

GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES

The rules herein apply to the Edgar County 4-H Show. Be sure to check the Illinois State Show book for rules pertaining to the State Show. These rules are general for all livestock. Check specific rules for each type of livestock for particulars in that area.

EXHIBITOR

1. All livestock must be exhibited by the 4-H member in the livestock show. Special situations may warrant that another youth or adult assist the 4-H member with exhibiting of the animal. Superintendents and/or Extension Staff will address such situations on an individual basis.
2. Edgar County 4-H members are expected to prepare their own livestock for exhibition, before and during the 4-H show, to the best of their ability, taking into consideration their age and experience. Extension Staff and volunteers recognize that it may be necessary for the 4-H member to receive assistance from others in this process. Those giving assistance **MAY NOT** be a professional, defined as an individual who is receiving monetary payment for any service related to the care and preparation of an animal for the Edgar County 4-H Show once the animal is on the fairgrounds. In the case of horse and pony projects the standard shall be no professionals can fit or train the animals on the show grounds the day of the show. Superintendents and/or Extension Staff will address violations of such situations on an individual basis.
3. All exhibitors of beef, dairy, goat, sheep, and/or swine are **required** to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training by July 1 to be eligible to show at the show. *This is an annual requirement.* YQCA can be completed online through at yqca.org or by attending the in-person training.
4. Exhibitors will be dressed appropriately for showing. Preferably a 4-H shirt, long pants, and boots. No sandals allowed.
5. Good manners and sportsmanship will be displayed by all exhibitors, families and spectators at all times. Anyone who has violated any rules or regulations, or exhibits improper or unsportsmanlike conduct that is unbecoming a 4-H member may be asked to leave the grounds by Extension Staff or designated volunteer.
6. Showmanship Classes—Showmanship classes are based upon “4-H age”, which is the exhibitor’s age as of September 1 of the current 4-H year. Exhibitors are judged on ability to show his or her animal to its best advantage. Proper showmanship and grooming, both exhibitor and animal, are points to be judged heavily. Conformation of the animal is not to be considered.
7. Substitution of a 4-H livestock project, due to injury or other circumstances preventing exhibition, **may** be permitted. The 4-H member is required to submit a written statement explaining the situation and a supporting statement from a veterinarian by July 1. Extension Staff and the livestock project superintendent will review the case and determine eligibility. The purpose of this policy is to

- enable a 4-H member to complete the project, should injury or accident occur which was not within the control of the 4-H member or the member's family.
8. 4-H members or other persons will not be allowed to stay on 4-H grounds overnight unless given special permission by the Extension Staff.

ANIMALS

1. For 2021 only: Animals will be shown in a show and go format. No animals will stay overnight on the 4-H grounds. Animals will not be present during the livestock auction. Exhibiting your animal from a trailer will be allowed.
2. Yearly health requirements specific to the Illinois State Show will be implemented at the Edgar County 4-H Show. Please see 2021 Exhibition Livestock Health Requirements – County Shows, included in this section. Health papers will be collected by superintendents at check-in and are available for pick-up after approval by the designated show veterinarian. Health papers can be picked up from the fairground's office at the conclusion of your species show.
3. Registration papers for all purebreds must be presented at the species check-in. Members are encouraged to provide a copy of the original papers.
4. Upon request, the 4-H member must provide proof of ownership of the animal. Edgar County 4-H's policy is to follow State Show participation guidelines. *Only equine and dogs may be leased. If you are leasing your equine or dog from anyone other than a family member, a lease form must be completed and is due to the Extension office by May 1 prior to the show. NOTE: If you are exhibiting at the State Show, any equine or dog that is not owned by the 4-H member him/herself must have completed a lease form that accompanies the ISF entry form.*
5. Livestock will be penned and stalled at the discretion of the superintendent or Extension Staff. Priority will be given to adequate space for animals before feed and tack space will be considered. Members may be asked to remove feed and tack as animal space becomes an issue.
6. Alleyways in all barns must be kept free of show boxes, feed, supplies, manure, etc. No rear misters allowed. All fans need to be mounted on portable stalls or securely hanging from building supports.
7. Animals must be shown in the ring to be sold in the auction.
8. All animals MUST be under control of the exhibitor during the 4-H Show. Out of control animals pose danger to the public. Superintendents and/or Extension Staff reserve the right to require that animals which pose such danger be removed from the grounds immediately.