

# Illini Beef Premiere Program

## Illini Beef Premiere Requirements

1. All Steers – Premiere and non-Premiere, must be weighed and tattooed and tagged on or between **Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**, to be eligible for the Illinois State Fair. There will be no exceptions! Plan weigh dates with this fact in mind. In addition, all beef animals must be castrated prior to tattooing.
2. In order to be eligible for the Illinois State Fair, steers must be tattooed with a Box “A” in addition to an individual tattoo number and tagged with an 840 EID tag. Tattooing must be supervised by an Extension Employee, an Agricultural FFA Advisor, or a designated volunteer. Place animal tattoo numbers to the right of the Box A in the same ear. Use a different Animal number for each steer in your county.
3. Junior Premiere steers are eligible for the Open Premiere class if they are properly entered at the time that Illinois State Fair Open entries are made.
4. Each exhibitor may nominate a total of ten (10) steers for the State Fair Open and Junior Premiere Classes.
5. To qualify, carcasses must grade at least low Select, have a yield grade lower than 4.0, and have a **carcass weight of 950 pounds or less.**
6. One nomination form should be used for the Illinois State Fair. A copy is attached. The exhibitor is supposed to retain one copy; a second should be kept at the county Extension Office, and a third copy should be sent to:  
Dan Jennings, State 4-H Livestock Educator  
University of Illinois Extension  
1100 E. Warrenville Road, Suite 170  
Naperville, IL 60563  
**The exhibitor’s copy should accompany the animal(s) to the scale at the 2023 State Fair.**

# Illini Lamb Premiere Program



Illini lamb Premiere Requirements - **Starting this year ewe lambs (females) will be eligible for the Premiere show.**

1. Lambs for the 2023 Illinois State Fair Junior and Open Premiere (carcass) Shows must be, **nominated, weighed, and tattooed, between (including) March 15 and May 15, 2023 at the local county level. Exhibitors and a witness (either Extension employee or whomever local Extension designates i.e. volunteer or local sheep superintendent) will weigh and tattoo the lamb with the box "A" tattoo, and fill out the nomination form. The form must be signed by a local Extension employee. The form should be sent to Dan Jennings at the Region 1 Extension Office. A copy should be given to the exhibitor and a copy kept in the local Extension Office until after the state fair. Please use the new 2023 Premiere Lamb Nomination Form included!**
2. **Non-Premiere lambs and goats for state fair (those showing in the live show only)**  
All non-premiere lambs and goats for state fair junior show will be Self-Nominated in 2023 as follows:  
Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read – see attached sample photo on back of Lamb & Goat Nomination Form).  
Nominations must be signed by local Extension Office.  
A copy is kept in the Extension office, a copy is given to the exhibitor, and a copy is mailed to Dan Jennings  
This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2023. Send to Dan Jennings, Region 1 Office, 1100 E., Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville, IL 60563. Please use the new Lamb & Goat Nomination Form with the Example Printed on the Back!
3. For the Illinois State Fair Junior and Open Premiere classes, an exhibitor may nominate a total of ten (10) wethers or ewes.
4. Lambs must have been castrated prior to tattooing for the wether classes at the Illinois State Fair.
5. The tattooing and weighing of premiere wether's should be supervised or witnessed by an Extension Employee, An Agricultural FFA Advisor, or a designated volunteer. Please use a different animal tattoo number for each lamb per county.
6. Nomination forms are attached in this document and can be copied for your use. Again send a copy of all nomination forms to: Also make sure you are using the correct lamb nomination form. There is one for lamb & goats live show, and a different one for 2022 Premiere Lamb Nominations!

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# 2023 Illini Pork Premiere Program

## Illinois Pork Premiere Requirements

1. To be eligible, pigs will have to be farrowed **on or after February 10, 2023**. Both purebred and crossbred pigs are eligible.
2. Each exhibitor may nominate a maximum of twenty-five barrows at the time of tattooing. Pigs must be castrated before they are tattooed. Place animal tattoo number next to the Box  on the inside of the ear.
3. Barrows must be nominated, ear notched, and tattooed with the Box  tattoo (identical to that used for steers and lambs) **before they are 35 days old**. Pigs cannot weigh more than the equivalent of 1.0 pound per day of age when tattooed. **In addition, all pigs must be tattooed by April 15, 2023.**
4. The tattooing will be supervised by an Extension Employee, an Agricultural FFA Advisor, or a designated volunteer. Nomination forms should be copied in triplicate – one for the exhibitor, one for your county Extension Office, and one sent to:

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University of Illinois Extension  
1100 E. Warrenville Road, Suite 170  
Naperville, IL 60563.

**The exhibitor's copy should accompany the animals to the scale at the 2023 Illinois State Fair.**

5. If premiere barrows are properly nominated, ownership can be transferred to purchaser for exhibition as long as ownership deadlines are adhered to.



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