



Premier Livestock Classic General Show Rules

1. Youth exhibitors who have not reached their 22nd birthday on or before September 1, 2023 are eligible to participate in the Premier Livestock Classic. The Horse Show will include some adult classes, see Horse Section for details.
2. All required Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (health papers) must be inspected by the Swine Superintendents during check-in.
3. Registration papers or transfers must show ownership by the registered exhibitor. The registration papers may also include the names of immediate family members. See Horse section for horse ownership and leasing rules.
4. **Physical Abuse Statement:** The Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act prohibits physical mistreatment of animals. The use of electrical shock, manual striking of livestock, or withholding feed and water are considered direct violations of this act. The presence of any type of equipment to induce electrical shock in the exhibition area will be considered as intent to inflict electrical shock on animals under care of the person with the equipment. People found mistreating livestock will be prohibited from exhibiting, dismissed from the fairgrounds and ineligible to premiums or awards.
5. Animals that are uncontrollable or exhibiting vicious behavior will be dismissed from the showing at the discretion of the superintendent. At the Show Director's discretion, animals may be dismissed from the fairgrounds for unsafe behavior.
6. Exhibitors must wear appropriate attire when exhibiting animals. A shirt with sleeves and a collar, or a t-shirt tucked in at the waist and closed-toed shoes will constitute appropriate attire. Shorts are not considered appropriate. Failure to conform to this rule will result in dismissal from the show ring at the discretion of the Show Director.
7. All animals must be shown in the judging ring by the owner unless otherwise authorized by the Show Director. No one will be allowed in the show ring except exhibitors exhibiting, officers, superintendent or persons designated by show directors.
8. Each exhibitor must be on time in showing their animal. Classes will not be delayed because of the absence of any exhibitor.

**For Health Requirement Information:
Illinois Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Animal Health State Fairgrounds
P.O. Box 19281
Springfield, IL 62794-9281
Phone (217)782-4944**

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS These Exhibition Health Requirements apply to all livestock present at the fair including those animals that are not entered in competitive events. Exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves with all rules applicable to their exhibits.

1. All out-of-state animals shall require an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available by calling the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., at 217-782-4944. Permits may also be obtained online at: <http://www.agr.state.il.us/AnimalHW/animalregistry/login.php>
2. All animals, except as noted, shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) which shows that the animal meets all health requirements for the State of Illinois. CVI's shall be made available to Bureau of Animal Health Personnel on request. CVI means a legible record made on an official form from the state of origin which has been issued, signed and dated by an accredited veterinarian and which shows the name and address of the animal's owner or exhibitor and the results of all required tests or vaccinations. A CVI shall list only one animal identification per line; shall be presented on the form on which it was initially issued; and shall not be corrected, changed or altered in any manner.
3. All animals shall be officially identified. The animal(s) official identification shall be recorded on the CVI.
4. If animals are from tuberculosis accredited, brucellosis certified, pseudorabies qualified, or brucellosis validated herds, the identifying herd number(s) along with the date of the last herd test(s) shall appear on the CVI.
5. CVI for out-of-state livestock shall be void thirty (30) days after issuance.
6. CVI for Illinois-origin livestock shall be void ninety (90) days after issuance.
7. All livestock shall be subject to examination upon entry to any Illinois fair or exhibition. Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases shall be immediately withdrawn and held in quarantine at the owner's risk and expense until properly treated and recovered, or until the animal is released to return to the owner's premise.

Any livestock infected with scabies, mange, active lesions of ringworm, soremouth, or multiple warts which are easily visible without close examination shall not be permitted to exhibit and are subject to quarantine or removal from the fairgrounds. Sheep and goats with caseous lymphadenitis as evidenced by draining abscesses shall not be exhibited and are subject to immediate quarantine or removal from the fairgrounds.

8. Illinois Department of Agriculture personnel or designee may collect blood, tissue, milk or urine samples from any animal being exhibited and/or raced at any Illinois fair to test for the presence of illegal drugs or banned substances. New examination techniques, such as ultrasound, may also be used at any time while the animals are on the grounds of any Illinois fair or exhibit. The Illinois Department of Agriculture or designee may collect urine, blood, tissue or other test samples from exhibition animals at the time of slaughter.
9. All exhibitors of animals at any Illinois fair or exhibition shall comply with the provisions of the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act. If violations are observed, the animal(s) will be excused from exhibition and ordered removed from the grounds with all awards being forfeited. Any practice or deviation from normal, accepted care, including physical, medical or mechanical application, shall constitute a violation of show rules and may result in the animal(s) disqualification and removal from the fairgrounds.
10. Any Illinois cattle, bison, cervidae or goats being exhibited in non-accredited free states must be isolated from the remainder of the herd/flock upon return to Illinois and retested for tuberculosis 60-120 days post-entry



Premier Livestock Classic Beef Show

Payouts For: Top 5 Steers & Heifers
GRAND CHAMPION: \$1,500

Saturday, July 29 at the McLean County Fairgrounds
1106 Interstate Drive Bloomington, IL 61705

Check-in: 6:30 – 9 a.m. Show time: 10 a.m.

Show Directors: Gina Schaefer - 309-261-7978 Riley Donelson - 217-372-5704
Doug Boitnott - 309-275-3667

- \$50 entry fee per head (McLean County 4-H Exhibitors will receive 50% of the registration fee back if registered in advance online by July 28 at 2 p.m.)
- Pen space limited, exhibitors will be allowed to show off trailers – generators encouraged
- Must have health papers available
- Exhibitors be 8 - 21 years of age
- Five animals minimum to make a breed or they will be shown as AOB.
- Show will run Steers then Heifers

Identification

Individual identification of each animal shall be either a fully healed and legible tattoo, approved official ear tag, registration number (can only be used if the tattoo is recorded on the registration certificate or for breeds where pictures are acceptable), or individual brands, if brand is recorded on the registration certificate.

Illinois Cattle

Brucellosis - Illinois is a Bovine Brucellosis Class - Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Illinois cattle.

Tuberculosis – Illinois is an Accredited Tuberculosis - Free State. Tuberculin testing is not required for Illinois cattle.

Please note: Illinois calves under 6 months of age, and Illinois steers are not required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

Out-of-State Cattle

All out-of-state beef are to be accompanied by an entry permit from the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Call 217-782-4944 or online: <http://www.agr.state.il.us/AnimalHW/animalregistry/login.php>

Brucellosis

1. Female cattle six (6) months of age and older and bulls eighteen (18) months of age and older shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within thirty (30) days prior to entry, unless exempt by one (1) of the following:
 - a. Originate directly from a certified brucellosis free herd.
 - b. Official vaccinates of dairy breeds under twenty (20) months of age or official vaccinates of beef breeds under twenty-four (24) months of age.
 - c. Animal originated from a "Class Free" state (if entire state is so classified)
 - d. Steers and spayed heifers are not required to be tested for brucellosis.
2. The negative brucellosis test shall be conducted at a state or federal laboratory within 30 days prior to exhibition.

Tuberculosis

1. Accredited Tuberculosis Free States
 - a. No tuberculin test required. All cattle, including steers, originating from an Accredited Tuberculosis Free State, may enter Illinois for exhibition when accompanied by a CVI issued by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days.
2. Non-Accredited Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)
 - a. Cattle must originate from a herd where a complete herd test was conducted within the past year.
 - b. The individual animals entering Illinois must be negative to an additional tuberculin test conducted within 30 days prior to exhibition.
 - c. Cattle that enter Illinois for exhibition and remain in Illinois (animal does not return to the state of origin within 30 days) must be isolated and retested for TB 60-120 days from the last official TB test date.

Beef Market Show Rules

1. Animals must have been born after January 1, 2022.
2. Steers will be declared weight, scales are available at check-in.
3. Registration papers with the exhibitor's name will be required on all purebred steers.
4. No straw allowed.
5. Exhibits must conform to Exhibition Livestock Health Requirements.
6. Top 5 payouts for Grand Drive, Grand champion steer \$1,500
7. The Premier Livestock Show Committee reserves the right to make any final decisions on the rules and settle any disputes.
8. This will be an IBA points show.

Beef Heifer Show Rules

1. All heifers must be registered or recorded with respective breed associations.
2. Commercial Heifers will be shown by weight and split by breed.
3. Purebred calves must be shown according to their birthdate.
4. Top 5 payouts for Grand Drive, Grand champion heifer \$1,500
5. The Premier Livestock Show Committee reserves the right to make any final decisions on the rules and settle any disputes.
6. This will be an IBA points show.