

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 27th and February 29th, 2024**, 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.

2024 Nomination Form Illini Beef Premiere

Exhibitor's Name _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____ County of 4-H Enrollment _____

Date Tattooed _____ **Premise ID Number _____ PH: _____

Exhibitors Email _____

#	Tattoo#	Electronic ID# (15 Digit#)	Breed	Color	Weight Today
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					

Signature of person witnessing the tattooing _____

¹ List the breed or breeds such as Char x Angus

²Give the color pattern such as red and white spotted.

*One exhibitor per nomination form (not family, firm or farm)

**Premise ID is for the location where the animals are housed, not necessarily in the Exhibitor's Name.

Exhibitor retains one copy to accompany animal to scale at final weighing; second copy is filed in the Extension office; third copy to Dan Jennings, State 4-H Livestock Specialist, **University of Illinois, 1100 E. Warrenville Road, Suite 170, Naperville, IL 60563.**