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2025 Exhibition Livestock Health Requirements
County Fairs**

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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 any time 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 animal(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.

CATTLE

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.

Illinois Cattle

Brucellosis

Illinois is a Bovine Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Illinois cattle.

Tuberculosis

Illinois is an Accredited Tuberculosis- Free State. Tuberculin testing is not required for Illinois cattle.

Please note Illinois calves under 6 months of age are not required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

SWINE

Illinois Swine

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.

SHEEP

Identification

Individual identification of each animal shall be by an ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.

Ear tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal.

When using ear tags, the tag must indicate the premises ID and state of origin. The tag number must be assigned by a state or APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database.

Market Lambs

All market lambs must be slick shorn (show ring ready) before weigh-in so that show lamb fungus can be identified.

Illinois Sheep

1. Sheep originating from a flock that has previously been classified as either an infected or source flock can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved flock plan.
2. The CVI must include the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

GOATS

Identification

Individual identification of each animal shall be by an ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.

Tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal.

When using ear tags, the tag must indicate the premises ID and state of origin. The tag number must be assigned by a state or APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database.

Ears should be used for tattooing when possible. If there is no space in the ear, the flank or tail fold may be used.

Illinois Goats

1. Goats originating from a herd that has previously been classified as either an infected or source herd can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved herd plan.
2. The CVI must include the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

HORSES, PONIES, MULES AND OTHER EQUIDAE

Illinois Equine

1. All horses and other equidae, twelve (12) months of age and older attending an advertised equine event, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) conducted within the last twelve (12) months. A copy of this test shall accompany the animal.
2. AGID (Coggins) or ELISA tests are accepted.
3. An advertised equine event means a show, rodeo, sale, auction, exhibition, trail ride, or horse fair that is posted or media promoted.
4. A CVI is not required for Illinois equine.

POULTRY

1. All entries (except waterfowl, i.e. domesticated fowl that normally swim, such as ducks and geese) in a show or exhibition shall have originated from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or equivalent hatchery or flock OR have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition. Exhibitor shall show proper information as to name and address of owner or exhibitor, name and address of the authorized testing agent, date of the testing and the number, breed, and species of those tested.
2. Prior to being used to transport poultry to a show, all crates, boxes, containers and vehicles shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.
3. Any poultry vaccinations must be performed at least 4 weeks prior to delivery to the show.
4. Upon admission to a show, all entries shall be examined by the official county fair veterinarian or qualified state personnel who shall also receive and examine all certificates necessary for admission of birds to a show. Birds not in show condition will be excused from exhibition and removed from the premises. Any fowl showing signs of illness during the fair will be removed from the exhibition grounds.
5. All out-of-state turkeys must originate from flocks that are officially classified as U.S. Mycoplasma Gallisepticum Clean in accordance with the provisions of the National Poultry Improvement Plan or be negative to a test for Mycoplasma gallisepticum within 30 days prior to entry.
6. A permit is also required for out-of-state poultry. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.

RABBITS

There are no requirements governing the movements of rabbits within or into Illinois.

DEKALB COUNTY 4-H BLUE RIBBON LIVESTOCK AUCTION RULES & REGULATIONS

OBJECTIVE OF SHOW AND SALE:

- A. Financially support 4-H and encourage the growth and expansion of livestock projects.
- B. Train youth in the proper handling, fitting and showing of livestock.

The sale is under the supervision of the livestock auction committee.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

- A. To be eligible 4-H'ers must conform to the show rules and the following auction rules:
 - ***Exhibitor must have attended at least six 4-H club meetings***
 - ***Exhibitor must have completed a 4-H project plan, and have it signed by the 4-H club leader***
 - ***Exhibitor must have given a talk or demonstration at 4-H club meeting.***
 - ***4-H club leaders must verify this participation prior to the 4-H Fair, and 4-H members should have club leader sign off on the appropriate form and turn it into the Extension office by June 9.***
 - ***Exhibitor must be certified in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) for beef, dairy, goats, sheep & swine, or Quality Assurance Ethics Certification (QAEC) for poultry and rabbits.***
 - ***Only livestock exhibits receiving a blue rating will be eligible for the livestock auction.***
- B. **All exhibitors are expected to wear proper attire for the show ring and sale ring. Safety should be the issue for the attire. Suggested attire includes hard shoes, long pants and a collared shirt.**
- C. Exhibitors will be allowed to sell one entry per species with a maximum of 2 species.
- D. The sale is for market animals in beef, goats, sheep, and swine, champion dairy animals, champion bucket calves, grand champion rabbits, and grand champion poultry.
- E. 4-H'ers exhibiting only breeding stock animals in beef, goats and sheep will be eligible to sell in the auction. These animals can only be in one of the following classes: Beef – yearling classes 3, 4, 7, 8 & 9; Dairy Goat classes 100 & 101; Meat Goat classes 107 & 108; Sheep classes 85, 86, 90 & 91. These animals may only be sold one time in their 4-H experience.
- F. The auction is a premium based sale and 4-H'ers will retain ownership of their animals. All animals will be sold by the head.
- G. Livestock auction committee reserves the right to qualify or disqualify any animal.
- H. Conduct unbecoming shall result in the exhibitor being immediately disqualified by the livestock auction committee.
- I. Checks may be picked up at an Auction Committee Meeting on Thursday, September 11. **ONLY WHEN COMPLETED THANK YOU NOTES TO THE BUYER(S) ARE TURNED IN WILL CHECKS BE GIVEN.**
- J. Any violation of a rule is grounds for disqualification from the sale. This will be decided by the auction committee.
- K. **The sale is open only to 4-H members enrolled in DeKalb County 4-H clubs.**
- L. Members wishing to sell in the livestock auction must complete the auction requirements and have their 4-H club leader sign off on their Auction Participation Form and submit it to the Extension office when fair entries are due.
- M. All animals will be checked in on Friday of the 4-H Fair. A \$35 commission will be charged per sale unit for the promotion and improvement of the auction. This fee will be charged to all 4-H'ers entering animals in the auction.
- N. Sale order will be dairy, rabbits, poultry, bucket calves, swine, beef, sheep and goats. Sale order within species will be determined at random.

O. Exhibitors are responsible for the care and feeding of their animals while at the 4-H Fair.

- P. **4-H'ers leaving the fairgrounds before the completion of the livestock auction will forfeit auction premiums. All youth and animals are expected and required to remain on the fairgrounds until the completion of the auction. 4-H'ers loading trucks and trailers during the auction are also subject to forfeiting their auction money. While the auction is going on youth should be present to assist their fellow 4-H'ers and in showing their gratitude to the supporters that have purchased and bid on animals at the auction. Distractions within the barns should not be happening while the auction is in process.**
- Q. **4-H'ers not present during the auction line-up of animals into the sale arena will be skipped and will not be included in the livestock auction sale.**
- R. **All exhibits must have received a blue ribbon in order to be sold in the auction.**

S. State health regulations will be adhered to.

T. Bidding will be open to the public. All sales will be final. Cash settlement or satisfactory payment arrangements need to be made immediately following the close of the auction.

U. No donated animals will be allowed to resale at the auction.

V. 4-H'ers looking for markets to sell their animals could consider Equity Livestock Sale Barn in Monroe, WI, or Schrader Market in Dakota, IL. Contact information for Equity is 608-328-8344, and they sell pigs through the barn on Mondays, or on Tuesdays individuals can bring pigs to be hauled to Heinhold's. Individuals should call one week prior to schedule their animals. Contact information for Schrader Market is 815-449-2215. These are only suggestions to assist 4-H'ers and their families.

AUCTION SPECIES RULES

SWINE

- A. All swine need to be in the barns and **penned by 11:00 a.m. on Friday. prior to weigh-ins** beginning at 12:00 noon. Swine Superintendents and Assistants will be at the swine barns between 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. **No animals will be weighed from trucks/trailers.**
- B. All youth showing swine are required to be certified in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) during the current year.
- C. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is required on all swine exhibits. Please make note that for Illinois pseudorabies testing is not required.
- D. **Individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag, ("840" tag). The tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.**

BEEF

- A. Calves with **horns will not** be allowed to enter the show or sale.
- B. All calves must be halter broken.
- C. All male calves must be castrated and completely healed prior to their entry on the fairgrounds.
- D. Steers should weigh a minimum of 1100 lbs.
- E. Heifers should weigh a minimum of 1000 lbs.
- F. Animals will be checked-in and weighed between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Friday.
- G. For Bucket Calves - Champions in each age division will be eligible to sell calves in the 4-H Auction, providing they meet auction requirements.
- H. For overnight purposes, it is recommended that cattle be neck tied and halter tied to the stables.
- I. All youth showing a beef project are required to be certified in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals during the current year.
- J. 4-H'ers showing breeding beef only can participate in the auction if they are exhibiting in one of the following classes – 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, & 20. Animals can only be auctioned one time in their 4-H experience.

- K. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is required on all beef exhibits over 6 months of age.
- L. Individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag, (“840” tag). **The tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.**

SHEEP

- A. It is highly recommended that market lambs weigh between 110 and 140 pounds. All lambs must be docked and shorn within 10 days prior to the show and sale and all male lambs must be castrated and completely healed.
- B. Animals will be weighed and checked-in between 12:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Friday.
- C. All youth showing a sheep project are required to be certified in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals during the current year.
- D. 4-H’ers showing only breeding sheep can participate in the auction if they are exhibiting in one of the following classes – 85, 86, 90 or 91. Animals can only be auctioned one time in their 4-H experience.

GOATS

- A. All Market Goats from class 112 will be eligible for the Livestock Auction as long as the youth have met the criteria and guidelines required for participating in the auction.
- B. 4-H’ers showing only breeding goats can participate in the auction if they are exhibiting in one of the following classes – Dairy Goats 100 or 101 or Meat Goats 107 or 108
- C. Market goats weigh-in and check-in will be conducted by the superintendents on Friday from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- D. All youth showing a goat project are required to be certified in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals during the current year.
- E. Goats with horns are not permitted on the fairgrounds unless they are REGISTERED FEMALE BOER GOATS being shown in the 4-H Meat Goat Classes 107-111. Registration papers must be presented at the 4-H Fair to the Goat Superintendent.
- F. All male goats must be castrated and completely healed prior to entering the fairgrounds.

RABBITS & POULTRY

- A. Must be a blue ribbon award animal.
- B. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Rabbits of Show, the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit Meat Pens, the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Poultry of Show, and the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Poultry Meat Pen are all eligible to sell in the Blue Ribbon Auction. 4-H’ers will retain ownership of their animals.
- C. Youth winning the eligibility to sell their rabbits and poultry must have completed the Quality Assurance Ethics Certification.
- D. Youth selling rabbits & poultry in the auction must meet the criteria and guidelines required for participating in the auction. The requirements for the auction are as follows: Attend six 4-H Club meetings, doing a talk/demonstration, and complete and a 4-H project plan that has been signed by the 4-H club leader.

DAIRY

- A. The Grand Champion Overall Breeds and the Junior Champion Overall Breeds in the dairy department.
- B. These 4-H’ers will retain ownership of their animals.

LIVESTOCK SHOW - SPECIAL 4-H RULES

Note: The following rules pertain to 4-H livestock exhibited in the Swine, Sheep, Dairy, Goat, Beef, Poultry, Rabbit and Horse Shows on the Sandwich Fairgrounds, August 1-3. These livestock classes are for 4-H members ages 8-18 as of September 1 of the current year.

1. ANIMAL HEALTH - STATE HEALTH RULES, pages 76-78. A veterinarian must check health papers before the animals may be unloaded.
2. ARRIVAL - Livestock check in as follows: Friday, August 1, 2025: 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. for swine; Noon weigh-in for swine however **all swine must be penned before weigh-ins**; 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for sheep and goats; beef will be weighed and checked-in between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. On Saturday, August 2, 2025: 8-10 a.m. for dairy cattle; 9:15-9:45 a.m. for rabbits; 2:30-3:00 p.m. for poultry.
3. Livestock trailers should be parked north of the swine show ring.
4. WEIGHING - Each exhibitor is responsible for seeing that his/her market animals (steers, hogs, or market sheep & market goats) are weighed during check in or when specified by the superintendent. Exhibitors must furnish their animals bedding and feed. They are responsible for keeping their own animals fed and watered, and in clean stalls at all times.
5. REGISTRATION PAPERS - or a certificate of eligibility forms (Land of Lincoln) signed by the Secretary of the respective breed organization will be required to show in the purebred classes. Registration papers should be presented to the department supervisor during check-in and will be returned on Sunday. Members failing to present acceptable registration papers on the day of showing will show in grade classes.
6. EFFECTIVE DATE OF OWNERSHIP - must appear on all registration papers. Dates for required ownership of purebred as well as unregistered animals are:

Market Beef (steers & heifers) must be owned by February 1, present year.

Breeding Beef Heifers: owned since June 1, present year.

Beef/Dairy Calf and Bucket Calf: owned since May 1, present year.

Beef & Dairy cow: owned since January 1, present year.

Dairy Heifers: owned since May 1, present year.

Dairy Calf: owned since May 1, present year.

Market & Breeding Sheep: owned since May 1, present year.

Goats, Milking Does & Meat Does: owned since January 1, present year.

Goats, All other: owned since May 1, present year.

Horses: owned or leased by May 1, present year.

Swine must be farrowed and in the exhibitor's possession by June 1 of the present year.

Rabbits: owned since June 1, present year.

Poultry: owned since June 1, present year.

7. 4-H members are limited to receive one premium per weight class exhibited in premium eligible projects. (In other words, if the 4-H'er has two animals that end up in the same class or weight class, the 4-H'er will only receive one premium even though 2 or more animals were exhibited.)

All classes of livestock must fall within the age limits listed in each department.

Members are limited to the number of animals they may show as specified by species.

Beef - 3 breeding animals and 3 market animals

Dairy - 6 animals

Goats - 12 animals (10 breeding and 2 market)

Sheep - 4 market animals & 8 breeding animals

Poultry - 9 animals

Rabbits – 6 animals

Swine - 3 animals (animals for pairs class must be same sex)

Appropriate attire is expected in the show ring and sale ring. Safety should be the issue for the attire. Suggested attire: hard shoes, long pants and a collared shirt. (No shorts, open toed shoes, or hats.)

8. All animals must be exhibited in the show ring by 4-H owners. In cases of sickness, two entries, or a judging conflict, another 4-H member may be secured to help.
9. **PARENTS CANNOT SHOW 4-H MEMBER'S ANIMAL(S).**
10. All classes will be placed on the basis of Blue, Red and White ratings. Ribbons and premiums will be offered in all 4-H show classes.
11. The 4-H member must be the owner of the animals exhibited at the fair. Professional fitters **will not be allowed** to assist in the 4-H Show. 4-H'ers may be assisted with the fitting of the animal by a family member (mother, father, siblings, grandparents or legal guardian) or by another 4-H member of DeKalb County when fitting the animal for show.

- A. 4-H members staying overnight must have an adult chaperon. Chaperons are responsible for youth under their care.
- B. **NO** alcohol, nonprescription drugs, cigarettes, or tobacco products will be consumed or used by the 4-H members. ***No alcohol, marijuana, or illegal drugs should be consumed or used by the adults while at the fair. Smoking is not permitted in any of the barns.***
- C. Individuals' using/consuming alcohol, marijuana, or illegal products on the fairgrounds will be escorted off the grounds by a Sheriff's Deputy.
- D. The use of motorcycles/minibikes, utility vehicles, golf carts or any motorized vehicle by unlicensed drivers is strictly prohibited on the fairgrounds.
- E. **The Sandwich Fairgrounds is charging \$25 a night/camper to spend the night at the fairground. This can be paid ahead of time at the Extension office or at the fair on Friday. Checks should be made out to the Sandwich Fair.**

12. Gates close at 10:00 p.m. each night.
13. **ALL EXHIBITS MUST REMAIN ON THE GROUNDS UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE AUCTION SUNDAY, AUGUST 3.**
14. Violations of these listed rules will cause all monetary awards to be withheld and parents will be contacted immediately.
15. The 4-H Show sponsors and owners assume no liability in case of accident to exhibitors, persons, personal property, or any loss occasioned by fire or theft.

16. First year members showing rabbits, dogs, poultry or horses are required to participate in the Quality Assurance & Ethics training in order to be eligible to participate in the 4-H Fair. The training is online at <https://4h.zsuite.org/> First year animal exhibitors failing to complete this training are ineligible to show.

17. 4-H'ers should make note that those leaving the fairgrounds prior to the completion of the livestock auction will forfeit their auction premiums above the floor/market price as decided by the Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction Committee.
18. Judging for clean pens and stalls will take place on both Saturday and Sunday during undisclosed times. Departments involved with the clean pen & stall judging will be beef, sheep, swine, dairy & goats. Club awards will be announced prior to the auction.