

## **GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES**

1. All livestock entries will be on the grounds by 10:00pm Friday, Sept. 5 and will remain there until 7:00 am Sunday, unless released by the PRESIDENT of the Fair Board. If these rules are not obeyed premiums may be forfeited.
2. Mail entry before Friday, August 22, 2025. Send money for entry fee for all exhibitors plus pen rental for Sheep, Swine, Cattle and Goats.
3. The Beef, Sheep, Swine and Goat Departments are open to any resident of the State of Illinois who meet the age requirement (boys and girls who are 8 years of age prior to January 1 of the year in which they will show or will not be 20 years of age until after December 31 of the year in which they will show). The Fair Board reserves the right to close entries in these livestock departments when space is filled, first come, first serve basis.
4. All exhibitors must meet the health requirements as established by the Bureau of Animal Health, Illinois Department of Agriculture. Health papers must be available at the show.
5. All animals shown as breeding stock must be purebred except in the crossbred class.
6. Exhibitors will furnish feed and bedding along with feed and water containers.
7. Championship will be selected if there are 5 or more entries in the Beef, Sheep, Swine and Goat Departments.
8. Exhibitors are limited to two entries per class.
9. See livestock department class listings for specific rules for that department.
10. Registration papers are required for all purebred livestock. Papers must be in the exhibitor's name.
11. Exhibitors must be present for the animals to be shown.
12. Exhibitors must show their own animals for showmanship.

## **GENERAL LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS**

These Exhibition Health Requirements apply to all livestock present at the fair including those animals that are not entered in competitive events.

1. Exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves with all rules applicable to their exhibits.

All out-of-state animals require an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available by calling the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, 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 the 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, sore mouth, 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.