

## **GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES**

The rules herein apply to the Edgar County 4-H Fair. Be sure to check the Illinois State Fair book for rules pertaining to the State Fair. These rules are general for all livestock. Check specific rules for each type of livestock for particulars in that area.

### **EXHIBITOR**

1. All livestock must be exhibited in the 4-H Show by the 4-H member. Special situations may warrant that another youth or adult assist the 4-H member with exhibiting of the animal. Superintendents and/or Extension staff will address such situations on an individual basis.
2. Edgar County 4-H members are expected to prepare their own livestock for exhibition, before and during the 4-H fair, to the best of their ability, taking into consideration their age and experience. Extension staff and volunteers recognize that it may be necessary for the 4-H member to receive assistance from others in this process. Those giving assistance MAY NOT be a professional, defined as an individual who is receiving monetary payment for any service related to the care and preparation of an animal for the Edgar County 4-H show, beginning Sunday at 6 p.m. through the Thursday release of animals during the 4-H fair. In the case of horse and pony projects the standard shall be: no professionals can fit or train the animals on the show grounds the day of the show. Superintendents and/or Extension staff will address such situations on an individual basis.
3. All county exhibitors of beef, dairy, goats, horse and pony, poultry, rabbit, sheep, llama, and/or swine must attend or have attended the county Quality Assurance and Ethics clinic or completed the web based Quality Assurance and Ethics Training. A parent or guardian is encouraged to attend the clinic with the 4-H member regardless of the 4-H member's age. At least one face-to-face training will be offered by Extension staff or designated volunteer. If the 4-H member is unable to attend, the 4-H member must receive certification through the Illinois State 4-H Quality Assurance and Ethics web site by July 1. Failure to complete the face-to-face training or web site training by the Edgar County 4-H Fair entry deadline may result in failure to exhibit at the 4-H fair. Attending the county face-to-face training does not qualify a 4-H member for state fair competition.
4. Exhibitors will be dressed appropriately for showing. Preferably a 4-H shirt, long pants, and boots. No sandals allowed.
5. Good manners and sportsmanship will be displayed by all exhibitors, families and spectators at all times. Anyone acting in an unsportsmanlike manner may be asked to leave the grounds by Extension staff or designated volunteer.
6. For Showmanship Classes—Exhibitors are judged on ability to show his or her animal to its best advantage. Proper showmanship and grooming, both exhibitor and animal, are points to be judged heavily. Conformation of the animal is not to be considered.

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7. Substitution of a 4-H livestock project, due to injury or other circumstances preventing exhibition, **may** be permitted. The 4-H member is required to submit a written statement explaining the situation and a supporting statement from a veterinarian by July 1. Edgar County Extension Council and the livestock project superintendent will review the case and determine eligibility. *The purpose of this policy is to enable a 4-H member to complete the project, should injury or accident occur which was not within the control of the 4-H member or the member's family.*
8. 4-H members or other persons will not be allowed to stay on 4-H grounds overnight unless given special permission by the Extension Staff.

## **ANIMALS**

1. Animals, except Dairy Cattle, must be in place by 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. (Dairy Cattle will abide by Edgar County Fair rules.) All 4-H livestock, except horses and Dairy Cattle, must remain on 4-H fairgrounds until released.
2. Yearly health requirements specific to the Illinois State Fair will be implemented at the Edgar County 4-H Fair. Health papers will be collected by superintendents at check-in and are available for pick-up after approval by the designated fair veterinarian.
3. Registration papers for all purebreds must be presented at the species check-in. Members are encouraged to provide a copy of the original papers.
4. Upon request, the 4-H member must provide proof of ownership of the animal. *Edgar County 4-H's policy is to follow State Fair participation guidelines. Only equine and dogs may be leased. If you are leasing your equine or dog from anyone other than a family member, a lease form must be completed. NOTE: If you are exhibiting at the State Fair, any equine or dog that is not owned by the 4-H member him/herself, must have completed a lease form that accompanies the entry form.*
5. Livestock will be penned and stalled at the discretion of the superintendent or Extension Staff. Priority will be given to adequate space for animals before feed and tack space will be considered. Members may be asked to remove feed and tack as animal space becomes an issue.
6. Livestock grooming chutes, including beef and llama, are not allowed in the barns after 6 p.m. on Sunday due to limited space issues. In the event of inclement weather, every effort will be made to allow for grooming space under roof.
7. Alleyways in all barns must be kept free of show boxes, feed, supplies, manure, etc. No rear misters allowed. All fans need to be mounted on portable stalls or securely hanging from building supports.

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8. Animals must be shown in the ring to be sold in the auction.
9. All animals **MUST** be under control of the exhibitor during the 4-H Fair. Out of control animals pose danger to the public. Superintendents and/or Extension Staff reserve the right to require that animals which pose such danger be removed from the grounds immediately.