

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 6-8. These livestock classes are for 4-H members ages 8-18 as of September 1 of the current year.

We're looking forward to the 2021 fair season! As Illinois 4-H staff plan for the 2021 show and event season, our top priority will continue to be the safety of all involved, combined with a commitment to creating positive youth development experiences for our 4-H members.

The following COVID-19 social distancing and safety practices reflect requirements of the Illinois Department of Public Health and University of Illinois event guidelines. These mitigation protocols may also be modified to reflect any requirements of the local public health department based on local conditions at the time of the event.

1. Face coverings are required for all youth, spectators, volunteers, and staff.
2. Everyone in attendance will practice social distancing during the event, including maintaining six feet of separation (both indoors and outdoors) from those who are not in their households. To allow for social distancing, building and spectator capacity may be limited based on current public health department guidelines.
3. Handwashing and sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the venue.
4. Anyone who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the previous seven days is asked to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.

If any of these guidelines presents a challenge for you, please contact the DeKalb County Extension office at 815/758-8194. We can discuss what accommodations are possible so that we can look for ways that all youth can safely participate in this event.

1. ANIMAL HEALTH - STATE HEALTH RULES, pages 78 through 81. A veterinarian must check health papers before the animals may be unloaded.
2. ARRIVAL - Livestock check in as follows: Friday, August 6, 2021: 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 7, 2020: 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 and away from the horse arena.

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.
5. 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 exhibitors 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 and 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.

12. **STAYING OVERNIGHT ON GROUND:** Reminder to all 4-H members...Youth must have their 4-H membership card and a designated adult chaperon if staying overnight on the fairgrounds. Other youth will not be permitted to stay overnight.
 - A. The member's parents must grant their permission on the Overnight Permission Blank.
 - B. The member must also have the signature of the person agreeing to serve as their chaperon on his/her Overnight Permission Blank.
 - C. Chaperons are responsible for youth under their care.
 - D. **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.**
 - E. All 4-H members staying overnight must have their 4-H membership card for the current year with them at all times. Individuals failing to provide a 4-H membership card to authorities after 10 p.m. will not be permitted to stay on the fairgrounds.
 - F. Individuals' using/consuming alcohol, marijuana, or other illegal products on the fairgrounds will be escorted off the grounds by a Sheriff's Deputy.
 - G. **Again this year the Sandwich Fairgrounds is asking for a donation from everyone that is spending the night at the fairgrounds and using electricity for their trailers. Please make a free will donation to the Sandwich Fair when you turn in your Overnight Permission Form.**

13. Gates close at 10:00 p.m. each night.
14. **ALL EXHIBITS MUST REMAIN ON THE GROUNDS UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE AUCTION SUNDAY, AUGUST 8. EXHIBITORS WITH ANIMALS NEEDING TO BE LOADED ON TRUCKS FOR MARKET MUST ALSO REMAIN ON THE FAIRGROUNDS UNTIL THEIR ANIMALS HAVE BEEN LOADED.**
15. Violations of these listed rules will cause all monetary awards to be withheld and parents will be contacted immediately.
16. 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.

17. First year members showing rabbits, dogs, poultry or horses are required to participate in the Quality Assurance & Ethics training via the web in order to be eligible to participate in the 4-H Fair. The website address is as follows <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/> First year animal exhibitors failing to register through this website will be ineligible to compete in the 4-H Show.

18. 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.
19. 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. First place clubs will be awarded \$50; second place \$30; third place \$20.

The Department of Agriculture shall use its best efforts to secure sufficient appropriations to fund premiums. In any year for which the General Assembly of the State of Illinois fails to make an appropriation sufficient to pay such premiums, premiums amounts may not be accurately reflected in this Premium Book.