



**2026  
CASS  
COUNTY  
FAIR**

**JUNE 23-27, 2026**

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# Welcome to the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Cass County Fair!

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Welcome to the 78<sup>th</sup> annual Cass County Fair! We're excited to welcome you back for another incredible week of livestock shows, exhibits, food, and friends. Whether you're here to exhibit, volunteer, or simply enjoy the atmosphere, we're so glad you're part of what makes this event special year after year.

We'd like to take a moment to sincerely thank all of the businesses and individuals who have generously contributed through donations and sponsorships. Your support is vital to the success of the fair and the youth who take part in it. To the individuals who give their time, talents, and energy - thank you. The fair would not be possible without your passion and dedication.

To our exhibitors: we're proud of all you've accomplished and can't wait for the community to see your hard work on display. And to our fairgoers: thank you for showing up, supporting, and celebrating everything that makes the Cass County Fair a lasting tradition. Here's to another unforgettable year!



# Calendar of Events

## Tuesday, June 23

- 8:30 am Sheep & Goats in place  
(and health papers turned in)
- 9:00 am Sheep & Goat weigh in
- 10:00 am Sheep & Goat Show (*Show Ring*)
- 5:00-7:00 pm Early Check-In for Building Projects  
(*Lower Bus Barn*)
- 7:00 pm Queen Pageant (*Virginia High School*)

## Wednesday, June 24

- 7:00 am Cattle in place (and health papers turned in)
- 8:00 am Cattle Weigh-in  
Check-in Building Projects (*Lower Bus Barn*)
- 8:30 am Poultry & Rabbits in place
- 9:00 am Poultry Show (*Lower Swine Barn*)  
Rabbit Show (*follows Poultry Show*)
- 10:00 am Building Project Judging (*Lower Bus Barn*)
- 12:00 pm Lunch Break  
All Swine in place (and health papers turned in)
- 4:00 pm Swine Weigh-in (*horse exhibitors first*)
- 6:00 pm Horse Show (*Track*)

## Thursday, June 25

- 10:00 am Cattle Show (*Show Ring*)
- 2:00 pm Livestock Judging Contest (*Show Ring*)
- 5:00 pm Kids Games (*Show Ring*)
- 7:00 pm Mutton Busting (*Show Ring*)
- 8:00 pm Early Removal of Building Projects

## Friday, June 26

- 8:00 am Swine Show (*Show Ring*)
- 10:00 am All Building Projects Must be Removed
- 4:00 pm DeWayne Sweatman Super Showmanship  
Shootout (*Show Ring*)
- 6:00 pm 4-H Pool Party
- 8:00 pm The Breakfast Club - 80's cover band  
(*Lower Bus Barn*)

## Saturday, June 27

- 9:30 am Junior Show Awards Presentation (*Show Ring*)
- 10:00 am Livestock Auction (*Show Ring*)
- 11:30 am Livestock Buyers Appreciation Lunch  
(*Homemakers Building*)
- 11:30 am Pick up Junior Show Checks  
(\*ALL livestock exhibitors - your stalls must be cleaned and checked by a board member before you can receive your check)
- 6:00 pm Rodeo (*Track*)
- 9:00 pm Brushville (*Lower Bus Barn*)

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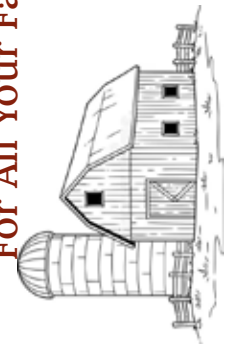
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# Rules and Regulations

- 1) The Cass County Fair Association directors announce that the Association will not be responsible to any person, individual, corporation, or association for any loss by anyone through negligence of any person or group of persons, exhibits, or exhibitors. Diligence will be used by the officers of the Board to prevent injury or loss of articles or animals or exhibits, but the Board will not be responsible for any loss or accident should any occur.
- 2) The General Supervision of the grounds and entire exhibition is vested in the Board of Directors and reserves to its Board of Directors the absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and settle all matters in question and differences that may arise in connection with holding, managing, or promoting the Fair. The decisions of the judges and/or board will be final.

## LIMITATIONS

- 3) A. This Fair is limited to boys and girls in Cass County or belonging to a Cass County 4-H Club, ages 8-21 as of September 1, 2025  
 Those aged 19-21 must meet the below requirements:
  - 1) be in good standing with their former 4-H Club
  - 2) reside in Cass County
  - 3) complete one of the following: be in an ag related club; have an ag related internship or have a personal interview with a board member
 \*all decisions are made at the discretion of the board  
 B. Each Exhibitor must personally care for the animals during the required period of ownership.
- 4) A. All animals must be in place at the following times:
  - 8:30 am Tuesday, June 23 – sheep and goats
  - 7:00 am Wednesday, June 24 – cattle
  - 8:30 am Wednesday, June 24 – poultry and rabbits
  - 12:00 pm Wednesday, June 24 – swine
 B. The Superintendent will have final authority on pen and stall assignments.
- 5) Sheep, Goats, Swine, Beef, Poultry, & Rabbits will be released after respective shows, except animals to be in the sale.
- 6) All livestock must be shown in the ring by the owner. When owner has two animals in the ring at the same time, they may ask another junior exhibitor who has a project at this year's fair to assist. Any exhibitor absent or unable to show will notify the Superintendent prior to show time and have approval for another exhibitor to show. Exhibitors must have a valid reason to get approval.
- 7) A. All animals must be exhibited in such places and at such times as the Superintendent shall decide and be ready to parade at the call of the Superintendent. Superintendent has the authority to exclude any animals which cannot be controlled by the exhibitor.  
 B. Show schedule will be posted by the Fair management.  
 C. Any unruly animals must be removed from the fairgrounds.  
 D. Only animals to be exhibited will be allowed on fairgrounds.
- 8) Feed, bedding, water pails, and other equipment must be furnished by the exhibitor. Front gates for swine pens must be furnished by the exhibitor.
- 9) No boards are to be placed behind cattle. No holes are to be drilled in the barn or tie out areas.
- 10) No persons will be permitted to stay overnight on fairgrounds (exceptions made for sponsored events).
- 11) Fair Association will appoint night watchman to supervise grounds and exhibits.
- 12) All who wish to enter the Junior Department of the Cass County Fair must make entries online from June 5 at 12:01 am to June 19 at 11:59 pm.
- 13) All purebred animals must be registered in the name of the exhibitor only.
- 14) All livestock must be property of the exhibitor and must be owned prior to June 1, 2026 except where indicated under individual departments.
- 15) Those showing in Junior Show only will be required to furnish complete records for their animals to the Superintendent in charge and comply with all of the rules of the Junior Show.
- 16) An exhibitor is limited to two entries per class except as stated in individual rules.
- 17) A. In all purebred classes, the exhibitor will be required to furnish registration papers. Any animal registered with a breed association which issues papers will be considered purebred.  
 B. When registration papers have not cleared the Breed Association office, a notarized affidavit may be filed stating that the papers have been ordered.

- 18) Superintendent may allow exhibitors to come in late when coming from another fair. All market animals must be in place at designated times.
- 19) Cattle, Swine, Sheep, and Goat exhibitors must submit their animal for examinations by the official veterinarian and supply health papers as outlined under the rules of the Department of Agriculture, State of Illinois.
- 20) The amount of premiums paid depends on the amount of money available by the Board of Directors for the Fair Association, above the operating expenses and providing facilities for the show. Therefore, a plus or minus rule will be in effect. The means that if there are not sufficient funds to pay these premiums in full, then all premiums will be pro-rated on a percentage basis.
- 21) No alcoholic beverages or gambling devices will be permitted on the grounds.
- 22) Please read rules for individual departments.
- 23) No smoking in buildings.
- 24) Premium checks must be picked up by the exhibitor and cashed within 90 days.
- 25) All pets must be on a leash.

## PROTEST

All protest of eligibility of animals entered in the Junior Show must be made in writing and signed by exhibitor and parent or guardian or 4-H leader prior to one hour before class is called along with \$50 deposit. Any irregularities which are brought to light after a class is in progress or has been judged will be handled by the superintendent in a manner which consists with good citizenship training for Junior Exhibitors. Fees for testing required after protest are responsibility of protester.

## SHOWMANSHIP

A Junior Showmanship (ages 8-12), Senior Showmanship (age 13-18), and Young Adult Showmanship (ages 19-21) as of September 1 of the previous year will be held for the Beef, Sheep, and Goat Departments. A Pee Wee Showmanship (ages 8-9), Junior Showmanship (ages 10-12), Senior Showmanship (age 13-18), and Young Adult Showmanship (ages 19-21) as of September 1 of the previous year will be held for Swine exhibitors. All ages will show together in one class for the Rabbit Showmanship. Individuals must be an exhibitor in the species and previous winners are eligible with the exception of the previous years winner. The previous years winner may choose to move up a level if they would still like to participate in showmanship. Showmanship class will be held following championship classes on day of show with the exception of the swine showmanship will be held PRIOR to the Swine Show.

The DeWayne Sweatman Super Showmanship Shootout will be held on **Friday, June 27 at 2:30 pm**. There will be a Junior (ages 8-13) and Senior (ages 14-18) Division as of September 1 of the previous year. Previous winners are eligible with the exception of last years winner. The winner of the Senior Division Super Showmanship will be eligible to compete at the statewide competition at the Illinois State Fair. The Junior winner from the previous year can compete in the Senior Division, but would not be eligible to represent at the state contest unless they now meet the senior age requirement. If the winner is unable to compete at the Illinois State Fair, the runner-up would be eligible to represent Cass County.

## LIVESTOCK AUCTION

### BUYER INFORMATION: All Animals Will be Retained by Owner

Buyers will only be paying the difference between the price bid and the established market price to be announced sale day. Buyers shall make checks payable to the Cass County Fair Association.

### SELLER INFORMATION:

Exhibitor must meet the requirements of the Cass County Junior Show to be eligible for the sale. Exhibitor retains ownership after the sale and will receive a check from the Cass County Fair Association. Maximum weight is 260 lbs. for Market Swine, 1350 lbs. for Cattle, and 140 lbs. for Sheep. Any animal over the maximum weight can be sold at the maximum sale weight but will only receive payment on the maximum weight. Pygmy goats are not eligible for the sale. The Fair Association will withhold 1% of the sale receipts from each exhibitor. Each exhibitor is limited to one species. Only Grand Champion Market Pen of 3 Rabbits, Grand Champion Single Fryer, and Grand Champion Pen of Chickens will be sold. If the same exhibitor owns both the Grand Champion Market Pen and Single Fryer, the second-place single fryer will sell instead of the champion. Exhibitors who have participated in other County Fair or 4-H Sales in 2026 are ineligible.

IF AN EXHIBITOR IS NOT PRESENT TO PERSONALLY PRESENT THEIR ANIMAL DURING THE SALE, 10% OF THE NET SALE PROCEEDS WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE EXHIBITOR.

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**2026 Exhibition Livestock Health Requirements for Illinois County Fairs**

**I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. These Exhibition Health Requirements apply to all livestock present on County Fairgrounds, including livestock that are not entered in competitive events. Species specific information follows the general requirements.
2. Exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves with all rules applicable to their exhibits.
3. All out-of-state animals must have an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.
4. All animals, except as noted in species specific information below, shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).
5. All animals must be officially identified.
6. All livestock shall be subject to examination upon entry to County Fairgrounds. Examination may include but is not limited to ultrasound, urine testing, blood testing, and similar actions.
7. Definitions, abbreviations, and administration:
  - a. The Illinois Department of Agriculture may be referred to as "Department" or "IDOA"
  - b. The Department contains a Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare, which receives all CVIs.
  - c. Department or IDOA staff, as used in this document, includes all Bureaus
8. IDOA will continue to monitor state and federal trends in animal health as it relates to this document. Any updates to these requirements will be posted on our website.

**II. CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS**

9. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) means a legible record, made on an official form from the state of origin, containing an accurate description or identification of the animal including age, sex, breed, health status, and vaccination information.
10. The CVI must be signed, dated, and issued by a licensed and accredited veterinarian in that state.
11. Submitted CVIs must be as originally issued by the veterinarian; no CVIs with alterations, edits, or changes, will be accepted. The CVI must show that the animal meets all health requirements for the State of Illinois (species specific information noted later in this guidance)
12. CVI must show the name and address of the animal's owner or exhibitor.
13. CVI must include the animal's Animal Identification Number.
  - a. Animal identification number (AIN): A numbering system for the official identification of individual animals in the United States that provides a nationally unique identification number for each animal. The AIN consists of 15 digits, with the first 3 being the country code (840 for the United States or a unique country code for any U.S. territory that has such a code and elects to use it in place of the 840 code).
14. If one CVI is used for multiple animals, each animal identification must be made on a separate line.
15. Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to obtain electronic CVIs whenever possible; IDOA is moving toward only accepting electronic CVIs.
16. Exhibitors shall make CVIs available to Department of Agriculture and County Fair staff on request.
  - a. If an official electronic CVI is utilized, the exhibitor should be able to log on and show County Fair staff or Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare Personnel the completed CVI.
17. 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.
18. CVIs for out-of-state livestock shall be void thirty (30) days after issuance.
19. CVIs for Illinois-origin livestock shall be void ninety (90) days after issuance.

**III. QUARANTINE AND REMOVAL**

20. Quarantine shall be at the animal owner (or exhibitor) risk and expense.
21. Quarantine and removal from the Fairgrounds shall be as determined appropriate by the County Fair Veterinarian, State Veterinarian, or their designee(s).
22. Quarantine will be required until the animal has been properly treated and recovered, or the animal can be released to return to the owner's premise, both in the opinion of the County Fair Veterinarian, State Veterinarian, or their designee(s).
23. Any animal presenting with a condition that would subject it to quarantine must be withdrawn from any/all entered competitions and are not permitted to exhibit.
24. Any condition meriting quarantine may also result in required removal of the animal from the Fairgrounds, as determined appropriate by the County Fair Veterinarian, State Veterinarian, or their designee(s).
25. Conditions subject to quarantine (not an exhaustive list)
  - a. Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases shall be held in quarantine.
  - b. Any livestock infected with scabies, mange, active lesions of ringworm, soremouth, or multiple warts which are easily visible without close examination
  - c. Sheep and goats with caseous lymphadenitis as evidenced by draining abscesses
  - d. Suspicion of or diagnosis of a foreign animal disease, emerging animal disease, or other actionable disease, animals may be subject to quarantine on the fairgrounds until such time that it is determined that the disease is no longer a threat.
26. 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 back into the state.

**IV. SPECIES SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS**

The information included below for any species is in addition to the requirements noted above.  
 There are no additional species-specific information or requirements for llamas, pigeons, or rabbits.

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## 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

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

### Out-of-State-Cattle

#### 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 onto the Fairgrounds, 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. Animal is a steer or spayed heifer.

2. The negative brucellosis test shall be conducted at a state or federal laboratory within 30 days prior to entry onto the Fairgrounds.

#### Tuberculosis

1. Accredited Tuberculosis Free States

A. No tuberculin test required.  
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 entry onto the Fairgrounds.

## SWINE

### 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 Swine

Brucellosis and Pseudorabies testing are not required for Illinois swine.

### Out-of-State Swine

#### Brucellosis

1. Breeding swine 4 months of age and older shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within 30 days prior to entry onto the Fairgrounds unless exempt by one (1) of the following:  
A. Originate immediately and directly from a validated brucellosis-free herd.  
B. Originate directly from a validated brucellosis-free state.  
2. Swine brucellosis tests shall be conducted at a state or federal laboratory.

#### Pseudorabies

1. Swine originating from a Pseudorabies Stage IV or V state are exempt from the pseudorabies testing requirement.  
2. 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 onto the Fairgrounds or originate immediately and directly from a qualified pseudorabies negative herd.  
3. Swine originating from a Pseudorabies Stage I or II state shall be negative to an official test for pseudorabies conducted within 10 days prior to entry onto the Fairgrounds.  
4. 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. If the tattoos are not visible, another form of official identification must be presented.

- 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.

**Scrapie:** 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.

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. If the tattoos are not visible, another form of official identification must be presented.

- Ears should be used for tattooing when possible. If there is no space in the ear, the flank or tail fold may be used.

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- 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.

**Scrapie:** 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.

CVI must include the herd of birth and the herd of origin, if different.

### Out-of-State Goats

Goats from states that are not Accredited Bovine Tuberculosis Free, must also have the following information included on their CVI:

- (1) that the goats originated from a herd where a complete negative herd test has been conducted within the past twelve (12) months and
- (2) the individual animals are negative to a tuberculin test conducted within thirty (30) days prior to entry onto the Fairgrounds.

## HORSES, PONIES, MULES AND OTHER EQUIDAE

### Equine Infectious Anemia

- All horses and other equidae, twelve (12) months of age and older entering the Fairgrounds, 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.

### Illinois Equine

A CVI is not required for Illinois equine.

### Out-of-State Equine

All horses and other equidae shall be accompanied by a CVI issued within thirty (30) days prior to entry onto the Fairgrounds.

## POULTRY

1. 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.

2. Prior to being used to transport poultry to a show, all crates, boxes, containers and vehicles shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

3. Any poultry vaccinations must be performed at least 4 weeks prior to delivery to the show.

4. Upon admission to a show, all entries shall be examined by the State Veterinarian or their designee 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 removed from exhibition and must be removed from the Fairgrounds.

5. Any fowl showing signs of illness during the Fair will be removed from the Fairgrounds.

6. 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.

## CERVIDAE (Deer, Elk, Reindeer, Caribou, Moose, Red Deer and other Related Species)

### Identification

All animals shall be individually identified with an approved tag, microchip or tattoo. Elk are required to have two official/approved unique identifiers.

### Illinois Cervidae

- **Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD):** For cervidae moving within the State, the owner must obtain a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Agriculture prior to movement. The cervid must originate from a herd that is enrolled in the Certified Monitored Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Program or the Contained Monitored Chronic Wasting Disease Program. The permit shall be obtained no more than 72 hours in advance of the movement of the cervids by providing the following information:

- Name and complete mailing address of person exhibiting the cervids;
- Certified Monitored Chronic Wasting Disease or Contained Monitored Chronic Wasting Disease Herd number;
- Name and complete mailing address of location where the animals will be exhibited;
- Number of animals and unique identification of the animals.

- **Tuberculosis:** Illinois is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Illinois cervidae.

### Out-of-State Cervidae.

- All Cervidae entering Illinois must:
- Be in compliance with the Illinois Wildlife Code [520 ILCS 5]. For more information, contact the Illinois Department of Natural Resources at 217/782-6384.
  - Be accompanied by a permit from the Illinois Department of Agriculture
  - Have a CVI that:
    - shows that the cervidae are free from visible evidence of any contagious, infectious or communicable disease or exposure thereto, do not originate from a CWD endemic area (any county and surrounding counties where CWD has been diagnosed in the past five years);
    - shows that the cervidae are not originating from a herd under quarantine for any contagious, infectious or communicable disease;
    - shows that the animals originate from a herd that has been monitored for at least 5 years under a state-approved CWD certification program.
  - Brucellosis: Cervidae six (6) months of age and older must have a negative brucellosis card or PCFIA test within sixty (60) days prior to entry onto the Fairgrounds.

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### 5. Tuberculosis

a. Accredited Tuberculosis Free States: All cervidae twelve (12) months of age and over shall be negative to two (2) tests for bovine TB no less than ninety (90) days apart with the second test conducted within ninety (90) days prior to entry onto the Fairgrounds.

These animals shall be isolated from all other members of the herd during the testing period unless they originate from an accredited, qualified or monitored herd.

1. Cervidae from an accredited herd may be moved into Illinois without further TB testing provided that a certificate stating that such cervids originated from an accredited herd accompanies them.

2. Cervidae originating from qualified or monitored herds may enter with a negative test within ninety (90) days prior to entry onto the Fairgrounds and a certificate stating that the animals originate from a monitored herd.

### b. Non-Accredited Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)

1. All cervidae shall originate from a herd where a complete herd test was conducted within the past year.

2. The individual animals entering Illinois must be negative to two (2) additional TB tests conducted within 180 and 30 days prior to entry onto the Fairgrounds.

### RATITES (Ostriches, Emus, Rheas, Cassowaries and Kiwis)

#### Illinois Ratites

There are no requirements governing the movement of ratites within Illinois.

#### Out-of-State Ratites

1. Individually identified by leg band or microchip.

2. Negative test for Avian Influenza within 10 days prior to entry onto the Fairgrounds.

#### For clarification or additional information on health requirements, contact:

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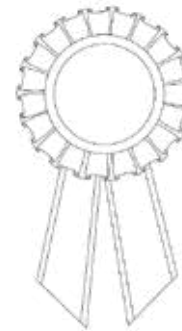
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**DEPARTMENT A -- BEEF**

**Ross Brockhouse, Superintendent**

**Drake Dotzert, Asst. Superintendent**

**Amount Offered: \$27,288.00 -- Entry Fee: \$10.00**

1. All general rules apply to this department.
2. Breeding heifers must be born after Sept. 1, 2025 and before March 1, 2026, and be the property of exhibitor by June 1, 2026. Class assignments will be done by superintendent. Any class with more than 5 entries will be divided.
3. Beef steers and Market heifers must be born after Feb. 1, 2025, and be the property of the exhibitor by Feb. 1, 2026.
4. All steers to be dehorned.
5. All cattle are to be on grounds by 7:00 am on Wednesday, June 24.
6. Cattle will be weighed at 8:00 am Wednesday, June 24.
7. Steers will be classified as to weight and breed classes by Superintendent.
8. All recognized breed with 3 or more animals will be shown separately.
9. One steer class will be offered for 5 or less of one breed. Two steer classes for 6 or more head of one breed.
10. Land of Lincoln certificates signed by Breed Association can be used for purebred steers.
11. Each exhibitor will be limited to one entry in the rate of gain class to be chosen after market animals are weighed. The winning class will parade directly before the Grand Champion Steer Class.
12. Animals which cannot be controlled by Junior Exhibitor when weighing or showing will be declared unruly. Unruly animals must be removed from fairgrounds.
13. Sale is limited to one steer or one market heifer.
14. Show order will be: breeding beef, bucket calves, steers.
15. Breed order of Show for 2026 is: Crossbred, Hereford, Shorthorn, Angus, Other, Simmental.
16. Judge's decisions are final.

**Mike & Cristy  
Nordsiek**

Premiums for Beef Females will be the following, unless otherwise stated:

1 <sup>st</sup> - \$63.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$62.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$61.00	4 <sup>th</sup> - \$60.00	5 <sup>th</sup> - \$59.00
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**Department A1 -- Beef Females**

Simmental	Hereford	Shorthorn	Angus	Other Purebreds	Crossbred		
1	13	25	37	49	61	Heifer Calf (born 1-1-26 to 2-29-26)	
2	14	26	38	50	62	Late Summer Yearling Heifer (born 9-1-25 to 12-31-25)	
3	15	27	39	51	63	Summer Yearling Heifer (born 5-1-25 to 8-31-25)	
4	16	28	40	52	64	Spring Yearling Heifer (born 3-1-25 to 4-30-25)	
5	17	29	41	53	65	Junior Yearling Heifer (born 1-1-25 to 2-28-25)	
6	18	30	42	54	66	Senior Yearling Heifer (born 9-1-24 to 12-31-24)	
7	19	31	43	55	67	Champion Female	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
8	20	32	44	56	68	Res. Champion Female	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
9	21	33	45	57	69	Pr. of Females (1 owner)	
10	22	34	46	58	70	Champion Pr. of Females	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
11	23	35	47	59	71	Res. Champion Pr. of Females	<i>Ribbon Only</i>

**Grand Champion Beef Female**

72	Grand Champion Heifer (All Breeds)	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
73	Reserve Grand Champion (All Breeds)	<i>Ribbon Only</i>

**Market Heifer**

133-139 Market Heifer classes

**Grand Champion Market Heifer**

142	Grand Champion Market Heifer	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
143	Reserve Grand Champion Market Heifer	<i>Ribbon Only</i>

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Premiums for Market Steers will be the following, unless otherwise stated:

1 <sup>st</sup> - \$63.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$62.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$61.00	4 <sup>th</sup> - \$60.00	5 <sup>th</sup> - \$59.00
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## Department A2 -- Market Steers

Simmental	Hereford	Shorthorn	Angus	Other Purebreds	Crossbred		
80	89	98	107	116	125	Lt. Weight Market Steer	
81	90	99	108	117	126	Lt. Med. Weight Market Steer	
82	91	100	109	118	127	Med. Weight Market Steer	
83	92	101	110	119	128	Lt. Hvy. Weight Market Steer	
84	93	102	111	120	129	Hvy. Weight Market Steer	
85	94	103	112	121	130	Super Hvy. Weight Market Steer	
86	95	104	113	122	131	Champion Market Steer	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
87	96	105	114	123	132	Res. Champion Market Steer	<i>Ribbon Only</i>

### Grand Champion Market Steer

140	Grand Champion Market Steer	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
141	Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer	<i>Ribbon Only</i>

### Premiums

		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
75	Champion Rate of Gain	117.00	62.00	61.00	60.00	59.00	57.00	56.00	55.00	54.00	53.00

### Beef Showmanship

145	Junior Beef Showman (Ages 8-12)	1 <sup>st</sup> -- \$47.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> -- \$41.00
146	Senior Beef Showman (Ages 13-18)	1 <sup>st</sup> -- \$47.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> -- \$41.00
147	Young Adult Beef Showman (19-21)	1 <sup>st</sup> -- \$47.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> -- \$41.00

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## Department A3 - 148 – Bucket Calf Class

- Activity is open to any person eligible to show in the Cass County Junior Show who is in their first or second year as a beef showman.
- Any newborn or orphaned calf (steer or heifer; dairy, beef, or crossbred) born between March 1 and June 15 of the current year to be shown.
- Calf must be raised by bucket or bottle-feeding and owned by the bucket calf exhibitor by the date of entries of the current fair year.
- Only one calf can be shown per exhibitor at the fair. (Exhibitor may show other cattle – breeding stock or market.)
- Calves will be shown by halter. The class may be divided into sub-classes depending on the number of entries.
- Judging will be based on:
  - The fitting and showing of the calf according to beef or dairy guidelines with emphasis on the exhibitor.
  - General health, condition, and management of the calf.
  - Confirmation of quality of the calf will not be considered since purchase should not be on this basis.
- Health requirements: It is recommended that 7-way blackleg shot be given and any other vaccines recommended by your local veterinarian.
- All calves will be required to follow guidelines set by the current year fair book regarding when they must be in place on the fairgrounds and their time of release.
- The bucket calf class will take place on the day all cattle are shown prior to the Heifer show.
- Bucket calves are NOT eligible for the 4-H livestock auction.
- A \$5.00 entry fee is required for each exhibitor in this class.
- Ribbon and cash award (\$15.00) will be presented to each participant.



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**DEPARTMENT G -- SWINE**

**Austin Smith, Superintendent**

**Amount Offered: \$21,489.00 -- Entry Fee: \$6.00**

1. All general rules apply to this department.
2. All swine are to be farrowed on or after January 1, 2026.
3. Barrows & gilts must be property of exhibitor prior to June 1, 2026.
4. All swine are to be in place by 12:00 pm Wednesday, June 24.
5. All exhibitor are encouraged to bring thier own front gates. A limited number of front gates are available at the fair.
6. Registration papers will be required in all purebred classes & must show ownership of the animals in the name of the exhibitor only. Individual certificates signed by Breed Association will be required on purebred barrows.
7. All swine must be accompanied by a health certificate.
8. All market swine and crossbred gilts will be weighed at 4:00 pm Wednesday, July 24.
9. Any purebred breeding class with more than 10 animals will be divided by age of swine.
10. Any class, with the exception of purebred breeding classes, with more than 10 animals will be shown in weight class. Superintendent may determine number of animal classes to be shown in each breed.
11. Each exhibitor is limited to two barrows per breed, with a maximum of four breeds OR three barrows per breed, with a maximum of three breeds. Each exhibitor is limited to two entries in the market gilt class.
12. Market swine must be exhibited in the show ring to be eligible for the sale. Each exhibitor will be limited to one market swine in sale.
13. All swine will be released after the show on Friday. Breeding gilts cannot be entered in the market gilt class.
14. The swine show will be at 8:00 am Friday, June 26.
15. Swine showmanship will be held on Friday, June 26 PRIOR to the show.
16. Breeding swine will show first, followed by market swine.
17. The breed order for 2026 will be as follows: Hamps, Other Purebreds, Hereford, Poland, Spot, Berk, York, Duroc, Crossbred
18. Judge's decisions are final.

**Department G1 – Breeding Swine**

1. Exhibitors will be allowed two entries per age group.
2. Senior pigs farrowed January 1-31. Junior pigs farrowed February 1 or later.

**\*\* There will be a \$5 charge per hog shipped \*\***

Premiums for Swine will be the following, unless otherwise stated:

1 <sup>st</sup> - \$29.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$28.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$27.00	4 <sup>th</sup> - \$26.00	5 <sup>th</sup> - \$25.00	6 <sup>th</sup> - \$23.00	7 <sup>th</sup> - \$22.00
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**Department G1 – Breeding Swine**

**PUREBRED GILTS**

Berk	Duroc	Hamp	Poland	Spot	York	Hereford	Other		
251	258	265	272	279	286	293	300	Jr. Gilt 1	
252	259	266	273	280	287	294	301	Jr. Gilt 2	
253	260	267	274	281	288	295	302	Sr. Gilt 1	
254	261	268	275	282	289	296	303	Sr. Gilt 2	
255	262	269	276	283	290	297	304	Champion Gilt	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
256	263	270	277	284	291	298	305	Res. Champion Gilt	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
							306	Grand Champion Purebred Gilt	<i>Ribbon Only</i>

**CROSSBRED GILTS**

1. Classes will be divided by weight.
2. Each exhibitor may show up to 4 crossbred gilts, but are limited to two premiums per class.

345-365	Crossbred Gilt Classes	
366	Champion Crossbred Gilt	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
367	Reserve Champion Crossbred Gilt	<i>Ribbon Only</i>

**Grand Champion Breeding Swine**

368	Grand Champion Gilt	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
369	Reserve Grand Champion Gilt	<i>Ribbon Only</i>

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### Department G2 -- Market Swine

#### Market Gilts

385-392 Market Gilt Classes

393 Champion Market Gilt *Ribbon Only*

394 Reserve Champion Market Gilt *Ribbon Only*

#### Purebred Barrows

Berk	Duroc	Hamp	Poland	Spot	York	Hereford	Other		
423	437	395	409	416	430	444	402	Lt. Wt. Barrow	
424	438	396	410	417	431	445	403	Md. Wt. Barrow	
425	439	397	411	418	432	446	404	Lt. Hvy. Wt. Barrow	
426	440	398	412	419	433	447	405	Hvy. Wt. Barrow	
427	441	399	413	420	434	448	406	Champion Barrow	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
428	442	400	414	421	435	449	407	Res. Champion Barrow	<i>Ribbon Only</i>

#### Crossbred Barrows

450-469 Crossbred Barrow Classes

470 Champion Crossbred Barrow *Ribbon Only*

471 Reserve Champion Crossbred Barrow *Ribbon Only*

#### Grand Champion Barrow

472 Grand Champion Barrow *Ribbon Only*

473 Reserve Grand Champion Barrow *Ribbon Only*

474 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall Barrow *Ribbon Only*

475 4<sup>th</sup> Overall Barrow *Ribbon Only*

476 5<sup>th</sup> Overall Barrow *Ribbon Only*

#### Swine Showmanship

480	Pee Wee Showmanship (age 8-9)	1 <sup>st</sup> -- \$29.00	
481	Junior Showmanship (age 10-12)	1 <sup>st</sup> -- \$47.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> -- \$41.00
482	Senior Showmanship (age 13-18)	1 <sup>st</sup> -- \$47.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> -- \$41.00
483	Young Adult Showmanship (age 19-21)	1 <sup>st</sup> -- \$47.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> -- \$41.00

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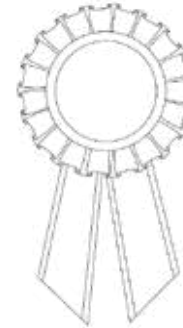
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**DEPARTMENT F -- SHEEP**

**Meghan Meyer, Superintendent**

**Amount Offered: \$13,419.00 -- Entry Fee: \$6.00**

1. All general rules apply to this department.
2. All sheep to be in place by 8:30 am Tuesday, June 23.
3. Best 2 head shall consist of one ram and one ewe or two rams or two ewes. No wethers allowed .
4. Market sheep will weigh 9:00 am on Tuesday. June 23.
5. Market sheep may be either market ewe or wether.
6. All market sheep must be slick shorn within 7 days of show. No patch shearing is allowed. No inhumane treatment of sheep.
7. Market ewes cannot be shown in breeding classes.
8. Each exhibitor will be limited to two animals per class with a maximum of four market sheep per exhibitor.
9. Market ewes will show in separate classes from wethers. All class winners will show for Grand Champion Market Lamb.
10. The order of show for 2026 will be: Oxford, Hampshire, AOB Wool, AOB Meat, Katahdin/Dorper, Dorset, Crossbred.
11. All sheep except market lambs in sale will be released after the show.
12. Judge's decisions are final.

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Premiums for Sheep will be the following, unless otherwise stated:

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**Department F1 – Breeding Sheep**

Oxford	Hampshire	AOB Wool	AOB Meat	Katahdin/Dorper	Dorset	Crossbred	
150	160	170	180	190	200	210	Sr. Ram Lamb born 9/1/24 thru 12/31/24
151	161	171	181	191	201	211	Jr. Ram Lamb born on or after 1/1/25
152	162	172	182	192	202	212	Pr. of Ram Lambs
153	163	173	183	193	203	213	Yearling Ewe 1 yr. & under 2
154	164	174	184	194	204	214	Pr. of Yearling Ewes 1 yr. & under 2
155	165	175	185	195	205	215	Sr. Ewe Lamb born 9/1/24 thru 12/31/24
156	166	176	186	196	206	216	Jr. Ewe Lamb born on or after 1/1/25
157	167	177	187	197	207	217	Pr. of Ewe Lambs
158	168	178	188	198	208	218	Best 2 Head (one owner)
159	169	179	189	199	209	219	Flock (1 yearling ewe, 1 ram lamb, 1 ewe lamb)
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220	224	228	232	236	240	244	Champion Ewe <i>Ribbon Only</i>
221	225	229	233	237	241	245	Reserve Champion Ewe <i>Ribbon Only</i>
222	226	230	234	238	242	246	Champion Ram <i>Ribbon Only</i>
223	227	231	235	239	243	247	Reserve Champion Ram <i>Ribbon Only</i>
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<b>Grand Champions</b>							
225	Grand Champion Ewe						<i>Ribbon Only</i>
226	Reserve Grand Champion Ewe						<i>Ribbon Only</i>
227	Grand Champion Ram						<i>Ribbon Only</i>
228	Reserve Grand Champion Ram						<i>Ribbon Only</i>

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## Department F2 – Market Lamb

1. All breeds show together.
2. Must be born after January 1, 2025.
3. Superintendent may divide into additional weight classes when 8 or more are entered in one class.
4. Market sheep must have all four feet on the ground when being judged.
5. A pair of market lambs shall consist of two wethers, two market ewes, or one wether and one market ewe.

- 232 Light Weight Market Ewe
- 233 Heavy Weight Market Ewe
- 234 Champion Market Ewe *Ribbon Only*
- 235 Reserve Champion Market Ewe *Ribbon Only*
- 236 Light Weight Wether
- 237 Medium Weight Wether
- 238 Heavy Weight Wether
- 239 Super Heavy Weight Wether
- 240 Champion Wether *Ribbon Only*
- 241 Reserve Champion Wether *Ribbon Only*
- 242 Light Weight Pair of Market Lambs
- 243 Medium Weight Pair of Market Lambs
- 244 Heavy Weight Pair of Market Lambs

## Grand Champion Market Lambs

- 247 Grand Champion Market Lamb *Ribbon Only*
- 248 Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb *Ribbon Only*



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## Sheep Showmanship

249	Jr. Showman (age 8-12)	1 <sup>st</sup> -- \$47.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> -- \$41.00
250	Sr. Showman (age 13-18)	1 <sup>st</sup> -- \$47.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> -- \$41.00
252	Young Adult Showman (age 19-21)	1 <sup>st</sup> -- \$47.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> -- \$41.00

## Sheep & Goat Costume Class

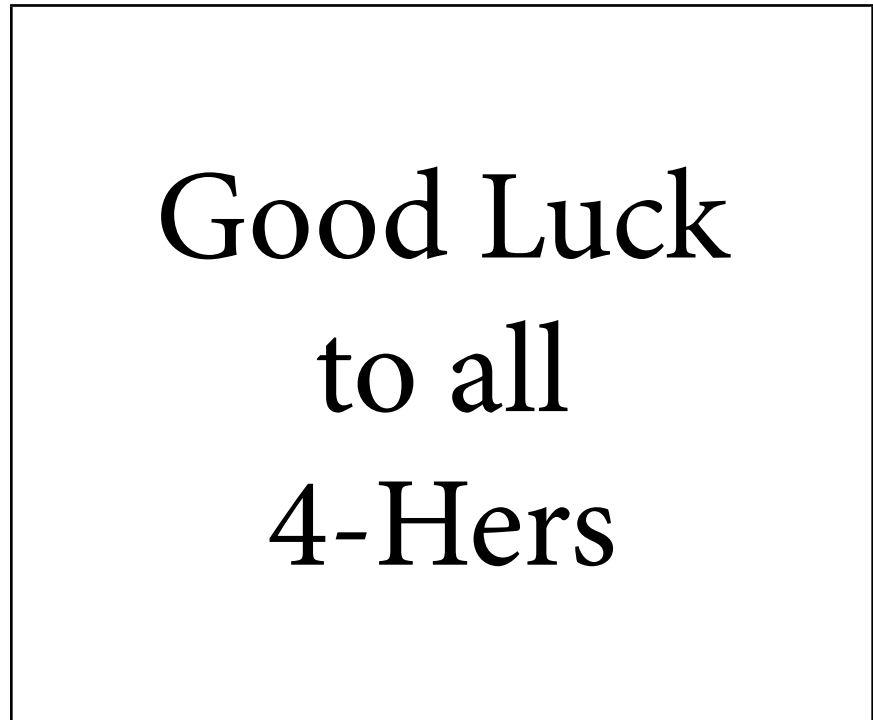
252 Sheep and Goat Costume Class *Ribbon Only*

The purpose of this class is to get children involved with sheep and goats and to promote the species. The exhibit is to be judged on the attractiveness and originality of the costume theme and the manner in which it is presented. A live sheep or goat must be a part of the exhibit. The costume class is limited to junior show sheep and goat exhibitors.

All exhibitors in both sheep and goat species will enter using the same class number as listed above.

**\*\*COSTUME CLASS WILL BEGIN 30 MINUTES AFTER THE GOAT SHOW ENDS.**

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# 2025 Cass County Junior Show Queen



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# DEPARTMENT U -- GOATS

**Meghan Meyer, Superintendent**

**Amount Offered: \$4,299.00 -- Entry Fee: \$6.00**

1. All general rules apply to this department.
2. All goats to be in place by 8:30 am Tuesday, June 23.
3. All goats must be accompanied by a CVI.
4. Each exhibitor will be limited to two animals per class.
5. All goats will be released after sheep and goat shows on Tuesday.
6. All classes with more than 5 entries will be divided by weight.
7. Grand Champion Wether will be added to sale bill. All wethers are eligible for sale bill.
8. Pygmy Goats are not eligible for the sale.
9. Judge's decisions are final.

Premiums for Goats will be the following, unless otherwise stated:

1 <sup>st</sup> - \$26.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$25.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$23.00	4 <sup>th</sup> - \$22.00	5 <sup>th</sup> - \$21.00
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Dairy	Meat Goat	
820	840	Doe, 0-6 months
821	841	Doe, 6-12 months
822	842	Doe, 13-24 months
823	843	Doe, 24 months or older
824	844	Pair of Does
825	845	Jr. Buck, 0-6 months
826	846	Jr. Buck, 6-12 months
827	847	Pair of Bucks
828	848	Breeders Class (4 animals)
829	849	Wether, under 1 year
830	850	Market Doe ,under 1 year

831	851	Grand Champion Doe	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
832	852	Reserve Grand Champion Doe	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
833	853	Grand Champion Buck	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
834	854	Reserve Grand Champion Buck	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
835	855	Grand Champion Wether	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
836	856	Reserve Grand Champion Wether	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
837	857	Grand Champion Market Doe	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
838	858	Reserve Grand Champion Market Doe	<i>Ribbon Only</i>

## Pygmy

- 860 Doe, under 6 months
- 861 Doe, 6-12 months
- 862 Doe, over 12 months
- 863 Pair of Does, under 1 year
- 864 Pair of Does, over 1 year
- 865 Jr. Buck, 0-6 months
- 866 Jr. Buck, 6-12 months
- 867 Wether, under 6 months
- 868 Wether, 6-12 months
- 869 Wether, over 12 months

871	Grand Champion Doe	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
872	Reserve Grand Champion Doe	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
873	Grand Champion Buck	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
874	Reserve Grand Champion Buck	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
875	Grand Champion Wether	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
876	Reserve Grand Champion Wether	<i>Ribbon Only</i>

886	Jr. Goat Showmanship (age 8-12)	1 <sup>st</sup> -- \$29.00
887	Sr. Goat Showmanship (age 13-18)	1 <sup>st</sup> -- \$29.00
888	Young Adult Showmanship (age 19-21)	1 <sup>st</sup> -- \$29.00

252	Sheep and Goat Costume Class	<i>Ribbon Only</i> <i>additional details on page 41</i>
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**Have fun and good luck!**  
**Brad Parlier**  
**Cass County Circuit Clerk**

Good Luck  
All 4-H  
Members

Michael  
& Becky  
Mahoney

Bruce & Debbie  
Jokisch

Robert Jokisch

Good luck, 4-Hers!

Kyle & Leah Adams  
Trey & Steven Reither

Good Luck!  
Jo Kleinschmidt

Good Luck  
4-Hers

Lyle & Diane  
Stone

Good Luck to all the  
4H kids!

Jim, Pat, Matt,  
Nate & Cherri  
Mahoney

Thanks to all board  
members, club leaders,  
and volunteers for your  
time and dedication.

Stan & Kim Hoffman  
& Family

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# DEPARTMENT I1 -- RABBITS

**Ryan & Amanda Ruppel, Superintendents**  
**Amount Offered: \$4,095.00 -- Entry Fee: \$2.00**

1. All general rules apply to this department.
2. Sr. Buck or Doe born is over 8 months, Intermediate Buck or Doe is 6-8 months (class available only for breeds indicated below), and Jr. Buck or Doe is under 6 months old.
3. All rabbits must be on the grounds by 9:00 am Wednesday, June 24.
4. Rabbit show will follow the poultry show on Wednesday, June 24.
5. Exhibitors must be present at 8:00 am on Wednesday, June 24 to show rabbits.
6. Rabbit show will be a carry-in show. Rabbits must be carried in and remain in that cage during the show. The Fair Association will not be responsible for supplying such cages.
7. Single Fryer and Market Pen of 3 rabbits, all with a maximum of 5 pounds. All breeds will be shown together.
8. Any class with 8 or more entries will be split.
9. Each exhibitor shall be limited to two breeds and two entries per class in the rabbit department.
10. Notice: Exhibitors must furnish their own watering and feeding equipment. All equipment to be removed from grounds at the end of the show.
11. General Supt. and Dept. Supt. together, under the advice of veterinarian may ask exhibitor of sick animals from the fairgrounds.
12. The showmanship class will be held immediately following the rabbit show.
13. Only the Grand Champion Market Pen of 3 rabbits and the Grand Champion Single Fryer will be eligible for the livestock sale. If the same exhibitor owns both the Grand Champion Market Pen and Single Fryer, the second place single fryer will be sold instead of the champion.
14. Judge's decisions are final.



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Premiums for Rabbits will be the following, unless otherwise stated:

1 <sup>st</sup> - \$19.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$18.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$16.00	4 <sup>th</sup> - \$15.00	5 <sup>th</sup> - \$14.00	6 <sup>th</sup> - \$13.00	7 <sup>th</sup> - \$12.00
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## Department I1 – Rabbits

California	Lop	New Zealand	Rex	Satin	AOB/Crossbred	Dwarf	
479	486	491	498	503	510	516	Sr. Buck
480	--	492	--	504	511	--	Int. Buck
481	487	493	499	505	512	517	Jr. Buck
482	488	494	500	506	513	518	Sr. Doe
483	--	495	--	507	514	--	Int. Doe
484	489	496	501	508	515	519	Jr. Doe
523	Market Pen						
526	Single Fryer						
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530	Champion Senior Buck						<i>Ribbon Only</i>
531	Champion Intermediate Buck						<i>Ribbon Only</i>
532	Champion Junior Buck						<i>Ribbon Only</i>
533	Champion Senior Doe						<i>Ribbon Only</i>
534	Champion Intermediate Doe						<i>Ribbon Only</i>
535	Champion Junior Doe						<i>Ribbon Only</i>
536	Champion Market Pen						<i>Ribbon Only</i>
537	Champion Single Fryer						<i>Ribbon Only</i>
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<b>Grand Champions</b>							
539	Grand Champion Rabbit						<i>Ribbon Only</i>
540	Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit						<i>Ribbon Only</i>
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<b>Rabbit Showmanship</b>							
541	Rabbit Showman (all ages)						1 <sup>st</sup> -- \$29.00

Bob & Valerie  
Booth

Joe, Morgan, & Luke  
Wietecha

Good Luck to all  
4-H'ers!  
Ross & Cali  
Dambacher

Brian & Brenda  
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# DEPARTMENT I2 -- POULTRY

**Ryan & Amanda Ruppel, Superintendent**

**Amount Offered: \$3,300.00 -- Entry Fee: \$2.00**

1. All general rules apply to this department.
2. All poultry must be hatched on or after January 1, 2025.
3. All poultry must be on the grounds by 8:30 am Wednesday, June 24 and will show at 9:00 am Wednesday, June 24.
4. Poultry is limited to TWO entries per class. No breed limit.
5. Pair of ducks, turkeys, or geese shall consist of one male and one female.
6. Any class with 8 or more entries will be split.
7. Notice: Exhibitors must furnish their own watering and feeding equipment. All equipment to be removed from the grounds at the end of the fair.
8. General Supt. and Dept. Supt. together, under the advice of a veterinarian, may ask exhibitor of sick animals to remove the animals from the fairgrounds.
9. Only the Grand Champin Trio will be eligible for the sale.
10. Judge's decisions are final.

Premiums for Poultry will be the following, unless otherwise stated:

1 <sup>st</sup> - \$19.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$18.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$16.00	4 <sup>th</sup> - \$15.00	5 <sup>th</sup> - \$14.00	6 <sup>th</sup> - \$13.00	7 <sup>th</sup> - \$12.00
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## Department I2 - Poultry

American	Asiatic	Continental	English	Mediterranean	All Other Standard Breeds	Hybrids and Crosses	
545	547	549	551	553	555	557	Cockerel
546	548	550	552	554	556	558	Pullet

## Department I3 - Bantams

Featherleg	Single Comb	Rose Comb	Any Other Comb Clean Leg	
568	570	572	574	Cockerel
569	571	573	575	Pullet

## Trios

576 Broiler

559	Champion Cockerel	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
560	Champion Pullet	<i>Ribbon Only</i>
561	Champion Trio	<i>Ribbon Only</i>

### Explanation of Classes:

**American:** Plymouth Rocks, Dominiques, Wyandottes, Javas, Rhode Island Reds, Rhode Island Whites, Buckeyes, Chanteclers, Jersey Giants, Lamonas, New Hampshires, Hollands, Delawares

**Asiatics:** Brahmas, Cochins, Langshans

**Continental:** Hamburgs, Campines, Lakenvelders, Barnevelders, Welsummers, Polish, Houdans, Faverolles, Crevecoeurs, La Fleche

**English:** Dorkin, Red Caps, Cornish, Orpingtons, Sussex, Australorps

**Mediterranean:** Leghorns, Minorcas, Spanish, Andalusians, Anconas, Sicilian, Buttercups, Catalanans

**All Other Standard Breeds:** *Games* -- Modern, Old English; *Oriental* -- Malays, Sumatras, Aseels, Shamos, Yokohamas, Phoenix, Cubalayas; *Miscellaneous* -- Sultans, Frizzle, Naked Necks, Araucanas, Ameraucanas

## Pair of Turkeys

587	Pair of Turkeys	
588	Champion Pair of Turkeys	<i>Ribbon Only</i>

## Pair of Geese

590	Heavy Weight (Toulouse, Embden (Emden), African)	
591	Medium Weight (Sebastopol, Pilgrim, Amerian Buff, Saddleback, Pomeranian)	
592	Light Weight (China, Tufted Roman, Canada, Egyptian)	
593	Champion Pair of Geese	<i>Ribbon Only</i>

## Pair of Ducks

581	Heavy Weight (Pekin, Aylesbury, Rouen, Muscovy)	
582	Medium Weight (Crested, Blue Swedish, Cayuga, Buff)	
583	Light Weight (Runners, Khaki Campbells, Magpie)	
584	Bantam (Calls, East Indie, Mallard)	
585	Champion Pair of Ducks	<i>Ribbon Only</i>

Good Luck at the fair  
 Brian & Lanette Kleinschmidt  
 Adam, Anna

Good Luck  
 Norman, Rosemany  
 and Nora Werts



Lane, Katie  
 & Lainey  
 Stribbling  
 Tom Stribling

**DEPARTMENT R -- HORSES**

**Alicia Beck, Superintendent**

**Amount Offered: \$1,357.00 -- Entry Fee: \$6.00**

1. All general rules apply to this department.
2. AQHA and American Horse Show rules will be followed where 4-H "Guidelines for 4-H Horse Shows in Illinois" do not apply.
3. Exhibitor must either show ownership or have lease papers and 2 photos of animal on file in Extension Office by May 1, 2026.
4. All animals to be on the grounds by 5:00 pm Wednesday, June 24. Animals to be taken home after the show.
5. Age classifications are determined as of September 1 of the previous year. Junior classes ages are 8-12. Senior classes are ages 13-18.
6. One entry per exhibitor per class. (A horse may only compete in each class one time.)
7. No stallions allowed over the age of 6 months.
8. Striking the animal in front of the saddle or any other inhumane treatment will not be allowed.
9. In the trot game classes, the animal shall not break into a lope for over 3 strides and must trot over the finish line.
10. Exhibitors cannot cross enter a walk-trot class and any 3 gaited class.  
 Example: trot barrels and barrels. This rule will be strictly enforced.
11. Judge's decisions are final.
12. No entry fees will be charged for Ribbon Only classes.

		Premiums								
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	
\$22.00	\$21.00	\$20.00	\$19.00	\$18.00	\$16.00	\$15.00	\$14.00	\$13.00	\$12.00	
800	Grand Entry Class (all exhibitors) -- no entry fee									
801	Sr. Showmanship (13-18)									
802	Jr. Showmanship (8-12)									
803	Horsemanship (all ages, walk/trot) -- Ribbon Only									
804	Sr. Western Pleasure (13-18, walk/trot/lope)									
805	Jr. Western Pleasure (8-12, walk/trot)									
806	Sr. Trail (13-18, walk/trot/lope)									
807	Jr. Trail (8-12, walk/trot)									
808	Sr. Poles (13-18) - Ribbon Only									
809	Jr. Poles (8-12, walk/trot) - Ribbon Only									
810	Sr. Barrels (13-18)									
811	Jr. Barrels (8-12)									
812	Jr. Flags (8-12) -- Ribbon Only									
813	Sr. Flags (13-18) -- Ribbon Only									
814	Fun Class (all ages) -- Ribbon Only									

# DEPARTMENT V2 -- JUNIOR JUDGING CONTEST

**Amount Offered: \$281.00**

**Date of Contest: Thursday, June 25 at 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

*\*\*Livestock Judging Workshop to be held beginning at 2:00 pm, the Livestock Judging Contest will immediately follow.*

Participants will be judging 3 rings of livestock (sheep, swine, and cattle).  
Individuals, 4-H clubs, and adults are encouraged to participate.  
A team consists of 4 persons from the same 4-H Club.

There is no entry fee and anyone is welcome to participate, however only exhibitors currently entered in a junior show project at the fair are eligible for premiums.

		Premiums		
		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
900	Junior 4-H Club Team	\$23.00	\$18.00	\$12.00
901	Senior 4-H Club Team	\$23.00	\$18.00	\$12.00

		Premiums				
		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
902	Junior 4-H Individual	\$29.00	\$23.00	\$18.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
903	Senior 4-H Individual	\$29.00	\$23.00	\$18.00	\$12.00	\$6.00



**John and Kay  
Chambers**

**Have fun at the Fair!**

**Jeff Warden  
Farm & Residential  
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Ron Lynn

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Good luck 4-H members  
Mike Finn Insurance & Realty

Mike Carls

Gill & Brittany  
Maruna

Parker & Jackson

**BUILDING EXHIBITS**  
*DEPARTMENTS -- J, K, L, M, N, O, P, V*

**Michelle Hughes, Superintendent**

**Amount Offered: \$12,797.00 -- Entry Fee: \$2.00**

1. All general rules apply to this department.
2. All exhibits are to be available and in place by 9 am on Wednesday, June 24.
3. Project check-in will at the following times:
  - Tuesday, June 23 from 5-7 pm
  - Wednesday, June 24 from 8-9 am
4. Only one entry per person per class.
5. All work must be done within the past year.
6. All items must be finished and ready for use.
7. **Exhibits released between 8:00 and 9:00 pm, Thursday, June 25. No exhibits will be released earlier. If not picked up by 10:00 am on Friday, items will NOT be secured.**
8. Exhibitors ages as of September 1, 2025 will determine the appropriate class in cases where age applies.
9. Classes with more than 8 exhibitors may be split according to birthday unless classes are already age designated.
10. Tags must be attached and correct before accepted in ANY department.
11. Judge's decisions are final.

**Good Luck**

**Dave and Karen  
Clement**

**DEPARTMENTS J, K --  
 HORTICULTURE/CROPS**

**Lisa Warden, Superintendent**

1. All products in this department must be produced and owned by exhibitor. The Superintendent may require proof of owner's production by visiting the garden of exhibitor. Anyone making entry in show automatically grants this permission.
2. Superintendents may split classes by variety in order to make a new class.
3. Vegetables and crops are to be in place by 9:00 am Wednesday, June 24.
4. Vegetable plate exhibit – description for vegetable plate:
  - a. Exhibitor must furnish their own 9” sturdy paper plate.
  - b. Number of vegetables on plates must conform to plate list below.
  - c. Only one variety on each plate.
  - d. Vegetables of different varieties may not be shown as separate varieties (i.e. red and yellow onions)
5. Vegetable exhibits should be prepared according to VC-24-82 Horticulture Facts – Exhibiting Vegetables, available at Extension Office.
6. Sweet corn, husk intact, no windows.
7. All horticulture/crops will be disposed of on-site Thursday, June 25.
8. All tags must be secured.

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**Department J1 -- Crops**  
**Amount Offered -- \$578.00**

		Premiums						
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	
\$13.00	\$12.00	\$11.50	\$11.00	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$8.50	\$8.00	
600	Five Fresh Soybean Plants: to be representative of project field (include root system)							
601	Two Fresh Corn Plants: to be representative of project field							
602	Gallon of Small Grain (Oats, Wheat, Rye, or Barley)							
603	Display of experimental or educational project related to one experience from your vegetable or crop project. Include explanation for public understanding.							
604	Perennial Herb Class							
605	Annual Herb Class							
606	Hay - Alfalfa, Grass, Clover							

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### Department K1 -- Fruits and Vegetables

**Amount Offered -- \$3,030.00**

	Premiums						
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
\$13.00	\$12.00	\$11.50	\$11.00	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$8.50	\$8.00

- 610 Asparagus (5 spears)
- 611 Beans (12 pods) Snap, green, wax
- 612 Beets (5)
- 613 Blackberries or Raspberries (1 pint)
- 614 Broccoli (1 head)
- 615 Cabbage (1 head)
- 616 Carrots (5)
- 617 Cauliflower (1 head)
- 618 Cherries (1 pint)
- 619 Cucumbers, pickling (5)
- 620 Cucumbers, slicing (5)
- 621 Egg Plant
- 622 Grapes (3 clusters)
- 623 Greens (1 plant)
- 624 Kohlrabi (5)
- 625 Lettuce (1 head)
- 626 Melons (1, any type)
- 627 Onions (5 large or 12 green)
- 628 Peaches (5)
- 629 Pears (5)
- 630 Peas (12 pods)
- 631 Peppers (5 large)
- 632 Peppers (12 small)
- 633 Potatoes (5, any variety)
- 634 Zucchini (5)
- 635 Squash (any other) (5)
- 636 Sweet Corn (5 ears)
- 637 Tomato, cherry (12)
- 638 Tomato, slicing (5 green or red)
- 639 Horticulture Market Basket (follow 4-H requirements)

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### DEPARTMENT L -- FLORICULTURE

**Lisa Warden, Superintendent**

Flower Arrangements -- Flowers may or may not be purchased.  
 Flower Gardening -- Flowers not to be purchased in class 655, 656, 657, 658, and 659.  
 Bottles for flowers should look alike.

**Amount Offered -- \$756.00**

	Premiums						
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
\$12.00	\$11.00	\$9.00	\$8.50	\$8.00	\$7.50	\$7.00	\$6.50

- 650 Dining Table Arrangement (fresh, silk, or dried material)
- 651 Holiday Theme Arrangement (fresh, dried, or silk)
- 652 Miniature Theme Arrangement (fresh or silk) -- 3" or less
- 653 Corsage (fresh or silk)
- 654 Flower Arrangement of any type (fresh, dried, or silk) (not a demonstration)
- 655 Display of 2 stems of flowers, of four varieties, choose from annuals, perennials, or bulbs, each variety in separate container. (12 & under)
- 656 Display of 2 stems of flowers, of four varieties, choose from annuals, perennials, or bulbs, each variety in separate container. (13 & over)
- 657 Exhibit in one container, 3 stems or blooms, with foliage. All three blooms or stems to be same variety, color, shape, and size. Grown from seed, seedling plants or bulbs. (12 & under)
- 658 Exhibit in one container, 3 stems or blooms, with foliage. All three blooms or stems to be same variety, color, shape, and size. Grown from seed, seedling plants or bulbs. (13 & over)
- 659 House plants, arrangement in terrarium or dish garden.  
Plants started this year and grown by exhibitor. Exhibit one house plant, foliage, or flowering in a container not exceeding 10 inches. This from one root system.
- 660 Herb or flower gardening, education - experimental display

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# DEPARTMENT M -- TEXTILES

**Becky Cox, Superintendent**

All entries MUST be on a hanger and in a CLEAR plastic bag. Tags should be attached to a string and safety pinned to entries. Entries not accepted otherwise.

**Amount Offered -- \$1,306.00**

	Premiums						
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
\$12.00	\$11.00	\$9.00	\$8.50	\$8.00	\$7.50	\$7.00	\$6.50

- 670 Miscellaneous sewing crafts
- 671 Bag/tote
- 672 Dress for best wear -- summer or winter
- 673 Formal wear
- 674 Sports wear -- summer or winter (12 & under)
- 675 Sports wear -- summer or winter (13 & over)
- 676 Sleeping apparel
- 677 Suit (display 2 or more pieces, jacket or vest and slacks or skirt)
- 678 Simple to Sew (maker 12 & under), pattern must be included
- 679 Simple to Sew (maker 13 & over), pattern must be included
- 680 Jumper
- 681 Home interior
- 682 Slacks or pants (maker 12 & under)
- 683 Slacks or pants (maker 13 & over)
- 684 Blouse or shirt (maker 12 & under)
- 685 Blouse or shirt (maker 13 & over)
- 686 Skirt
- 687 Tailored garment
- 688 Knitted, quilted, or crocheted article (original or from pattern)

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# DEPARTMENT N -- EDUCATION

**Barbara Volkman, Superintendent**

TAGS must be secured on project before accepted in department. All posters must have tags on upper left corner.

**Amount Offered -- \$1,374.00**

	Premiums						
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
\$12.00	\$11.00	\$9.00	\$8.50	\$8.00	\$7.50	\$7.00	\$6.50

- 700 International
- 701 Health Poster/Display
- 702 Safety Poster
- 703 Food & Nutrition Poster
- 704 Computer Poster/Display
- 705 Veterinary and Animal Science
- 706 Civic Engagement Poster/Display
- 707 Leadership Poster/Display
- 708 Miscellaneous Poster
- 709 Child Development Poster or Display (12 & under)
- 710 Child Development Poster or Display (13 & over)
- 711 Pet Poster
- 712 Sports Poster
- 713 Science Poster or Display
- 714 Homemade Toys, age of child and why suitable, (12 & under)
- 715 Homemade Toys, age of child and why suitable (13 & over)
- 716 Theater Arts Poster/Display
- 717 Filmmaking Exhibit
- 718 Interior Design Exhibit
- 719 First Aid Kit

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### DEPARTMENT O -- CULINARY

**Diane Dambacher, Superintendent**

1. Display exhibits in large food storage bag or Ziploc-type bag. No plastic wrap.
2. Use disposable plates. Securely tie entry tags through punched hole in paper plate with the tag OUTSIDE of plastic bag. ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNTIL THIS TASK IS COMPLETED.
3. All exhibits will be disposed of on-site Friday.

**Amount Offered -- \$2,474.00**

Premiums							
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
\$12.00	\$11.00	\$9.00	\$8.50	\$8.00	\$7.50	\$7.00	\$6.50

- 721 3 Rolled Biscuits (6" plate) (12 & under)
- 722 3 Rolled Biscuits (6" plate) (13 & over)
- 723 Box Cake Mix (no icing, 4" square or wedge on 6" plate)
- 724 Bread Loaf - any kind (ex. french, focaccia)
- 725 Bread Machine Bread (1 loaf on 12" plate) (12 & under)
- 726 Bread Machine Bread (1 loaf on 12" plate) (13 & over)
- 727 Cereal Marshmallow Bars (3) (2" squares on 6" plate) (12 & under)
- 728 Cereal Marshmallow Bars (3) (2" squares on 6" plate) (13 & over)
- 729 Chocolate Brownies, conventional oven (3) (2" x 2", no nuts on 6" plate) (12 & under)
- 730 Chocolate Brownies, conventional oven (3) (2" x 2", no nuts on 6" plate) (13 & over)
- 731 Chocolate Chip Cookies (no nuts, 3 on 6" plate) (12 & under)
- 732 Chocolate Chip Cookies (no nuts, 3 on 6" plate) (13 & over)
- 733 Chocolate Fudge (2 pcs., 1" square, no nuts on 6" plate)
- 734 Cinnamon Rolls
- 735 Coffee Cake
- 736 Food Preservation: Prepare a nutrition educational display OR exhibit a moisture-proof package (5 oz.) of meat jerky, vegetables, herbs, fruit, or fruit leather OR exhibit 2 jars of food processed in standard canning jars.
- 737 Fruit or Vegetable Bars (4" square on 6" plate)
- 738 Misc. Cookies - 3 cookies any type that are not listed in a specific category
- 739 Muffins -- 3, any type (conventional oven, 6" plate) (12 & under)
- 740 Muffins -- 3, any type (conventional oven, 6" plate) (13 & over)
- 741 No Bake Cookies (3) (6" plate)
- 742 Oatmeal Drop Cookies (3) (6" plate) (12 & under)
- 743 Oatmeal Drop Cookies (3) (6" plate) (13 & over)
- 744 Quick Bread, any type (one loaf) (12 & under)
- 745 Quick Bread, any type (one loaf) (13 & over)

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- 746 Peanut Butter Cookies
- 747 Rolled Sugar Cookies (3) (6" plate)
- 748 Scones or Tea Rings
- 749 Scratch Angel Food, White (4" outer edge of wedge) (6" plate)
- 750 Scratch Chocolate Cake (4" square on 6" plate)
- 751 Scratch White Cake (4" square on 6" plate)
- 752 Sponge Cake
- 753 Whole Pie Crust (one 8" or 9" in foil pan)
- 754 Yeast Bread (1 loaf on 12" plate)
- 755 Yeast Rolls (3 rolls on 6" plate)
- 756 Zoo or Snack Mix (1 cup)

### DEPARTMENT P -- NRES & MECH SCI.

**Laura Burrus Spaulding, Superintendent**

**Amount Offered -- \$1,380.00**

Premiums							
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
\$11.00	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$8.50	\$8.00	\$7.50	\$7.00	\$6.00

ALL tags must have exhibitors age and number of years experience on project.

- 766 Electric Exhibits, All others
- 767 Electric Exhibits, Lamp
- 768 Entomology Exhibits (bug collection)
- 769 Forestry Exhibits
- 770 Geology Display (label collection where found)
- 771 Mechanical Sciences Poster/Display
- 772 Model Aircraft
- 773 Model Rocketry
- 774 Aerospace Display (more than one rocket or aircraft)
- 775 Natural Resource Poster/Display
- 776 Refinished Furniture
- 777 Small Engines (disassembled engine display or a repaired engine)
- 778 Soil and Water Conservation
- 779 Wildlife Conservation
- 780 Woodworking 1 (8-10)
- 781 Woodworking 2 (11-12)
- 782 Woodworking 3 (13-15)
- 783 Woodworking 4 (16-18)
- 784 Welding (8-12)
- 785 Welding (13-18)
- 786 Shooting Sports Display

**DEPARTMENT V --  
VISUAL ARTS & PHOTOGRAPHY**

**Cindi Krohe and Terri Olson, Superintendents**

**Amount Offered -- \$1,899.00**

Premiums							
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
\$11.00	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$8.50	\$8.00	\$7.50	\$7.00	\$6.50

**840 Photography, Level 1** – Exhibit one of the three options listed below:  
Exhibit one 8"x10" black and white photograph OR exhibit one framed 8"x10" photograph, which demonstrates your understanding of another technique you learned from your Photography I manual OR exhibit a poster with 3-5 photos telling a story. No editing allowed except cropping and red eye removal.

**841 Photography, Level 2** – Exhibit one of the two options listed below:  
Exhibit one framed 8"x10" close-up photograph (see pg 62-63 of manual, 'bits and pieces') OR exhibit one framed 8"x10" photo which demonstrates your understanding of another technique from your Photography 2 manual. No editing allowed except cropping and red eye removal.

**842 Mastering Photography, Level 3** – Exhibit one of the two options listed below:  
Exhibit one framed 8"x10" still-life photo that demonstrates good composition, including color, form, texture, lighting and depth of field OR exhibit one framed 8"x10" photo which demonstrates your understanding of another technique from your Photography 3 manual. No editing allowed except cropping and red eye removal.

**843 Photo Editing** – Exhibit one framed 8"x10" photo that has been altered using digital photo-editing techniques (beyond cropping and red eye reduction). Include a print of the original photo(s), taped to the back of the photo frame. Photos in which an automatic filter was applied at the time the photograph was taken are not eligible.



**846 Paper 12 and under**  
**847 Paper 13 and over**  
Any original item made of paper. Examples include origami; greeting cards; paper-cut designs; paper mache, hand-made paper, paper collage, paper models of architecture, quilling, etc. Paper twist articles, made from directions in craft books and stores ARE NOT original and are not appropriate for this class. Scrapbooks are not appropriate for display in this class.

**848 Fiber 12 and under**  
**849 Fiber 13 and over**  
Any original item made of fiber. Examples are quilts, fabric collage, soft sculpture, stitchery, weaving, embroidery, cross-stitch, wearable art. All baskets and decorated textiles (such as painted shirts or stenciled clothing) should be entered in Heritage Arts. ORIGINAL cross-stitched, knitted, or crocheted items belong in this Fiber class. Non-original cross-stitched, knitted, and crocheted items should be entered in Heritage Arts. Machine knitted items are not appropriate for this class.

**850 Clay 12 and under**  
**851 Clay 13 and over**  
Any original item made of clay – may be fired or unfired, hand formed or thrown on a wheel. Self-hardening clays are fine. Fire/oven-cured and cornch clay could be accepted. Items can include, but are not limited to, clay statues, bowls, jewelry, etc.

**852 Wood 12 and under**  
**853 Wood 13 and over**  
Any original item made of wood (wood carving, sculpture, collage, wood burning, etc.). Utilitarian wood items made from patterns or kits (e.g. outdoor or indoor furniture, shelves) should not be entered in visual arts. Popsicle stick crafts are not acceptable for this category.

**854 Chalk/Carbon/Pigment - Division A - 12 and under**  
**855 Chalk/Carbon/Pigment - Division A - 13 and over**  
Any original art work done with pencils, chalk, pens, ink, paint, charcoal, dyes, etc. on *canvas, paper, or glass*. This would include all painting, sketching, drawing, cartooning, printing, etc. Painted and/or glazed pre-formed ceramics and painted porcelain dolls are not eligible to exhibit.

**856 Chalk/Carbon/Pigment - Division B - 12 and under**  
**857 Chalk/Carbon/Pigment - Division B - 13 and over**  
Any original art work done with pencils, chalk, pens, ink, paint, charcoal, dyes, etc on *wood, metal, or textiles*. This would include all painting, sketching, drawing, cartooning, printing, etc. Painted and/or glazed pre-formed ceramics and painted porcelain dolls are not eligible to exhibit.

**858 Glass/Plastic 12 and under**  
**859 Glass/Plastic 13 and over**  
Any original item made of glass or plastic. Possible items to exhibit include stained glass, etched glass (original design), mosaics made of glass, glass beading, plastic jewelry (friendly plastic). Interlocking building block creations are not suitable for entry. Stepping stones or wall hangings that include cement decorated with glass or plastic items are not suitable for this class.

**860 Metal 12 and under**  
**861 Metal 13 and over**  
Any original item made of metal such as sculpture, tin punch, engraved metal, and jewelry. Items intended for industrial use (as tools and/or shop items) are not eligible for entry.

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### 862 Nature 12 and under

### 863 Nature 13 and over

Any original item made of natural materials such as wreaths, cornhusk dolls, etc. Items should be made of natural materials (which may be purchased), but securing elements such as glue and wire may be used in the inner construction as long as they do not detract from the overall natural appearance. Articles such as dried, pressed flowers may be displayed under glass since it is necessary for protection/preservation of the natural materials. Candles are not suitable as entries. All baskets should be entered in Heritage Arts.

### 864 Three Dimensional Design/Mixed Media 12 and under

### 865 Three Dimensional Design/Mixed Media 13 and over

Art pieces in this class must be comprised of at least three different media. No one medium can make up more than 40% of a piece. The piece should be free-standing (not meant to be hung) that is observable on at least three different sides. Originality and design are important concepts. Craft and pre-formed or assembled projects are not acceptable.

### 866 Heritage Arts

Cross-stitched, knitted, and crocheted items by pattern must be entered in this class. Machine knitted items are NOT acceptable for this class. Other possibilities include: needlepoint, counted cross-stitch, crewel, embroidery, cut work, hardanger (embroidery openwork), macramé, baskets, candles, pysanki costumes, decorative painting on wood, metal, fiber, or candles. ALL baskets should be entered in Heritage Arts.

### 867 Computer-Generated Art

Any original art created in any software package. Exhibit may not include scanned work, clip art, downloaded images from the internet, any imported image, or photographs. All pixels must be original. Photo mosaics are NOT allowed. Color or black & white exhibits are acceptable.

### 868 Scrapbooking

Scrapbook designed by an individual

### 869 Cake Decorating

Have a great time & make  
the best memories!

The Wietecha Family

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The advertisement features a green and yellow color scheme. At the top left is the 'SLOAN IMPLEMENT' logo. Below it, a large John Deere tractor is shown in a field. To the right of the tractor, there are four circular inset images showing various John Deere equipment in use. At the bottom left is the John Deere logo. The main text reads: 'FAMILY OWNED. FARMER FOCUSED. PROVIDING JOHN DEERE SALES, PARTS, AND SERVICE SINCE 1931'. At the bottom right, there are social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube, followed by the text 'VISIT US ONLINE AT SLOANS.COM' and '26 LOCATIONS ACROSS ILLINOIS, WISCONSIN, & INDIANA'.

# AWARDS

## CATTLE

<b>Champion Angus Steer</b> In Memory of Charlie Ring	<b>Champion Angus Heifer</b> Petefish, Skiles & Company Bank
<b>Champion Hereford Steer</b> In Memory of DeWayne Sweatman	<b>Champion Hereford Heifer</b> H.A. Votsmier
<b>Champion Shorthorn Steer</b> In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Virgin	<b>Champion Shorthorn Heifer</b> Horse Creek Outfitters
<b>Champion Crossbred Steer</b> Jim & Diane Dambacher	<b>Champion Crossbred Heifer</b> Brockhouse Farms
<b>Champion Simmental Steer</b> Mr. & Mrs. David Virgin & Family	<b>Champion Simmental Heifer</b> In Memory of Tom Studer
<b>Champion All Other Breeds Steer</b> Todd Jokisch & Family	<b>Champion All Other Breeds Heifer</b> Todd Jokisch & Family
<b>Grand Champion Steer</b> Mefford Farms	<b>Grand Champion Heifer</b> Nutrien Ag Solutions in Jacksonville
<b>Reserve Grand Champion Steer</b> Petefish, Skiles & Company Bank	<b>Reserve Grand Champion Heifer</b> Mr. & Mrs. David Virgin & Family
<b>Champion Rate of Gain</b> Kuhlmann Farms	<b>Champion Market Heifer</b> In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Virgin
<b>Reserve Champion Rate of Gain</b> Louis L. Jokisch Family	<b>Reserve Champion Market Heifer</b> Linda Snow
<b>Champion Carcass Class</b> Todd Jokisch & Family	<b>Champion Bucket Calf</b> Your Guardian Inspection, LLC

## SWINE

<b>Grand Champion Barrow</b> The Lathom Family	<b>Grand Champion Gilt</b> Mike Finn Insurance & Realty
<b>Reserve Grand Champion Barrow</b> A&W Genetics	<b>Reserve Grand Champion Gilt</b> Mefford Farms
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Overall Barrow</b> Wietecha Family	<b>Grand Champion Purebred Gilt</b> In Memory of Russell Mallicoat
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Overall Barrow</b> Smith Showpigs	<b>Grand Champion Market Gilt</b> Dambacher Family Farms
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Overall Barrow</b> Reither Family	
<b>Champion Berk Barrow</b> Smith Showpigs	<b>Champion Berk Gilt</b> Smith Showpigs
<b>Champion Duroc Barrow</b> A&W Genetics	<b>Champion Duroc Gilt</b> A&W Genetics
<b>Champion Hamp Barrow</b> Drew Patricks Hamps	<b>Champion Hamp Gilt</b> Drew Patricks Hamps
<b>Champion Poland Barrow</b> Morgan Wietecha	<b>Champion Poland Gilt</b> Morgan Wietecha
<b>Champion Spot Barrow</b> Reither Family	<b>Champion Spot Gilt</b> Reither Family
<b>Champion York Barrow</b> Fields Family Farms	<b>Champion York Gilt</b> Fields Family Farms
<b>Champion Hereford Barrow</b> Shelby Carey Smith	<b>Champion Hereford Gilt</b> Shelby Carey Smith
<b>Champion AOB Barrow</b> Reither Family	<b>Champion AOB Gilt</b> Reither Family
<b>Champion Crossbred Barrow</b> Seaman Farms	<b>Champion Crossbred Gilt</b> Seaman Farms

# AWARDS

## SHEEP

<b>Grand Champion Ram</b> In Memory of Brian Davenport	<b>Grand Champion Ewe</b> John & Lori Critchelow
<b>Reserve Grand Champion Ram</b> Meyer Farm	<b>Reserve Grand Champion Ewe</b> Meyer Farm
<b>Grand Champion Market Lamb</b> Petefish, Skiles & Company Bank	<b>Champion Market Ewe</b> In Memory of Ruby Bryant
<b>Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb</b> Horse Creek Outfitters	<b>Reserve Champion Market Ewe</b> Jason & Alicia Beck
<b>Champion Market Wether</b> Meyer Farm	<b>Reserve Champion Market Wether</b> In Memory of Ruby Bryant

## RABBITS

<b>Grand Champion Market Pen of Rabbits</b> In Memory of David Cox	<b>Grand Champion Rabbit</b> Barbara Volkman
<b>Grand Champion Single Fryer Rabbit</b> Todd Burrus Family	<b>Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit</b> Cass-Morgan Farm Bureau



# AWARDS

## GOATS

<b>Grand Champion Overall Doe</b> Reither Family	<b>Champion Meat Goat Wether</b> Jason & Alicia Beck
<b>Grand Champion Overall Buck</b> Dustin & Amy Fritsche Family	<b>Champion Pygmy Goat Doe</b> Lyons Littles
<b>Grand Champion Market Goat</b> Logan Agri-Service	<b>Champion Pygmy Goat Buck</b>
<b>Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat</b> Meyer Farm	<b>Champion Pygmy Goat Wether</b> Lyons Littles
<b>Champion Meat Goat Doe</b> Substation Farms	<b>Champion Dairy Goat Doe</b> Jason & Alicia Beck
<b>Champion Meat Goat Buck</b> Jason & Alicia Beck	<b>Champion Dairy Goat Buck</b> Nutrien Ag Solutions in Jacksonville

## POULTRY

<b>Grand Champion Pullet</b> Jim & Christine Birdsell	<b>Champion Pair of Ducks</b> John & Lori Critchelow
<b>Grand Champion Cockerel</b> In Memory of David Cox	<b>Champion Pair of Geese</b> Your Guardian Inspection, LLC
<b>Grand Champion Meat Pen of Chickens</b> Nutrien Ag Solutions in Jacksonville	<b>Champion Pair of Turkeys</b> Casey & Ashley French

# AWARDS

## SHOWMANSHIP

<b>Junior Beef Showmanship</b> West Central Bank	<b>Junior Sheep Showmanship</b> Country Financial - Jamie Behrends - Representative
<b>Senior Beef Showmanship</b> First National Bank of Arenzville	<b>Senior Sheep Showmanship</b> Cass-Morgan Farm Bureau
<b>Young Adult Beef Showmanship</b> Logan Agri-Service	<b>Young Adult Sheep Showmanship</b> Your Guardian Inspection, LLC
<b>PeeWee Swine Showmanship</b> Country Financial - Jamie Behrends - Representative	<b>Junior Goat Showmanship</b> Your Guardian Inspection, LLC
<b>Junior Swine Showmanship</b> Cass County Pork Producers	<b>Senior Goat Showmanship</b> Cass-Morgan Farm Bureau
<b>Senior Swine Showmanship</b> Cass County Pork Producers	<b>Young Adult Goat Showmanship</b> Logan Agri-Service
<b>Young Adult Swine Showmanship</b> Wietecha Family	<b>Horse Showmanship 8-12</b> Parlier Brothers
<b>Rabbit Showmanship</b> Reither Family	<b>Horse Showmanship 13-18</b> In Memory of Linda Turner Barker
<b>Super Showmanship</b> In Memory of DeWayne Sweatman	



# AWARDS

## HORSES

<b>Horsemanship (all ages)</b> In Memory of Jamie Birdsell	
<b>Junior Western Pleasure</b> In Memory of Bill & Betty Garver, Sr.	<b>Senior Western Pleasure</b> Lincoln Land Community College
<b>Junior Trail Class</b> Tate Family	<b>Senior Trail Class</b> Tate Family
<b>Junior Barrels</b> Substation Farms	<b>Senior Barrels</b> Talkemeyer Farms

## BUILDING

<b>Best Senior Garment Display</b> Debby Krohe	<b>Best Junior Garment Display</b> Debby Krohe
<b>Best Natural Resources Exhibit</b> Hish Farms - Gary & Bret Hish	<b>Best Mechanical Science Exhibit</b> Randi Cowell
<b>Best Woodworking Exhibit</b> Jeff Warden - Residential & Farm Construction	<b>Best Natural History &amp; Education Exhibit</b> Jeff Warden Residential & Farm Construction
<b>Best Floriculture Exhibit</b> 4-All Seasons Flowers and Gifts	<b>Best Photography Exhibit</b> Jenny Ring
<b>Best Senior Visual Arts Display</b> Shelby Carey Smith	<b>Best Junior Visual Arts Exhibit</b> In Memory of Kaitlyn Birdsell
<b>Best Senior Foods Display</b> Jeff Warden Residential & Farm Construction	<b>Best Junior Foods Display</b> Wietecha Family
<b>Best Vegetable Plate Exhibit</b> Chris & Heather Dirks	<b>Best Vegetable Display</b> Reither Family

Good luck 4-H members  
In Memory of Gerald M. Finn

In honor of

Maddox Reedy,  
Catey and Grace  
Virgin

Good Luck to all the 4H members!  
Dustin, Mekelle,  
Aiden & Avery Neathery

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Good Luck 4-Hers  
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Good Luck 4Hers

Carol McCombs &  
family

Good Luck  
from  
Donnan Awards

# Bernie Devlin

ELECT

JUDGE GABE GROSBOILL

8TH CIRCUIT JUDGE 2026

Paid for by Gabe Grosboll for Judge

Todd Burrus' family wishes 4-Hers well!

<p>John &amp; Lois Dotzert</p>	<p>Best of luck, 4Hers.</p> <p>Jim and Debbie Icenogle Jamie, Soe &amp; Camille Tha</p>
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Good Luck 4-H'ers!

Ross, Sarah, Jack, Ava & Collin Brockhouse

# THANK YOU

to our 2025 Auction Buyers

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Breakfast every day:  
 Donuts, Biscuits & Gravy, Fruit, & Milk

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WEDNESDAY.....SANDWICH DAY  
 THURSDAY.....RIBEYES  
 FRIDAY.....PORK CHOPS  
 SATURDAY.....REGULAR MENU/APPRECIATION MEAL

Hours: Wed. - Fri. : 7:30 am to 2:00 pm  
 Sat.: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm



# 2026 At A Glance

## Tuesday, June 23

10:00 am - Sheep & Goat Shows

7:00 pm - Queen Pageant & Jr. Show Queen named

## Wednesday, June 24

9:00 am - Poultry & Rabbit Shows

10:00 am - Building Project Judging

6:00 pm - Horse Show

## Thursday, June 25

10:00 am - Cattle Show

2:00 pm - Livestock Judging Contest

5:00 pm - Kids Games

7:00 pm - Mutton Busting

## Friday, June 26

8:00 am - Swine Show

4:00 pm - DeWayne Sweatman Super

Showmanship Shootout

8:00 pm - The Breakfast Club - 80s cover band

## Saturday, June 27

9:30 am - Junior Show Awards Presentation

10:00 am - Livestock Auction

6:00 pm - Rodeo

9:00 pm - Brushville