and approved by fair management, early dismissal of livestock may be granted for the following reasons: disease outbreak, severe hot weather, or other existing conditions which may result in the death of livestock. The Bureau may also grant early dismissal of livestock and other exhibits in emergency situations upon recommendation of fair management in the case where facilities have been lost due to fire, wind, heavy rain damage to tents and barns, loss of electrical power, or if facilities cannot accommodate livestock due to space limitations.
30. **All animals exhibited must be owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor, and records must be available for any animals if requested by the fair management. Each exhibitor must show required tenure of ownership, personally care for the animal during the feeding period, and handle show preparation and getting animals to the ring and back. Parents may assist their child with this process. All purebred animals shown must be owned by the exhibitor and must be registered in the name of the exhibitor. No partnership agreements. Registration papers for ALL purebred animals must be available for inspection or premiums will be withheld. Registration papers must remain on the fairgrounds throughout the fair.**
31. 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.
32. 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. **All animals must be checked in with the Superintendents.**
33. Superintendents of each department shall arrange and supervise all exhibits within their department. No exhibitor will be permitted to reserve pens or stalls for feed and equipment at their own discretion.

Department Superintendents will assign ALL pen space. All pens must have name cards which can be obtained from the superintendent.

34. All animals must be exhibited in such places and at such times as the superintendent in charge shall direct. The owner of such animals must have the same in readiness for examination and exhibition at the time set to avoid delay. Exhibitor is responsible for having livestock and other exhibits in the show ring at the time classes are called. This rule must be strictly obeyed.
35. Superintendent and Assistants will determine breed at scales if there is a question. No class changes will be allowed after scales close.
36. If three breeders do not exhibit 10 or more animals in a particular breed, then the classes within that breed may be combined the following year, or in any other department, if entries deem insufficient to warrant a class, then that class will be either dropped or combined with another category.
37. **Show conflicts are unavoidable. A substitute individual may show an animal as long as they follow age and show requirements and the superintendent has been notified of the show conflict. On the day of an Open Show, an exemption may be granted by the Superintendent to allow other individuals to show an exhibitor's animal for the purpose of promoting future growth of the department. Junior Show - All animals must be exhibited in the show ring by the owner unless special permission is granted by the Superintendent/Board of Directors; and then, only by other Junior Show exhibitors.**
38. Show order will be as printed in the fair book.
39. All exhibitors of champions and individuals who show more than one specie or have more than one grand champion must notify the **FAIR OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 pm** which specie or champion will be selling on Livestock Sale except rabbits and they will notify as soon as the meat pens have been judged on Thursday.
40. ALL LIVESTOCK TRAILERS FOR EXHIBITS STAYING LONGER THAN ONE DAY MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS AFTER UNLOADING BY 4:00 pm TUESDAY TO FREE UP PARKING. Trailers staying for one day only should park in areas designated by Fair Officials to free up space for parking. NO livestock trucks and trailers will be allowed to be parked in campground area. NO EXCEPTIONS.
41. If the same animal(s) are shown in 4-H Show, FFA Show, Junior Show and Open Show classes, they must be shown under the same exhibitor's name (for example, only the person whose name appears on the entry blanks may show the animal(s) in all the shows.
42. Any exhibitor washing an animal in an inappropriate spot other than a wash rack will forfeit all their premiums.
43. Each exhibitor will be responsible for keeping their pens and stalls clean and bedded. Alleys and pens are to be kept clean and free from all debris. All feed boxes, pails and show equipment must be kept neatly stored.
44. Livestock exhibitors desiring to use a portable generator during the fair must meet the rules set forth by the State Fire Marshall and the Iroquois Co. Fair Board. **No generators will be permitted without first registering it with the fair secretary and securing a permit. Only 1 fan per 3 animals allowed.**
45. No one shall be allowed in the show area while the exhibit is being judged except the exhibitor and helper. Any exhibitor attempting to interfere with judges during their judging will be promptly excluded from competition.
46. 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.
47. 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 protestor, and be lodged within six (6) hours after showing.
48. 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.

49. Exhibitors display their exhibits at their own risk.
50. Sponsors of the show will take every precaution to prevent injury or sickness to exhibitors or to livestock occurring in connection with the show.
51. 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.
52. 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.
53. 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

54. 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.
55. Superintendents shall record winners, affix ribbons, and be responsible for returning appropriate information to the Fair Office for payment of premiums as soon as show is over. Payments of premiums can be authorized only upon accurate entries contained in the judge's book therein.
56. 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 before payment of premiums.
57. The Iroquois County Fair intends to award all prizes and premiums listed within the premium book.
58. 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.
59. 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.
60. 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.
61. A charge of $40.00 will be made for all checks NSF.

Release of Livestock Rules

A. Early release of animals can be authorized by Fair President, or General Livestock Superintendent (not building superintendents or Fair Board members).
B. Release time will be 4:00 pm Sunday.
C. Livestock CANNOT be loaded on trailer prior to release time.
D. Tack may be loaded ahead of time but after church service. Trailers may not be in area of barns.
E. Do NOT block roadways while loading.
F. Trailers may NOT be driven on or loaded from the inside main circle driveway.

Veterinary Emergency Procedures

Our Fair Veterinarian does not receive payment from the Fair for emergency vet visits and treatment of sick animals. If she treats your animal, you will be billed.

1. In the event an animal gets sick, contact your barn superintendent.

2. The Vet will be conducting daily vet checks in the barns from 3-5 pm.
3. If the emergency cannot wait, the superintendent will give you our Vet's business card to call. She will charge you to come to the fair and take care of your animal.
4. If the Fair Office calls the Vet, you will be charged for the visit.
5. If you want to call your own vet, notify the barn superintendent. A form will need to be filled out by your vet and given to the Fair Office.

PREMISES REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED

1. Premises Registration is encouraged to exhibit livestock (beef, dairy, horses, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, and rabbits) at the Illinois county fairs/State Fair.

2. Registering a premise involves obtaining a seven-character alpha-numeric "identifier" for the farm, ranch, veterinary clinic, or other site where livestock or fowl are handled, housed, managed, or processed.

3. Choosing to register your premises puts you on the frontline of controlling and preventing the spread of animal disease. A disease outbreak cannot be predicted, but it can impact every segment of animal agriculture. Participation ensures that you have the information you need when you need it most to protect your animals and your investment.

4. If an exhibitor wants to register their animals, an application form can be found on-line at www.agr.state.il.us/premiseid. Exhibitors who register on-line will receive a premises registration number immediately. An application can also be obtained by calling 866-299-9256. If completing an application and returning by mail, it may take up to 4 weeks to receive the number.

NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

1. Developed by International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE)
2. Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial & national levels.
3. **All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.**
4. The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:
5. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
6. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
7. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
8. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes,

regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

9. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed vet.
10. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
11. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
12. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
13. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
14. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether he or she was instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
15. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show against such individuals published in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
16. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or responsible person that he or she has read the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics" and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act

The provisions of the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act (510 ILCS 70; "Act") apply to companion animals and livestock. It is the responsibility of event organizers, animal owners, and participants to be aware of practices and activities that may be considered violations of the Act. Violations of the Act are considered criminal offenses and are prosecuted by county state’s attorneys. Event organizers, animal owners, and participants should ensure the following:

- An adequate supply of fresh water shall be provided to animals at all times except when an animal is participating in an event.
- In the event of environmental extremes, such as extreme heat or severe inclement weather, animals must be provided with proper shelter.
- The use of an electric prod on livestock in a chute should not be allowed unless the animal has balked or stalled after the chute has been opened.
- Tail twisting, pulling, and raking over fences when an animal is in the chute or as the chute is being opened should not be allowed.

- An electric prod may only be used while sorting livestock when absolutely necessary and may only touch the animal on the hip or shoulder area. Any overuse of electric prods is prohibited.
- Animals that are sore, lame, sick or injured should not be allowed to participate in the event.
- Veterinary care must be provided to prevent suffering. Any animal sustaining injury at any time must be provided with appropriate veterinary care. The Department encourages all events to maintain a relationship with a local veterinarian to ensure treatment is accessible in a timely manner.
- All events must be conducted humanely. Participants must consider the species, size, age and condition of an animal before its use in an event and whether the event can be conducted humanely.
- Practices such as calf tailing are not exempt from the humane care provisions of the Act.
- All horses must have a current equine infectious anemia test and horses originating from out-of-state must have a current interstate certificate of veterinary inspection.

It is the responsibility of each person associated with an event, including the animals' owners/caretakers, to ensure compliance with all Illinois laws pertaining to animal health and welfare at all times. Approved humane investigators, law enforcement or other entities that observe potential violations of the Humane Care for Animals Act should report those to the county state's attorney at which the event occurred.

For Health Requirement Information:
Illinois Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare
State Fairgrounds P.O. Box 19281
Springfield, IL 62794-9281
Phone (217) 782-4944
2026 Exhibition Livestock Health Requirements
County Fairs

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

These Exhibition Health Requirements apply to all livestock present at the fair including those animals that are not entered in competitive events.

1. Exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves with all rules applicable to their exhibits. All out-of-state animals shall require an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx.
2. All animals, except as noted, shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) which shows that the animal meets all health requirements for the State of Illinois. CVI's shall be made available to Bureau of Animal Health Personnel on request. If an official electronic CVI is utilized, the exhibitor should be able to log on and show Bureau of Animal Health Personnel the completed CVI. CVI means a legible record made on an official form from the state of origin which has been issued, signed and dated by an accredited veterinarian and which shows the name and address of the animal's owner or exhibitor and the results of all required tests or vaccinations. A CVI shall list only one animal identification per line; shall be presented on the form on which it was initially issued; and shall not be corrected, changed or altered in any manner.
3. All animals shall be officially identified. The animal(s) official identification shall be recorded on the CVI. Animal identification number (AIN): A numbering system for the official identification of individual animals in the United States that provides a nationally unique identification number for each animal. The AIN consists of 15 digits, with the first 3 being the country code (840 for the United States or a unique country code for any U.S. territory that has such a code and elects to use it in place of the 840 code).
4. If animals are from tuberculosis accredited, brucellosis certified, pseudorabies qualified, or brucellosis validated herds, the identifying herd number(s) along with the date of the last herd test(s) shall appear on the CVI.
5. CVIs for out-of-state livestock shall be void thirty (30) days after issuance.
6. CVIs for Illinois-origin livestock shall be void ninety (90) days after issuance.
7. All livestock shall be subject to examination upon entry to any Illinois fair or exhibition. Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases shall be immediately withdrawn and held in quarantine at the owner's risk and expense until properly treated and recovered, or until the animal is released to

return to the owner's premise. Any livestock infected with scabies, mange, active lesions of ringworm, soremouth, or multiple warts which are easily visible without close examination shall not be permitted to exhibit and are subject to quarantine or removal from the fairgrounds. Sheep and goats with caseous lymphadenitis as evidenced by draining abscesses shall not be exhibited and are subject to immediate quarantine or removal from the fairgrounds. In the event of the suspicion of or diagnosis of a foreign animal disease, emerging animal disease, or other actionable disease, animals may be subject to quarantine on the fairgrounds until such time that it is determined that the disease is no longer a threat.

8. Illinois Department of Agriculture personnel or designee may collect blood, tissue, milk or urine samples from any animal being exhibited and/or raced at any Illinois fair to test for the presence of illegal drugs or banned substances. Examination techniques, such as ultrasound, may also be used at anytime while the animals are on the grounds of any Illinois fair or exhibit. The Illinois Department of Agriculture or designee may collect urine, blood, tissue or other test samples from exhibition animals at the time of slaughter.
9. All exhibitors of animals at any Illinois fair or exhibition shall comply with the provisions of the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act. If violations are observed, the animals(s) will be excused from exhibition and ordered removed from the grounds with all awards being forfeited. Any practice or deviation from normal, accepted care, including physical, medical or mechanical application, shall constitute a violation of show rules and may result in the animal(s) disqualification and removal from the fairgrounds.
10. Any Illinois cattle, bison, cervidae or goats being exhibited in non-accredited free states must be isolated from the remainder of the herd/flock upon return to Illinois and retested for tuberculosis 60-120 days post-entry.

SWINE

Illinois Swine

Identification

Individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag, ("840" tag). The identification tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.

Brucellosis

Brucellosis testing is not required for Illinois swine.

Pseudorabies

Pseudorabies testing is not required for Illinois swine.

Out-of-State Swine

All out-of-state swine are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx.

Identification

Individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag, ("840" tag). The identification tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.

Brucellosis

1. Breeding swine 4 months of age and older shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within 30 days prior to exhibition unless exempt by one (1) of the following:
   A. Originate immediately and directly from a validated brucellosis-free herd.
   B. Originate directly from a validated brucellosis-free state.
2. Swine brucellosis tests for exhibition shall be conducted at a state or federal laboratory.

Pseudorabies

1. Swine originating from a Pseudorabies Stage IV or V state are exempt from the pseudorabies testing requirement.
2. Swine originating from a Pseudorabies Stage III state shall be negative to an official test for pseudorabies conducted within thirty (30) days prior to entry or originate immediately and directly from a qualified pseudorabies negative herd.
3. Swine originating from a Pseudorabies Stage I or II state shall be negative to an official test for pseudorabies conducted within the 10 days prior to entry.
4. Barrows and females in market classes must meet the same requirements as breeding swine.

LIVESTOCK SALE RULES

Superintendent –Jon Mowrey
Committee – Darrell Aders, Brian Zecher, Debbie Krones, Darrel Clatterbuck, Brad Howe, Tim Talbert, Norvin Wagner, Joe & Amber Price, Eric Ritter, Jason Ahlden, Jeff Clifton

Friday, July 17, 2026
1:00 pm Sale Barn

1. 4-H or FFA members with projects consisting of beef steers & market heifers, barrows, market lambs, rabbit meat pens, poultry pens, market goats, dairy animals, and carcass animals must follow the steps below to be eligible for the Livestock Sale.
2. **A 4-H or FFA member enrolled in more than one livestock project must notify the Iroquois County Fair Office (not the 4-H Office) by 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday as to the one specie they intend to sell, or they will not sell. To sell on either Auction, a 4-H or FFA member needs to sign up when making their 4-H and/or FFA entries.**
3. Animals sold must be an actual part of the member's project and must have been shown in the proper class before they are eligible to be sold in the livestock sale.
4. All questions not covered in these rules shall be taken up by the sale committee. Their decision shall be final.
5. All sales are final.
6. **4-H members who are enrolled in both Nutrition and Livestock projects may only auction off one project. An exhibitor's name may appear only once on the sale bill.**
7. Each 4-H or FFA exhibitor may sell one (1) of the following:
   a. One Steer, One Market Heifer, or One Beef Carcass
   b. One barrow or One Swine Carcass
   c. One wether, Market Ewe Lamb, or One Sheep Carcass
   d. One market animal or One wethers for Goats
   e. Meat pen of rabbits
   f. All Fryers & Roasters pens of Poultry, Champion Pen of Turkeys and Champion Pen of Waterfowl, 1 dozen eggs. Reserve Champions may move up to sell.
   g. Dairy – Basket of Cheese from each Breed Grand Champion, or Dairy Feeder Steer, or Market Steer. Reserve Champions may move up to sell.
8. The order of the Sale will be Goats, Poultry, Swine, Dairy, Sheep, Beef, Rabbits. Based on this order, the Grand Champions will sell first then the Reserve Champion, Overall Champions, followed by the breed champions. If the Grand Champion elects not to sell, the Reserve Champion may sell their animal in its place.
9. An exhibitor's name may appear only once on the sale bill.
10. All exhibitor's MUST be in the sale ring when it's time to sell or they will go to the end of the sale list.
11. All awards, introductions and announcements will be held only from 12:45 to 1:00 p.m. prior to start of the Sale.
12. All extra events MUST be approved by the fair board prior to Sale Day.
13. The exhibitor retains ownership of their animal and handles where it will be going.
14. Each exhibitor will receive a check for the premium money minus the 10% commission.
15. Buyers of the Dairy Baskets of Cheese will receive the basket of cheese.
16. Multiple Buyer Sheets will be available for those individuals who want to create Buyer Groups. Exhibitors do not have to create Buyer groups. Buyer Group Guidelines are as follows:
    A. All businesses or individuals on the list must have a current Buyer Number. Numbers may be requested by completing a form located on iroquoiscofair.com. Please make sure you talk to your buyers and get permission to use their buyer number, **No bids will be recorded without Name, Address, and Phone Number of Buyer.**

B. All information must be filled out on the sheet.
C. The group leader will be the contact person to help collect the money. The buyer in position number one agrees to cover any overage or underage if the sale amount is different than the total amount of the sheet.
D. In the event that this sheet is outbid on the sale, buyers on this sheet who want to still donate may do so. Additions to buyer sheet or final bid can be added during the live sale. Once the final bid has been announced, anyone who would like to contribute may do so by raising their buyer number and telling the auctioneers how much they want to add.
E. There is a $50.00 minimum contribution amount per buyer on the sheet.
F. Any blank sale amount boxes will share equally the difference between the total amount of donations listed and sale amount awarded on live sale.
G. Turn the Multiple Buyer Sheet into your Building Superintendent or person in charge of Buyer Sheets. They in turn will turn in all forms for their department to the Fair Office by Tuesday night at 8:00 pm.

17. Payment is due by August 31st. Beginning September 1st, any outstanding balance will be assessed a 2% late fee per month. Any Buyer who does not pay their bill by October 1st or writes an NSF check will be prohibited from participating in future sales.
18. If a buyer does not pay their bill by October 1st, the exhibitor must pay back the amount they received from that buyer.
19. Exhibitors should submit a picture of themselves with their animal by 5 pm on Thursday to iroquoislivestockfair@gmail.com to be included on the slide show during the Livestock Sale.
20. Any buyer who would like to submit a list of exhibitors that they would like to bid on (along with the appropriate bid amounts) directly to the Fair Office, may do so. We ask that this information be submitted by Wednesday night to debkrones@gmail.com.

OPEN & JUNIOR SWINE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL RULES

Superintendents - Jordan Schippert 815-471-2059; Clayton Ahlden 815-471-1220
Assistant Superintendents - Jason Ahlden, Stephanie Bishop, Nita Dubble, Chuck Gocken, Mitchell Hurliman, Payton Sheridan, Justin Schroeder, and Hailey Wessels

1. Please read and follow the Open & Junior Livestock General Rules of the fair as they apply to all departments.

Guidelines for Arrival, Penning/Stalling, Check-in and Release of Animals

2. Each exhibitor must comply with the Illinois Exhibition Health Requirements; Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act; and the General Rules for Iroquois County Fair.
3. All entries must have a properly registered electronic tag or scrappie tag depending on the specie or species you are exhibiting.
4. Animal health papers or Coggins papers for horses, will be checked prior to unloading animals. No animals may be unloaded prior to veterinary inspection of both the animals to be shown and the health papers.
5. Animals will be visually inspected for precluding health issues by a staff member designated by the Iroquois County Fair Veterinarian. At the successful completion of inspection, the veterinary staff will stamp the health papers (keeping the papers until the end of the fair) and then the exhibitor will be allowed to unload their animals.
6. The arrival of Swine will begin at 7:00 am on Tuesday, July 14. All other species will begin at 8:00 am.
7. Exhibitors shall provide one physical copy of health or Coggins papers at the time of veterinary inspection. Papers will be returned on Sunday after the barns are cleaned out.

8. Exhibitors will be allowed to unload tack and set up pens prior to conducting the veterinary inspections, but no animals are allowed in the barns until they have been inspected by the veterinary teams.
9. Any exhibitor that unloads without complying with this prescribed veterinary health inspection will be disqualified from exhibiting and will be ordered to immediately remove their animals from the fairgrounds. No refunds will be issued.
10. **Lights out in barns at 11:00 pm.**
11. Feed and water troughs must be furnished by the exhibitor. No self-feeders or water hoses will be allowed in the hog barns.
12. **All pigs shall be farrowed on or after December 1st. All pigs must have an electronic 840 tag and that number must be entered on entry forms.**
13. Alleys and pens are to be kept clean and free from all debris. Entryways/exits to barns must be clear of people, equipment, tents, chairs, etc. at ALL Times.
14. All purebred animals must have been registered in the exhibitor's name or family on or before June 1st. Registration papers must be presented at time of weighing and remain on fairgrounds. This rule will be strictly enforced.
15. ALL PUREBRED AND CROSSBRED PIGS must be ear notched. **No** fresh ear notches will be allowed.
16. All barrow and crossbred gilt classes will be determined by weight. All purebred gilts will be shown according to age as stated on the registration paper.
17. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning out the barns.
18. Barrows shall be castrated by June 1. Any barrow showing evidence at fair of testicular tissue shall be disqualified and sent home
19. All animals shown in Junior Show (barrows and gilts) must be the property of the individual showing them. If the same animals are shown in 4-H, Junior, Open and FFA Show, they shall be entered and shown under the same exhibitor's name. Hogs must be shown by the same person whose name is on the entry blank.
20. NO feeding in the wash rack. Hogs brought to the fair ***MUST*** be clean upon arrival.
21. Each breed and sex will have a champion and reserve champion selection. At the conclusion of all breeds, the breed champions and reserves are permitted to show for Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and 3rd, 4th, and 5th overall. The champion of the breed must be selected within the top 5 to enable the subsequent reserve of that particular breed to come into contention.

Veterinary Emergency Procedures

Our Fair Veterinarian does not receive payment from the Fair for emergency vet visits and treatment of sick animals. If she treats your animal, you will be billed.

1. In the event an animal gets sick, contact your barn superintendent.
2. The Vet will be conducting daily vet checks in the barns from 3-5 pm.
3. If the emergency cannot wait, the superintendent will give you our Vet's business card to call. She will charge you to come to the fair and take care of your animal.
4. If the Fair Office calls the Vet, you will be charged for the visit.
5. If you want to call your own vet, notify the barn superintendent. A form will need to be filled out by your vet and given to the Fair Office.

Department G — Swine

$10,123.00 offered in this Department

We will offer 53 sub classes based upon the number of entries in each breed. Class numbers have changed. Premiums for each sub class will be: $60 $50 $40 $30

Gilts

Section

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
AOB	Berkshire	Chester White	Duroc	Hampshire	Hereford	Spots	Yorkshire	Crossbred	
541	544	547	550	553	556	559	562	565	Gilt
542	**545**	**548**	**551**	**554**	**557**	**560**	**563**	**566**	**Champion Gilt – Rosette & $25**
543	**546**	**549**	**552**	**555**	**558**	**561**	**564**	**567**	**Res. Champion Gilt – Rosette & $15**

Barrows

Section

J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	
AOB	Berkshire	Chester White	Duroc	Hampshire	Hereford	Spots	Yorkshire	Crossbred	
568	571	574	577	580	583	586	589	592	Barrow
569	**572**	**575**	**578**	**581**	**584**	**587**	**590**	**593**	**Champion Barrow - Rosette & $25**
570	**573**	**576**	**579**	**582**	**585**	**588**	**591**	**594**	**Res. Champion Barrow - Rosette & $15**

Section S - Championship Drive

595 Grand Champion Overall Gilt —Rosette, $50 and Award by Darin Krones Memorial
Reserve Grand Champion Overall Gilt – Rosette, $25 Award by Darin Krones Memorial
3rd Overall Gilt - $25
4th Overall Gilt - $25
5th Overall Gilt - $25

596 Grand Champion Overall Barrow – Rosette, $50 and Award by Kaeb Sales, Inc.
Reserve Grand Champion Overall Barrow – Rosette, $25 Award in Memory of Gerald Torbet
3rd Overall Barrow - $25
4th Overall Barrow - $25
5th Overall Barrow - $25

Section T - PORK PREMIERE CLASS

Superintendent – Mitchell Hurliman, 217-370-1430 Assistant: Jason Ahlden, Payton Sheridan

1. Barrows must have been nominated, ear notched and tattooed before they are 35 days old. Pigs cannot weigh more than the equivalent of 1.0 pounds per day of age when tattooed. All pigs must be tattooed by April 15th. An official nomination form must be presented at time of weigh-in.
2. Barrows can be purchased by the exhibitor by June 1st. However, the Extension Office must be notified to transfer tattoo information and ownership.
3. All carcass barrows will be weighed at 6:00 pm on Sunday, July 12th.

4. Pigs must be farrowed on or after January 1, 2026 for the Iroquois County Fair.
5. Pigs must be farrowed on or after February 10, 2026 for the Illinois State Fair.
6. Entry fee will be $6.00 Live and $6.00 Carcass. No pen rent required. You must enter both classes 597 and 598.
7. HEALTH PAPERS ARE REQUIRED. NO blood test required. **All pigs must have an electronic 840 tag and that number must be entered on entry forms.**
8. Exhibitors are responsible for having ears of their barrow clean, knowing where the tattoo is, and knowing it can be read by the superintendent/designee at the time of check-in. Barrows with illegible tattoos, unhealed tattoos or tattoos that are inconsistent with nomination papers are ineligible to show.
9. Entries will be placed on basis of combined carcass merit and pounds of carcass per day of age score. Pigs will show after the 6:00 pm weigh-in on Sunday, July 12.
10. To be eligible for awards, all carcasses must meet the following minimum standards.
    a. Hot carcass weight of at least 144 pounds.
    b. In addition, all carcasses must meet the quality score of at least 2 (on a scale of 1 to 5) for color and firmness.
    c. Backfat, length and loin eye area standards based on carcass weight as follows:

HOT CARCASS WEIGHT	BACKFAT MAX INCHES	LENGTH MINIMUM INCHES	LOIN EYE AREA MIN SQUARE INCH
144 to 159 lbs	1.40	29.5	4.50
160 to 179 lbs	1.50	30.0	4.75
180 and over lbs	1.60	30.5	5.00

11. The judge will place the live animals on the hoof and then the top 15 will be slaughtered and carcasses placed according to above standard and rate-of-gain score. The exhibitor will be responsible for their carcass.
12. Only one entry per exhibitor in each class.

Carcass Class

597	Live	$50 $44 $40 $36 $32 $28 $24 $22 $20 $18
598	Carcass	$50 $44 $40 $36 $32 $28 $24 $22 $20 $18

599 Grand Champion Premiere Award – $50.00 In memory of Steve Krones
600 Reserve Grand Champion Premiere - $25.00 In memory of Darin Krones

Junior Department HC- Swine

$7,236.00 offered in this Department

We will pay 53 sub classes based upon the number of entries in each breed. Class numbers have changed. Premiums for each sub class are as follows: $40 $35 $30 $25

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