

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 L - Floriculture

Superintendents - Marilyn Busick - 815-429-3106, Cindy Pufahl - 815-683-2666

\$1,098.00 offered in this Department

Section A - CLASS I - HORTICULTURE

1. All flowers must be grown and staged by the exhibitor.
2. No wiring, artificial coloring or florist greens or filler may be used in specimen classes.
3. Blue bottles will be provided to display specimen entries.
4. Any exhibit not meeting the above or below written qualifications will be automatically disqualified.

Premiums for classes 1401-1425 will be: \$5.00 \$4.00 \$3.00

- 1401 Tuberous Begonia – 1 stem
- 1402 Day Lily – 1 spike
- 1403 Lily – any other – 1 spike
- 1404 Oriental Lily – 1 spike
- 1405 Best Display of 3 Dahlias
- 1406 Daisy – 3 stems, 1 variety
- 1407 Impatiens – 1 stem, may have multiple flowers
- 1408 New Guinea Impatiens - 1 stem, may have multiple flowers
- 1409 Gladiolus – medium, 1 spike
- 1410 Cone Flower – 1 bloom
- 1411 Marigold – large, 1 bloom over 3”
- 1412 Marigold – small, bicolored, 1 stem
- 1413 Best Display of Marigolds - large, 3 blooms over 3”
- 1414 Best Display of Marigolds - small variety - 1 stem under 3”
- 1415 Petunia, 1 stem, fringed or bicolor
- 1416 Petunia, double, 1 stem
- 1417 Lantana - 1 stem, may have multiple flowers
- 1418 Roses, hybrid tea, any other color not listed
- 1419 Vinca - 1 stem, may have multiple flowers

- 1420 Salvia, annual variety, 3 stems
- 1421 Snapdragon – 1 stem
- 1422 Sunflower – 1 bloom – under 6”
- 1423 Calibrachoa – Million Bells, 1 stem, may have multiple flowers
- 1424 Sprays or Flowering Vine, Shrub or Tree (to be judged on flower or fruit and foliage)
- 1425 Mixed Bottle – 1 stem of 3 different kinds of flowers. Example: Coneflower, Petunia, and Marigold.

Premiums for the following classes will be: \$5.00 \$4.00 \$3.00 \$2.00

- 1426 Petunia, single – 1 stem, 1 color
- 1427 Marigold – small, 3 blooms under 3”
- 1428 Best Display of Gladiolus (3 of same variety)
- 1429 Geranium, red – 1 bloom
- 1430 Geranium, any other color – 1 bloom
- 1431 Wildflower, any variety, 1 stem
- 1432 Zinnia, 2” and over, 3 stems
- 1433 Zinnia, under 2”, 3 stems
- 1434 Coleus – 1 branch main stem with or without flowers
- 1435 Any other Annual not listed
- 1436 Any other Perennial not listed
- 1437 Best Specimen Entry - Rosette**

Section B - CLASS II - PLANTS

1. All house plants must have been in possession of exhibitors for at least three months prior to time of exhibition.
 2. Premiums for classes 1438-1444 will be: \$5.00 \$4.00 \$3.00
- 1438 Potted plant (greenery) in hanger (hanger not to be judged)
 - 1439 Potted plant (blooming) in hanger (hanger not to be judged)
 - 1440 Christmas Cactus
 - 1441 Potted - blooming variety
 - 1442 Potted - non-blooming variety
 - 1443 Potted Patio Plant - planter will not be judged, must contain more than one variety
 - 1444 Fairy Garden – not to exceed 18”x18”x12” Must contain live plants.
 - 1445 Best Plant Entry - Rosette**

Section C - CLASS III - FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

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

1. All exhibits must be arranged and staged by the exhibitor.
2. Plant material need not be grown by exhibitor.
3. No artificial flowers, silk, foliage, or fruit may be used (unless specified).
4. Clippings and accessories are permitted to be used with arrangement.
5. Pictures no larger than 8" x 10" may be used with arrangement.

Premiums for all arrangements will be: \$10.00 \$8.00 \$6.00 \$4.00

- 1446 Quilting and/or Sewing Basket
- 1447 Love You Dearly – Valentine’s Theme
- 1448 Home on the Prairie - Wildflowers
- 1449 Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star - Baby
- 1450 Luck of the Irish – St. Patrick
- 1451 My Favorite Pet – Animal Design
- 1452 Gardner’s Delight – Fresh Flowers
- 1453 Snow on the Ranch - Western
- 1454 Under the Big Top

- 1455 Girl's Card Party
- 1456 Champion Class III - Rosette**
- 1457 Creativity Award - Ribbon**

Section D - CLASS IV - TABLE SETTINGS

Arrangement will be judged on its appearance from ALL sides, using one place setting on tablecloth or placemat. Accessories permitted, space furnished is 24" x 24" No paper plates, silverware or food permitted. Floral arrangements can be fresh, dried materials, artificial fruit or silk flowers. Must have floral arrangement in table setting.

Premiums for Table Settings will be: \$10.00 \$8.00 \$6.00 \$4.00

- 1458 Music All Around
- 1459 To Bee or Not To Bee
- 1460 Gnome More
- 1461 Tween Birthday
- 1462 Summer Vacations
- 1463 All American 250th Birthday
- 1464 A Day at the Races
- 1465 For the Love of Pumpkins
- 1466 Barbie Girls
- 1467 Jingle All the Way
- 1468 Champion Class IV - Rosette**
- 1469 Creativity Award – Ribbon**