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# Livestock Shows Will County

2026

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# 2026 4-H Show Season

This is the 2025-2026 show season General Projects Show book! Please be sure to read the rules thoroughly as many small but impactful changes have been made. Be sure to read over the general rules as well as the rules for each project that applies to you.

Current dates for shows:

- Public Speaking- 6:00 pm Monday, March 23rd at the Will County 4-H Extension Office (100 Manhattan Rd Joliet, IL)
- Will County General Project Show- Check-in 8:15-8:45, Judging 9 am Saturday, July 12th at Joliet Junior College Weitendorf Center
- Will County Cat Show- 9:00 am Saturday, July 12th at Joliet Junior College Weitendorf Center
- Will County Dog Show- 9:00 am Monday, July 14th at Wilton Township Community Building (14355 W Joliet Rd. Manhattan IL)

All exhibits are open to the public.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the information below. We are here for you and enjoy when you succeed!

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# 2026 Will County Livestock Rules

Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Goats (Dairy and Meat), Horses, Rabbits, Pigeons, and Poultry Projects. The following are the requirements to be followed by all 4-H members showing livestock at the 4-H Shows.

1. Ownership and possession of all Livestock must be prior to **June 1st, 2026** with the exception of **Dairy Cattle which must be prior to May 31st, 2026**, Beef Market Steers which must be owned prior to **February 8th, 2026**. Chicken and Rabbit Meat Pens of three and single fryers which must be prior to **July 1st, 2026**. All 4-H members may be subject to farm checks by Extension Office. 4-H members not having livestock on their own premises must have a partnership agreement on file in the Extension Office.
2. **All 4-H members, their parents and guardians must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner during all 4-H shows and 4-H related events during the Will County Fair and 4-H Fair.** All are expected to follow the Youth Behavior Guidelines as outlined below.
  - ✓ Be courteous and respect others.
  - ✓ Obey all rules established by the University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development program and those of the local club/group and local and state laws.
  - ✓ Treat all people fairly and animals humanely.
  - ✓ Respect the property of others.
  - ✓ Respect the authority of adult and youth volunteers, paid Extension staff, and others in leadership roles.
  - ✓ Use appropriate language and wear acceptable clothing at 4-H activities and events.
  - ✓ Show kindness to others and give assistance when needed.
  - ✓ Be honest and honor commitments.
  - ✓ Strive for personal best and keep trying to improve
  - ✓ Accept responsibility for personal choices.
3. **4-H Livestock project members must be enrolled by January 1, 2026 on ZSuites.**
4. To show at the Will County 4-H show you must be current Will County 4-H member.
5. Any 4-H member with an excused absence (pre-approved by the office) may allow another Will County 4-H member to show their animal in said show.
6. If you have more than one animal per class another Will County 4-H member is allowed to help show.
7. Exhibit Grievance Policy: A 4-H member lodging a protest must first deposit \$100.00 to be held by the Grievance Committee with the Superintendent of the Project Area which sum will be forfeited to the Will County Extension Office if the protest is not sustained. All protests must be written in the 4-H member's own writing, signed by the 4-H member as well as their parent or guardian and must be lodged within 2 hours of the conclusion of the show. The protest will be presented to a Grievance Committee consisting of an Extension Educator, Program Coordinator or County Director and 3 voting Livestock Superintendent members. The decision of the Grievance Committee is FINAL. If the protest is upheld, the money is returned to the 4-H member. This is the SOLE DISCRETION of the Will County Illinois Extension Office.

8. All exhibits must be on the grounds or in the buildings by the appropriate annual deadlines established by the Will County Fair rules.
9. All exhibits must remain in place until 9:00 p.m. on the last day of the fair unless released by the General Superintendent of the fair.
10. All exhibits must be identified by breed identification requirements and registration papers made out in the name of the exhibitor.
11. All exhibitors of livestock are required to abide by the State of Illinois health requirements and have all health papers ready and in hands of their Department Superintendent by 12:00 noon on Wednesday of the fair.
12. All 4-H Members are expected to groom their own animals prior to and during the 4-H Show. The 4-H member must be an active participant in the grooming process. Fitting and showing animals are the responsibility of 4-H Members exhibiting the animals. Parents and others will be allowed to assist with the handling and movement of animals to and from designated areas. Professional groomers and trainers are not allowed to assist.
13. All YQCA ethics requirements will be followed.
14. 4-H Members are expected to house, maintain, and care for all animals registered in their name in the 4-H Program on their property or at locations within reasonable distance of their residence. Personal daily care of animals is expected and is the norm.
15. The filling of steers with any substance, water included, is PROHIBITED. This includes the use of pumps, drenches, tubes, hoses, etc.... All steers must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration by modification except for grooming and treatment of their hair and the trimming of their hooves.
16. ANY PERSON(S) SHOWING DISHONORABLE PRACTICE, WHETHER BY THEIR ACT OR THE ACT OF ANOTHER, THE PERSONS AND/OR 4-H MEMBER MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE SHOW AND/OR AWARDS FORFEITED.
17. 4-H Show will run separately from the Will County Fair Junior and/or Open Class Shows.
18. There will be no entry fees to enter the 4-H Show. However, all entry, stall, and exhibitor fees must be paid to the Will County Fair Association for their classes.
19. Will County 4-H registration for Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Poultry, Pigeons, Horses, Rabbits, and Goats (Meat and Dairy) are due by **July 10, 2026**. A separate Will County Fair Registration is also required for the large animal entries at Will County Fair. A Will County Fair Entry Form must be attained by the 4-H member, filled out and submitted to the Will County Fair by the Fair deadline.
20. Auction registration, fees, and other requirements will be established by the Will County 4-H Livestock Committee, and are to be paid by 9 a.m. Saturday of the fair.
21. Pen and stalls will be assigned according to the discretion of the livestock placement Superintendent of the Will County Fair. All exhibitors must designate the amount of pens or stalls needed when making their entries to the Will County Fair.
22. Exhibitors make entries with the distinct understanding that their livestock must be brought to the show ring for judging and awards at the request of the Superintendent in charge. Livestock must be paraded at the request of the Superintendent. Failure to comply with this rule will result in forfeiture of awards and premiums.

23. All 4-H members are *guests* of the Will County Fair Association during the duration of the Fair and will adhere to all rules listed in the fair book as well as respect all Will County Fair Board Members, Superintendents, Volunteers, and Exhibitors. 4-H members will NOT take any 4-H issues into the Will County Fair Office.
24. Classes for Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Goats (Meat and Dairy), Pigeons, Horses, Rabbits, and Poultry will be established by the Will County 4-H Livestock Superintendents and Extension Office Staff and distributed to all Will County 4-H Livestock Members.
25. Exhibits will be judged against a set of standards for each project. Judges' decisions are FINAL. Ribbons will be awarded according to the following levels of achievement: Blue Award - Project meets the standards, Red Award - Project needs improvement, White Award - Project needs much improvement.
26. A 4-H member is ALLOWED a limit of two (2) entries per class with premiums only being paid on ONE (1). 4-H premiums will be awarded if available, by the X system. Under this system, X will be worth a specific currency amount based upon the amount of money appropriated for 4-H premiums for the year, the number of entries, and the distribution of blue, red, and white awards. The X value will then be multiplied by the factor indicated for a given show.

	Blue	Red	White
Cats and Dogs	3x	2x	1x
Beef and Swine	7x	6x	5x
Goats, Sheep, and Horses	5x	4x	3x
Pigeon, Poultry, Rabbit	3x	2x	1x

27. A member may participate in 4-H under a shared membership arrangement with another county or state, however, approval must be granted by both counties and/or states prior to enrollment. Members may not benefit economically from participating in multiple 4-H shows, 4-H premiums, or 4-H auctions.
28. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in the 4-H Fair, please contact the University of Illinois Extension – Will Unit, 100 Manhattan Road, Joliet, IL 60433, 815-727-9296, at least two weeks prior to the event.
29. Interpretation of the rules and regulations is the responsibility of the University of Illinois Extension Staff and/or the appropriate 4-H Livestock Superintendents. Exhibitors and those seeking privileges must agree to abide by these interpretations.
30. **All 4-H members must be able to reasonably handle and control their animal(s) during the fair and all shows.**

## **Showmanship**

1. Showmanship- YOU MUST BE REGISTERED FOR SHOWMANSHIP BEFORE THE FAIR THROUGH FAIRENTRY, **DEADLINE IS JULY 10, 2026**- NO EXCEPTIONS.
2. Junior and Senior 4-H Showman will be selected on their overall performance at the show. They will show separate from the other exhibitors at the fair in their own class. Ages for Junior Showman are 13 years and younger as of January 1, of the current 4-H year. Senior showman are 14 years and older as of January 1, of the current 4-H year. **A winning Junior Showman MUST participate as a Senior Showman the following year NO matter their current age. A winning Senior Showman may repeat in the same category only after sitting out of the competition for one year.**
3. To be eligible for showmanship you must be exhibiting in that 4-H Species Show and be registered for the class.
4. The Showmanship class will be judged on the following criteria:
  - a. Dress Attire
  - b. Knowledge of species and species industry
  - c. Courtesy to others throughout the day, attitude and interest shown for project.
  - d. Punctuality in bring exhibits to classes.
  - e. Presentation of species shown and Care of species.

# 2026 Will County Livestock Show Schedule

- Saturday, August 22nd at 10:00 am- 4-H Rabbit Show @ Show Ring
- TBD- 4-H Goat Show @ Goat/Sheep Barn Show Ring
- Wednesday, August 26th at 1pm- 4-H Pigeon Show @ Pigeon Barn
- Friday, August 28nd at 1:00 pm- 4-H Horse Show @ Horse Barn Show Ring
- TBD- 4-H Sheep show @ Goat/Sheep Barn Show Ring
- TBD- 4-H Beef Show @ Beef Show Ring
- TBD- 4-H Swine Show @ Swine Barn Show Ring
- Saturday, Augst 29rd at 9:00 am- 4-H Poultry Show @ Poultry Barn
- Saturday, August 29rd at 5:00 pm- 4-H Livestock Auction @ Show Ring

# Rabbits

## BREEDING / MARKET CLASSES

### OBJECTIVES

- To own and work with live animals, especially when other animals may not be practical.
- To get marketing experience.
- To provide nutritious and palatable meat for the family table.

1. **All rabbits must be owned by the member by June 1st 2026 and Meat pens by July 1st, 2026.**
2. An exhibitor must own and care for their rabbit(s) on their property.
3. No health certificates are needed but superintendent(s) will check the health of animal(s).
4. All rabbits must have legible ear tattoo. Tattooing can be fresh, but must be done before you arrive.  
(Done in the rabbits left ear/your choice of marking/no two alike)
5. **Each exhibitor may exhibit a maximum of two rabbits per class.**
6. Meat pen and single fryers must weigh at least 3 pounds each and no more than 5 1/2 pounds, and be under 10 weeks of age. Single fryers may NOT come out of the meat pen trio. Meat breeds are 6 class rabbits.
7. Exhibitors must furnish their own well-ventilated pens with floors (NO cardboard boxes allowed.)
8. Four-class rabbits do not have a 6-8 month class. Anything under 6 months is a junior. Anything older than 6 months is a senior. All rabbits are judged following ARBA standards for their weight limits, color, and conformation for their breed category. Six class rabbits have a junior class (those under 6 months), intermediate class (6-8 mo. old), and senior class (over 8 months).
9. All other class consists of any not shown in any prior classes. "ALL OTHER CLASS" means that it consists of any breed not shown in any other class.

### PRODUCTION CLASSES

Production Classes	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	6-8 Buck	6-8 Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
Californian	1	2	3	4	5	6
Champagne D'Argents	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>New Zealand</b>	13	14	15	16	17	18
All Other 6 class	19	20	XX	XX	21	22
Holland Lop	23	24	25	26	27	28
Netherland Dwarf	31	32	XX	XX	33	34
Thriantas	35	36	XX	XX	37	38
Lion-Head	39	40	XX	XX	41	42
Mini Lop	43	44	XX	XX	45	46
Mini Rex	47	48	XX	XX	49	50
All other 4-Class	51	52	XX	XX	53	54
English Spots	55	56	XX	XX	57	58

*OTHER CLASSES*

<b>PET CLASS</b>	<b>59</b>
Costume Class	60
Meat Pen-Any Meat Breed Pen of Three	61
Single Fryer – Any Meat Breed	62
All other class	63
Junior Showmanship	64
Senior Showmanship	65

# Dairy Goats

All goats must be disbudded or dehorned. Male animals must be castrated. All goats must be tattooed and have a registry paper supporting Purebred or Grade. Wethers need tattoos but do not need to be registered. Dairy Does must be registered to 4-H member. If in milk they must be owned by January 1, 2026. If dry own by May 1, 2026. Any % of meat goat must show in the Meat Goat Show.

## *Breed Classes*

### Nubian

- 900 Does 1/1 – 2/29 of current year
- 901 Does 3/1 – 3/31 of current year
- 902 Does 4/1 →
- 903 Yearling Dry
- 904 In Milk
- 905 1-2 yr old Doe in Milk
- 906 2-3 yr old Doe in Milk
- 907 3-4 yr old Doe in Milk
- 908 4-5 yr old Doe in Milk
- 910 5+ Doe in Milk

### AOPB

- 911 Does 1/1 – 2/29 of current year
- 912 Does 3/1 – 3/31 of current year
- 913 Does 4/1 →
- 914 Yearling Dry
- 915 In Milk
- 916 1-2 yr old Doe in Milk
- 917 2-3 yr old Doe in Milk
- 918 3-4 yr old Doe in Milk
- 919 4-5 yr old Doe in Milk
- 920 5+ Doe in Milk

### Grade

- 921 Does 1/1 – 2/29 of current year
- 922 Does 3/1 – 3/31 of current year
- 923 Does 4/1 →
- 924 Yearling Dry
- 925 In Milk
- 926 1-2 yr old Doe in Milk
- 927 2-3 yr old Doe in Milk
- 928 3-4 yr old Doe in Milk

- 929 4-5 yr old Doe in Milk
- 930 5+ Doe in Milk

### Toggenburg

- 931 Does 1/1 – 2/29 of current year
- 932 Does 3/1 – 3/31 of current year
- 933 Does 4/1 →
- 934 Yearling Dry
- 935 In Milk
- 936 1-2 yr old Doe in Milk
- 937 2-3 yr old Doe in Milk
- 938 3-4 yr old Doe in Milk
- 939 4-5 yr old Doe in Milk
- 940 5+ Doe in Milk

### Nigerian Dwarf

- 941 Does 1/1 – 2/29 of current year
- 942 Does 3/1 – 3/31 of current year
- 943 Does 4/1 →
- 944 Yearling Dry
- 945 In Milk
- 946 1-2 yr old Doe in Milk
- 947 2-3 yr old Doe in Milk
- 948 3-4 yr old Doe in Milk
- 949 4-5 yr old Doe in Milk
- 950 5+ Doe in Milk

### All Other Classes

- 951 Any Pair of Does
- 952 Any Dam & Daughter
- 954 Dairy Wether Born after 1/1 of current year.
- 955 Jr Showmanship
- 956 Sr Showmanship

# Meat Goats

1. Doe Goats with natural horns or disbudded or dehorned may be shown. ALL wethers must be dehorned.
2. No intact bucks will be allowed.
3. Health papers with proper identification and scrapie tag will be checked by Peotone Animal Hospital personnel, prior to the start of the show.
4. This is not a sanctioned USBGA or ABGA show – no registration papers needed.
5. Miniature breeds includes silky fainting, pygmy, angora, etc..
6. All pairs (does or wethers) MUST BOTH be owned by the showing 4-H member.

## *Meat Goats*

### Commercial

- 937 Doeling ages 0 to under 3 months
- 938 Doeling ages 3 to under 6 months
- 939 Doeling ages 6 to under 9 months
- 940 Doeling ages 9 to under 12 months
- 941 Jr. Pair of Does
- Jr Champion and Reserve
- 942 Doeling ages 12 to under 16 months
- 943 Doeling ages 16 to under 20 months
- 944 Doeling ages 20 to under 24 months
- 945 Yearling Pair of Does
- Yearling Champion and Reserve
- 946 Doeling ages 24 to under 36 months
- 947 Doeling ages 36 and over
- 948 Sr. Pair of Does
- Sr Champion and Reserve
- Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion
- 958 Doeling ages 12 to under 16 months
- 959 Doeling ages 16 to under 20 months
- 960 Doeling ages 20 to under 24 months
- 961 Yearling Pair of Does
- Yearling Champion and Reserve
- 962 Doeling ages 24 to under 36 months
- 963 Doeling ages 36 and over
- 964 Sr. Pair of Does
- Sr Champion and Reserve
- Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion

### Miniature

- 953 Doeling ages 0 to under 3 months
- 954 Doeling ages 3 to under 6 months
- 955 Doeling ages 6 to under 9 months
- 956 Doeling ages 9 to under 12 months
- 957 Jr. Pair of Does
- Jr Champion and Reserve
- 949 Meat Goat Wether
- 950 Pair of Meat Goat Wethers
- Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Wethers
- 951 Junior Showmanship
- 952 Senior Showmanship

### *Meat Wethers*

Wether must be born after October 1, 2021 – with milk teeth. They will be weighed prior to the show and separated into two weight classes (light & heavy).

### All Other Classes

# Pigeons

Superintendent- Laura Mills

1. If you do not have band numbers DO NOT ENTER.
2. All 2026 birds must be seamless banded - others must be banded with a seamless band (split bands may be used). Only one band per bird.
3. All birds must be owned by the individual exhibitor.
4. All birds showing evidence of disease will be barred from show.
5. All rules regarding showing pigeons must be obeyed and in case of differences, they will be interpreted by the Judge and Superintendent.
6. All birds must be in show coops in accordance with times found in the show rules as part of the Will County Fair.
7. All birds must be listed on entry blank: Class number, breed, color, sex (Old Cock, Old Hen, Young Cock, or Young Hen).
8. All exhibitors must show band number on coop card. Do not put band number on entry form.
9. No substitutions will be made upon entering birds, other than the following: All birds to be substituted must be the same sex and color as those entered on the entry blank. No others will be accepted. All old birds must be substituted for old birds and young birds for young birds. This applies to all entries - no exception will be made by the show Superintendent.
10. Exhibitors are not permitted to handle birds other than their own.
11. The exhibitor is limited to one entry per class number.

## *Classes*

Best of Show

Reserve of Show

### Racing Homers

- 112: Racing Homers-Bars Old Cock
- 113: Racing Homers-Checks Old Cock
- 114: Racing Homers - Solid Old Cock
- 115: Racing Homers- Aoc Old Cock
- 312: Racing Homers-Bars Old Hen
- 313: Racing Homers-Checks Old Hen
- 314: Racing Homers- Solid Old Hen
- 315: Racing Homers- Aoc Old Hen
- 512: Racing Homers- Bars Young Cock
- 513: Racing Homers- Checks Young Cock
- 514: Racing Homers- Solid Young Cock
- 515: Racing Homers- Aoc Young Cock
- 712: Racing Homers- Bars Young Hen
- 713: Racing Homers- Checks Young Hen
- 714: Racing Homers- Solid Young Hen
- 715: Racing Homers- Aoc Young Hen

### Show Type Racing Homers

- 116: Show Type Racing Homers-Bars Old Cock
- 117: Show Type Racing Homers- Checks Old Cock
- 118: Show Type Racing Homers- Solid Old Cock
- 119: Show Type Racing Homers- Aoc Old Cock
- 316: Show Type Racing Homers- Bars Old Hen

- 317: Show Type Racing Homers- Checks Old Hen
- 318: Show Type Racing Homers- Solid Old Hen
- 319: Show Type Racing Homers- Aoc Old Hen
- 516: Show Type Racing Homers - Bars Young Cock
- 517: Show Type Racing Homers - Checks Young Cock
- 518: Show Type Racing Homers - Solid Young Cock
- 519: Show Type Racing Homers - Aoc Young Cock
- 716: Show Type Racing Homers - Bars Young Hen
- 717: Show Type Racing Homers - Checks Young Hen
- 718: Show Type Racing Homers - Solid Young Hen
- 719: Show Type Racing Homers - Aoc Young Hen

#### Show Rollers

- 136: Show Rollers - Bar Old Cock
- 137: Show Rollers- Checks
- 138: Show Rollers- Solid Old Cock
- 139: Show Rollers- Aoc Old Cock
- 336: Show Rollers- Bars Old Hen
- 337: Show Rollers- Checks Old Hen
- 338: Show Rollers- Solid Old Hen
- 339: Show Rollers- Aoc Old Hen
- 536: Show Rollers- Bars Young Cock
- 537: Show Rollers- Checks Young Cock
- 538: Show Rollers- Solid Young Cock
- 539: Show Rollers- Aoc Young Cock
- 736: Show Rollers - Bars Young Hen
- 737: Show Rollers- Checks Young Hen
- 738: Show Rollers- Solid Young Hen
- 739: Show Rollers- AOC Young Hen

#### American Fantails

- 140: American Fantails- Bars Old Cock
- 141: American Fantails- Checks Old Cock
- 142: American Fantails- Solid Old Cock
- 143: American Fantails- Aoc Old Cock
- 340: American Fantails- Bars Old Cock
- 341: American Fantails- Checks Old Hen
- 342: American Fantails- Solid Old Hen
- 343: American Fantails- Aoc Old Hen
- 540: American Fantails- Bars Young Cock
- 541: American Fantails- Checks Young Cock
- 542: American Fantails- Solid Young Cock
- 543: American Fantails- Aoc Young Cock
- 740: American Fantails- Bars Young Hen
- 741: American Fantails- Checks Young Hen
- 742: American Fantails- Solid Young Hen
- 743: American Fantails- Aoc Young Hen

#### Indian Fantails

- 145: Indian Fantails-Bars Old Cock
- 146: Indian Fantails-Checks Old Cock
- 147: Indian Fantails-Solid Old Cock
- 148: Indian Fantails-Aoc Old Cock
- 345: Indian Fantails-Bars Old Hen
- 346: Indian Fantails-Checks Old Hen
- 347: Indian Fantails-Solid Old Hen
- 348: Indian Fantails-Aoc Old Hen
- 545: Indian Fantails-Bars Young Cock
- 546: Indian Fantails-Checks Young Cock
- 547: Indian Fantails-Solid Young Cock
- 548: Indian Fantails-Aoc Young Cock
- 745: Indian Fantails-Bars Young Hen
- 746: Indian Fantails-Checks Young Hen
- 747: Indian Fantails-Solid Young Hen
- 748: Indian Fantails-Aoc Young Hen

#### English Trumpeters

- 149: English Trumpeters-Bars Old Cock

- 150: English Trumpeters-Checks Old Cock
- 151: English Trumpeters-Solid Old Cock
- 152: English Trumpeters-Aoc Old Cock
- 349: English Trumpeters-Bars Old Hen
- 350: English Trumpeters-Checks Old Hen
- 351: English Trumpeters-Solid Old Hen
- 352: English Trumpeters-Aoc Old Hen
- 549: English Trumpeters-Bars Young Cock
- 550: English Trumpeters-Checks Young Cock
- 551: English Trumpeters-Solid Young Cock
- 552: English Trumpeters-Aoc Young Cock
- 749: English Trumpeters-Bars Young Hen
- 750: English Trumpeters-Checks
- 751: English Trumpeters-Solid Young Hen
- 752: English Trumpeters-Aoc Young Hen
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#### Any Other Trumpeters

- 157: Any Other Trumpeters-Bars Old Cock
- 158: Any Other Trumpeters- Check Old Cock
- 159: Any Other Trumpeters- Solid Old Cock
- 160: Any Other Trumpeters- Aoc Old Cock
- 357: Any Other Trumpeters- Bars Old Hen
- 358: Any Other Trumpeters- Check Old Hen
- 359: Any Other Trumpeters- Solid Old Hen
- 360: Any Other Trumpeters- Aoc Old Hen
- 557: Any Other Trumpeters- Bars Young Cock
- 558: Any Other Trumpeters- Check Young Cock
- 559: Any Other Trumpeters- Solid Young Cock
- 560: Any Other Trumpeters- Aoc Young Cock

- 757: Any Other Trumpeters- Bars Young Hen
- 758: Any Other Trumpeters- Check Young Hen
- 759: Any Other Trumpeters- Solid Young Hen
- 760: Any Other Trumpeters- Aoc Young Hen

#### Mookies

- 181: Mookies- Bars Old Cock
- 182: Mookies- Checks Old Cock
- 183: Mookies- Solid Old Cock
- 184: Mookies- Aoc Old Cock
- 381: Mookies- Bars Old Hen
- 382: Mookies- Checks Old Hen
- 383: Mookies- Solid Old Hen
- 384: Mookies- Aoc Old Hen
- 581: Mookies- Bars Young Cock
- 582: Mookies- Checks Young Cock
- 583: Mookies- Solid Young Cock
- 584: Mookies- Aoc Young Cock
- 781: Mookies- Bars Young Hen
- 782: Mookies- Checks Young Hen
- 783: Mookies- Solid Young Hen
- 784: Mookies- Aoc Young Hen

#### Any Other Breed of Pigeon Not Listed

- 201: AOBNL - Bars Old Cock
- 202: AOBNL - Checks Old Cock
- 203: AOBNL - Solid Old Cock
- 204: AOBNL - AOC Old Cock
- 401: AOBNL - Bars Old Hen
- 402: AOBNL - Checks Old Hen
- 403: AOBNL - Solid Old Hen
- 404: AOBNL - Aoc Old Hen
- 601: AOBNL - Bars Young Cock
- 602: AOBNL - Checks Young Cock
- 603: AOBNL - Solid Young Cock
- 604: AOBNL - Aoc Young Cock
- 801: AOBNL - Bars Young Hen

- 802: AOBNL - Checks Young Hen
- 803: AOBNL - Solid Young Hen
- 804: AOBNL - Aoc Young Hen

# Beef Cattle

Breeds will show separately. Within each breed there will be Champion and Reserve Champion. At the end of the show, each breed Champion will then show for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion over all Breeds.

Breed Divisions are listed below. Market heifers will weigh-in at time of steers. Market heifers may only show in their designated class. All Heifers shown must have a pedigree from a Breed Association or show as Market Heifers.

## *Breeding Beef*

### Shorthorn & Polled Shorthorn

- 4001 Winter Heifer Calf, Calved between (1-1 and 4-30 current year)
- 4002 Junior Heifer Calf, Calved between (11-1 and 12-31 previous year)
- 4003 Senior Heifer Calf, Calved between (9-1 and 10-31 previous year)
- 4004 Late Summer Yearling Heifer, Calved between (7-1 and 8-31 previous year)
- 4005 Early Summer Yearling Heifer, Calved between (5-1 and 6-30 previous year)
- 4006 Late Junior Yearling Heifer, Calved between (3-1 and 4-30 previous year)
- 4007 Early Junior Yearling Heifer, Calved between (1-1 and 2-28 previous year)
- 4008 Senior Yearling Heifer, Calved between (9-1 and 12-31 2 years past)
- 4009 Cow and Calf (under three)
- 4010 Cow and Calf (over three)

### Hereford & Polled Hereford

- 4012 Winter Heifer Calf, Calved between (1-1 and 4-30 current year)
- 4013 Junior Heifer Calf, Calved between (11-1 and 12-31 previous year)
- 4014 Senior Heifer Calf, Calved between (9-1 and 10-31 previous year)
- 4015 Late Summer Yearling Heifer, Calved between (7-1 and 8-31 previous year)
- 4016 Early Summer Yearling Heifer, Calved between (5-1 and 6-30 previous year)
- 4017 Late Junior Yearling Heifer, Calved between (3-1 and 4-30 previous year)
- 4018 Early Junior Yearling Heifer, Calved between (1-1 and 2-28 previous year)
- 4019 Senior Yearling Heifer, Calved between (9-1 and 12-31 2 years past)
- 4020 Cow and Calf (under three)
- 4021 Cow and Calf (over three)

### Angus

- 4023 Winter Heifer Calf, Calved between (1-1 and 4-30 current year)
- 4024 Junior Heifer Calf, Calved between (11-1 and 12-31 previous year)
- 4025 Senior Heifer Calf, Calved between (9-1 and 10-31 previous year)
- 4026 Late Summer Yearling Heifer, Calved between (7-1 and 8-31 previous year)
- 4027 Early Summer Yearling Heifer, Calved between (5-1 and 6-30 previous year)
- 4028 Late Junior Yearling Heifer, Calved between (3-1 and 4-30 previous year)
- 4029 Early Junior Yearling Heifer, Calved between (1-1 and 2-28 previous year)
- 4030 Senior Yearling Heifer, Calved between (9-1 and 12-31 2 years past)

- 4031 Cow and Calf (under three)
- 4032 Cow and Calf (over three)

#### All Other Breeds

- 4045 Winter Heifer Calf, Calved between (1-1 and 4-30 current year)
- 4046 Junior Heifer Calf, Calved between (11-1 and 12-31 previous year)
- 4047 Senior Heifer Calf, Calved between (9-1 and 10-31 previous year)
- 4048 Late Summer Yearling Heifer, Calved between (7-1 and 8-31 previous year)
- 4049 Early Summer Yearling Heifer, Calved between (5-1 and 6-30 previous year)
- 4050 Late Junior Yearling Heifer, Calved between (3-1 and 4-30 previous year)
- 4051 Early Junior Yearling Heifer, Calved between (1-1 and 2-28 previous year)
- 4052 Senior Yearling Heifer, Calved between (9-1 and 12-31 2 years past)
- 4053 Cow and Calf (under three)
- 4054 Cow and Calf (over three)

#### *Market Steers*

- 4055 Shorthorn & Polled Shorthorn
- 4056 Hereford & Polled Hereford
- 4057 Angus
- 4058 All Other Breeds
- 4059 Crossbreed
- 4060 Dairy Purebred

#### *All Other Classes*

- 4061 Market Heifers All Breeds
- 4062 Junior Showmanship
- 4063 Senior Showmanship

# Swine

- Each breed will be shown separately in the Gilt Classes. Market Classes will be in both Purebred and Crossbred. There will be a Grand and Reserve Champion Gilt over all Breeds. Market Classes will also have Grand and Reserve Champions.

- Breeds shown are listed above. All Gilts must have registration papers in the exhibitor's name, or they will be shown in the Crossbred class.

- All breeds and crossbred Market gilts will show together. Weight classes for barrows and market gilts will be broken at the discretion of the Superintendent.

## *All Other Classes*

- 4462 Market Gilt, 4463 Pair of Market Gilts
- 4464 Junior Showmanship
- 4465 Senior Showmanship

## *Breeding Division*

### Early Jan Gilt 1/1-1/20

- 4401 Chester White
- 4406 Duroc
- 4411 Hampshire
- 4416 Poland China
- 4421 Yorkshire
- 4426 Spotted Poland
- 4431 Berkshire
- 4437 Landrace
- 4442 All Other Breeds
- 4447 Cross Breeds

### Jan-Feb Gilt 1/21-2/10

- 4402 Chester White
- 4407 Duroc
- 4412 Hampshire
- 4417 Poland China
- 4422 Yorkshire
- 4427 Spotted Poland
- 4432 Berkshire
- 4438 Landrace
- 4443 All Other Breeds
- 4448 Cross Breeds

### Late Feb Gilt 2/11-2/28

- 4403 Chester White
- 4408 Duroc
- 4413 Hampshire
- 4418 Poland China
- 4423 Yorkshire
- 4428 Spotted Poland
- 4434 Berkshire
- 4439 Landrace
- 4444 All Other Breeds
- 4449 Cross Breeds

### March Gilt

- 4404 Chester White
- 4409 Duroc
- 4414 Hampshire
- 4419 Poland China
- 4424 Yorkshire
- 4429 Spotted Poland
- 4435 Berkshire
- 4440 Landrace
- 4445 All Other Breeds
- 4450 Cross Breeds

### Market Barrow

- 4405 Chester White
- 4410 Duroc
- 4415 Hampshire
- 4420 Poland China
- 4425 Yorkshire
- 4430 Spotted Poland
- 4436 Berkshire
- 4441 Landrace
- 4446 All Other Breeds
- 4451 Cross Breeds

### Pair of Market Barrows

- 4452 Chester White
- 4453 Duroc
- 4454 Hampshire
- 4455 Poland China
- 4456 Yorkshire
- 4457 Spotted Poland
- 4458 Berkshire
- 4459 Landrace
- 4460 All Other Breeds
- 4461 Cross Breeds

# Poultry

Superintendents- Becky Schreurs, Courtney Selucky

## GENERAL RULES APPLYING TO ALL POULTRY

1. All birds over four months of age must be blood tested for pullorum typhoid prior to entering fairgrounds. Proof of testing is to be shown to Will County Superintendent before cooping birds.
2. All Birds not in show condition, having deformities, blindness, injuries, or signs of illness (sickness, lice or bugs) will be excused from exhibition and removed from premises and will not be judged. Any birds showing signs of illness will be checked by a veterinarian and if necessary, the bird will be removed from premises and taken home by the exhibitor.
3. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per class number and one pair per pair class and must be entered in the individual classes.
4. Exhibitors must feed and water their own birds daily, NO EXCEPTIONS.
5. All poultry exhibitors must supply their own feed, feeders, and spill-proof water containers.
6. 4-H Superintendent will mark 4-H exhibits on Will County cages with 4-H tags.
7. 4-H Birds **MUST** be in 4-H marked cages for exhibition.
8. All birds must be in coops by 9:00am on Wednesday. If you are late, you will be marked down one grade.
9. All birds must remain inside the poultry barn during the duration of the fair from 9:00 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday at time of release. The only exceptions to this are the birds in the Livestock Auction.
10. Will County Superintendent will receive birds to be cooped from 6pm - 10pm Tuesday and until 9am on Wednesday. Exhibitors must contact Will County superintendent prior to cooping birds.
11. **The 4-H members must accompany their birds to the show ring and must bring them to the judging ring for judging when their classes are called, if your bird is not present at time of the class your bird is entered in, your bird will not be judged. If 4-H members are unable to show birds at the time of the show the Superintendent must be notified one hour before the show begins. The 4-H member must fill out an absentee form stating who will be showing their birds at the time of show, if you do not fill out the form, we will assume you are showing your birds. See Superintendent for absentee form.**
12. Pen fees must be paid, and exhibitor passes must be purchased from the Will County Fair Office even if you are not showing in the Junior or Open Class at the fair. Junior and Open classes are separate from 4-H. Please pay all fees in full by the deadline set by the Will County Fair.
13. 4-H Cloverbuds can show a bird in the Pet Poultry Class sponsored by the Will County Fair. Contact the Will County Fair Office for more details.
14. The American Standard of Perfection will be the guide used for all breeding birds.
15. Young birds (cockerel or pullets) are hatched after January 1, 2026. Old birds (cocks or hens) hatched on or before January 1, 2026.

16. **Production egg class: shall consist of one (1) dozen eggs of same size, shape, cleanliness and color. To be brought the day of the poultry show (saturday august 26th). No store-bought eggs!**

#### 4-H Meat Pen Class Rules

1. 4-H Meat Pens are exclusive to 4-H and meat pen birds may not be entered individually as breeding birds in the 4- H show or in the Will County Fair shows. The birds are either market or breeding not both.
2. 4-H members are allowed only one meat pen.
3. **Meat bird pen(s) must be cleaned daily (shavings will be provided).**
4. A meat pen must consist of 3 of the same sex, variety, and species (Chicken, Duck or Turkey) and must be market ready at time of show.
5. Meat Pens will be judged on conformation, fleshing, finish, feathering, uniformity, and weight.
6. If the meat pen does not meet these criteria, the meat pen will be graded down.
7. "B" rated meat pens are not eligible for Auction. (See Auction Rules)
8. There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion for all three species (if judge has seen fit) with the three Champions showing for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pen.

<b>Bantams</b>	<b>Pullet</b>	<b>Cockerel</b>	<b>Hen</b>	<b>Cock</b>
White and AOV Rocks	1	2	3	4
Cochins	5	6	7	8
Modern and Old English	9	10	11	12
Rose Comb	13	14	15	16
All Other Feather Legs	17	18	19	20
All Other Purebreds	21	22	23	24
<b>Standards</b>				
Continental	25	26	27	28
Oriental	29	30	31	32
Mediterranean	33	34	35	36
American	37	38	39	40
Asiatic	41	42	43	44
English	45	46	47	48
All Other Purebreds	49	50	51	52
<b>Turkeys-all breeds</b>				
	Old Tom	Old Hen		
	53	54		
	Young Tom	Young Hen		
	56	57		
<b>Geese</b>				
	Old Gander	Old Goose		
	59	60		
	Young Gander	Young Goose		
	62	63		
<b>Ducks Old</b>				
	Old Drake	Old Duck		
Pekin	65	66		
Rouen, Buff, Cayuga, Crested and Swedish	68	69		
Call, Khaki and Runner	71	72		
<b>Ducks Young</b>	Young Drake	Young Duck		
Pekin	74	75		
Rouen, Buff, Cayuga, Crested and Swedish	77	78		
Call, Khaki and Runner	80	81		

<b>Meat Pen of Three</b>	<b>Chickens</b>	<b>Turkeys</b>	<b>Ducks</b>
All Breeds	83	84	85
<b>PRODUCTION EGG CLASS</b>	86		
Junior Showmanship	87		
Senior Showmanship	88		

# Sheep

-The same ewe cannot be exhibited in both the Market Ewe and Breeding Ewe Classes.

-A Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe will be selected from each breed. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected from all Breeds for Ewes, Rams, and Market Lambs.

## *Breeding Division*

### Fall Ewe Lambs 8/1-12/31

- 4201 Cheviot
- 4209 Hampshire
- 4217 Shropshire
- 4225 Southdown
- 4233 Suffolk
- 4241 Dorset
- 4249 Corriedale
- 4257 Montadale
- 4265 All Other Breeds
- 4270 Cross Breed

### Ewe Spring Lamb After Jan 1

- 4202 Cheviot
- 4210 Hampshire
- 4218 Shropshire
- 4226 Southdown
- 4234 Suffolk
- 4242 Dorset
- 4250 Corriedale
- 4258 Montadale
- 4266 All Other Breeds
- 4271 Cross Breed

### One-Year Old and Under Two-Years-Old Ewe

- 4203 Cheviot
- 4311 Hampshire
- 4219 Shropshire
- 4227 Southdown
- 4235 Suffolk
- 4243 Dorset
- 4251 Corriedale
- 4259 Montadale
- 4267 All Other Breeds

- 4272 Cross Breed

### Pair of Ewe Lambs

- 4204 Cheviot
- 4212 Hampshire
- 4220 Shropshire
- 4228 Southdown
- 4236 Suffolk
- 4244 Dorset
- 4252 Corriedale
- 4260 Montadale
- 4268 All Other Breeds
- 4273 Cross Breed

### Ram Fall Lamb 8/1-12/31

- 4205 Cheviot
- 4213 Hampshire
- 4221 Shropshire
- 4229 Southdown
- 4237 Suffolk
- 4245 Dorset
- 4253 Corriedale
- 4261 Montadale
- 4269 All Other Breeds

### Ram Spring Lamb After Jan 1

- 4274 Cheviot
- 4275 Hampshire
- 4276 Shropshire
- 4277 Southdown
- 4278 Suffolk
- 4279 Dorset
- 4280 Corriedale
- 4281 Montadale

- 4282 All Other Breeds

### *Market Division*

Class will be divided after weigh-in

- 4283 Single Market Wether
- 4284 Single Market Ewe
- 4285 Pair of Market Lambs (any sex combination)
- 4286 Junior Showmanship
- 4287 Senior Showmanship

# Health Requirement Information

## Illinois Health Requirements for the Illinois State Fair and DuQuoin State Fair

### **Illinois Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare**

State Fairgrounds P.O. Box 19281  
Springfield, IL 62794-9281  
Phone (217) 782-4944

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