

Livestock Rules and Regulations

1. When livestock exhibits will be permitted on the grounds will be announced on our website and social media pages at a later date.
2. All required Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (health papers) must be inspected by the Show Committee Directors during check-in.
3. All Livestock will be checked in by Show Committee Directors.
4. Registration papers or transfers must show ownership by the exhibitor. The registration papers may also include the names of immediate family members. No partnership registration papers between families will be accepted.
5. 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 receive premiums.
6. Animals that are uncontrollable or exhibiting vicious behavior will be dismissed from the show ring at the discretion of the superintendent. At the Fair Manager and Show Director's discretion, animals may be dismissed from the fairgrounds for unsafe behavior.
7. Exhibitors must wear appropriate attire when exhibiting animals. A shirt with sleeves and a collar tucked in at the waist and closed-toed shoes will constitute appropriate attire. Shorts or V-Necks are not considered appropriate.
8. 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 people designated by McLean County Fair.
9. Each exhibitor must be on time showing their animal. Class shows will not be delayed because of the absence of an exhibitor.
10. Each exhibitor will be directly responsible for keeping pens clean and bedded. Feed, bedding, water pails, feed boxes, and other equipment must be furnished by the exhibitor and stored neatly. Exhibitors will also be responsible for tearing down pens and cleaning up their area after the fair.
11. Breed associations or memorial representatives are entitled to two people in the show ring during the presentation of trophies.
12. After unloading livestock, park trailers south of the chain link fence on the north end of the fairgrounds. Trailers not parked in designated area by 11 p.m. on Wednesday, will be subject to towing.
13. All exhibitors with livestock projects are required to use one of the following for bedding: shavings, sawdust, straw, or other material as approved by the show director.

CATTLE

Identification Individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag, ("840" tag). The identification tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.

Illinois Cattle

- Brucellosis o Illinois is a Bovine Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Illinois cattle.
- Tuberculosis o Illinois is an Accredited Tuberculosis- Free State. Tuberculin testing is not required for Illinois cattle.
- Please note: Illinois calves under 6 months of age are not required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

Out-of-State-Cattle

All out-of-state cattle are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.

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. Officially vaccinated of dairy breeds under twenty (20) months of age or official vaccinated 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. 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.

SWINE

Illinois Swine

- Identification of individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag, ("840" tag). The identification tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.
- Brucellosis
 - Brucellosis testing is not required for Illinois swine.
- Pseudorabies
 - Pseudorabies testing is not required for Illinois swine.

Out-of-State Swine

- All out-of-state swine are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.
- Identification
 - o Individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag, ("840" tag). The identification tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.
- Brucellosis
 - Breeding swine 4 months of age and older shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within 30 days prior to exhibition unless exempt by one (1) of the following:
 - Originate immediately and directly from a validated brucellosis-free herd.
 - Originate directly from a validated brucellosis-free state.
 - Swine brucellosis tests for exhibition shall be conducted at a state or federal laboratory.
- Pseudorabies
 - Swine originating from a Pseudorabies Stage IV or V state are exempt from the pseudorabies testing requirement.
 - Swine originating from a Pseudorabies Stage III state shall be negative to an official test for pseudorabies conducted within thirty (30) days prior to entry or originate immediately and directly from a qualified pseudorabies negative herd.
 - Swine originating from a Pseudorabies Stage I or II state shall be negative to an official test for pseudorabies conducted within the 10 days prior to entry.
- Barrows and females in market classes must meet the same requirements as breeding swine.

SHEEP

Identification

- Individual identification of each animal shall be by an ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.
- Ear tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal.
- When using ear tags, the tag must indicate the premises ID and state of origin. The tag number must be assigned by a state or APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database.
- Market Lambs
 - All market lambs must be slick shorn (show ring ready) before weigh-in so that show lamb fungus can be identified.

Illinois Sheep

- Sheep originating from a flock that has previously been classified as either an infected or source flock can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved flock plan.
- The CVI must include the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

Out-of-State Sheep

- All out-of-state sheep are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.
- Sheep originating from a flock that has previously been classified as either an infected or source flock can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved flock plan.
- The CVI must include the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

GOATS

Identification

- Individual identification of each animal shall be by an ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.
 - Tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal.
 - When using ear tags, the tag must indicate the premises ID and state of origin. The tag number must be assigned by a state or APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database.
 - Ears should be used for tattooing when possible. If there is no space in the ear, the flank or tail fold may be used.
- Illinois Goats
- Goats originating from a herd that has previously been classified as either an infected or source herd can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved herd plan.
 - The CVI must include the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

Out-of-State Goats

- All out-of-state goats are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.
- Goats originating from a herd that has previously been classified as either an infected or source herd can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved herd plan.
- Tuberculosis- Goats from areas or states that are not Accredited Bovine Tuberculosis Free, must be accompanied by a CVI indicating that the goats originated from a herd where a complete negative herd test has been conducted within the past twelve (12) months and the individual animals are negative to a tuberculin test conducted within thirty (30) days prior to entry. The CVI must include the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

HORSES, PONIES, MULES AND OTHER EQUIDAE

Illinois Equine

- All horses and other equidae, twelve (12) months of age and older attending an advertised equine event, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) conducted within the last twelve (12) months. A copy of this test shall accompany the animal.
- AGID (Coggins) or ELISA tests are accepted.
- An advertised equine event means a show, rodeo, sale, auction, exhibition, trail ride, or horse fair that is posted or media promoted.
- A CVI is not required for Illinois equine.

Out-of-State Equine

- All out-of-state equine are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.
- All horses and other equidae entering Illinois that are twelve (12) months of age or older, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) conducted within the last twelve (12) months. A copy of this test shall accompany the animal.
- AGID (Coggins) or ELISA tests are accepted.
- All horses and other equidae shall be accompanied by a CVI issued within thirty (30) days prior to entry.

POULTRY

- All entries (except waterfowl, i.e. domesticated fowl that normally swim, such as ducks and geese) in a show or exhibition shall have originated from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or equivalent hatchery or flock OR have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition. Exhibitor shall show proper information as to name and address of owner or exhibitor, name and address of the authorized testing agent, date of the testing and the number, breed, and species of those tested.
- Prior to being used to transport poultry to a show, all crates, boxes, containers and vehicles shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.
- Any poultry vaccinations must be performed at least 4 weeks prior to delivery to the show.
- Upon admission to a show, all entries shall be examined by the official county fair veterinarian or qualified state personnel who shall also receive and examine all certificates necessary for admission of birds to a show. Birds not in show condition will be excused from exhibition and removed from the premises. Any fowl showing signs of illness during the fair will be removed from the exhibition grounds.
- All out-of-state turkeys must originate from flocks that are officially classified as U.S. Mycoplasma Gallisepticum Clean in accordance with the provisions of the National Poultry Improvement Plan or be negative to a test for Mycoplasma gallisepticum within 30 days prior to entry.
- A permit is also required for out-of-state poultry. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.

RABBITS

- There are no requirements governing the movements of rabbits within or into Illinois.

LLAMAS

- There are no requirements governing the movement of llamas within Illinois. A permit and health certificate is required for out-of-state llamas. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>

McLean County Fair's Junior Show Rules and Regulations

Junior Show is overseen by the McLean County Fair Association.

The McLean County Fair's Junior Show is open to youth who reside in McLean County, and who are 8 years of age and not yet 19 years of age on or before September 1, 2025. Junior show class numbers appear in this book. **All entries must be made by the exhibitor online at www.mcleancountyfair.org. Premium money can be picked up the day after the show at the ticket office.**

1. The general policies governing the McLean County Fair Junior and Premier Livestock Classic shall be vested in the Board of Directors of the McLean County Fair board, and the administration of these policies shall be vested in the Fair Manager appointed by the Board.

2. Interpretation of any rule or the decision of any question or problem not specifically covered by any rule of the Association shall be decided by the Fair Manager, appointed by the Board of Directors of the McLean County Fair, and whose decision will be final.

3. 72 Hour Rule "Exhibits and livestock are required to be in place for exhibition on the fairgrounds for a minimum of three days, except for exhibits and livestock in 4-H club shows, junior shows, one-day shows, and in Departments C, D, E, Q, R, S, T, V, and Z. The county fair board may require specified exhibits and livestock to remain on display beyond the minimum 72-hour exhibition period. The number of days in the exhibit or livestock must be on the fairgrounds for exhibition shall be indicated in the Premium Book (see Section [260.55](#)). If recommended by the county fair's veterinarian and approved by fair management, early dismissal of livestock may be granted for the following reasons: disease outbreak, severe hot weather, or other existing conditions that may result in the death of livestock. The Bureau may also grant early dismissal of livestock and other exhibits in emergency situations upon recommendation of fair management in cases where facilities have been lost due to fire, wind, heavy rain damage to tents and barns, or loss of electrical power, or if facilities cannot accommodate livestock due to space limitations. All eligible for early dismissals shall be followed up in a letter to the Bureau of County Fairs."

Removal of livestock that is part of the McLean County Fair Junior Show, before the stated release time set by the McLean County Fair Board, is prohibited without prior approval of the Fair Manager. The exhibitor must have a signed permission slip from the attending veterinarian, a signed permission slip from the Fair Manager, and a copy presented to the show director.

4. Grievances/Protests

A grievance committee shall consist of the Fair Manager, two Fair Board members, and, if warranted, the Show Director and the department superintendent. The committee will meet as needed during the fair to address any concerns regarding fair policies. Judging concerns and questions should be addressed to the department's Show Director first. If the concern is not resolved, the situation may be referred to the Fair Manager, who will then present it to the grievance committee if necessary.

5. In the event an animal is released from the grounds before the designated release time, it will be up to the Fair Manager and/or Board of Directors to determine if the animal is eligible to return to participate in any other shows during the fair.

McLean County Proud

In an effort to support the McLean County Livestock industry, the McLean County Fair created and supports McLean County Proud. McLean County Proud Recognition is available to qualifying animals in these divisions of the McLean County Fair Junior Show. All animals in pair/group classes must be Proud eligible to compete.

**Beef
Goats
Swine**

**Dairy
Sheep**

To be eligible, the animal must:

- **Be Born in Mclean County**

- **Or Born Under the Ownership of a McLean County Junior Exhibitor**

Proof of eligibility will be determined by registration certificate presented at the time of check-in. Market animals and commercial breeding livestock that qualify for McLean County Proud recognition and do not have a registration certificate must prove eligibility by presenting a completed “McLean County Proud Eligibility Form” at check-in. The form is available at the McLean County Fair Office or can be downloaded from the McLean County Fair webpage at: www.mcleancountyfair.org/livestock