

# 2009 4-H Animal Exhibitors

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Applies to 4-Hers enrolled and who will exhibit:  
**Poultry-Rabbits-Beef-Dairy-Sheep-Swine-Goats-Horses**

## Horse exhibitors

- There will be a horse exhibitor meeting at the Extension Office on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. Details on enclosed flyer. Interested in Horse Judging Practices for horse judging team began on Jan. 17. They would love to have new faces on the team – all ages. The team will compete at the IL Horse Fair, the Hoosier Horse Fair and the State contest in June. If interested, please contact Diane Wohlers, 309-531-9326, [wohlershorsemanship@gmail.com](mailto:wohlershorsemanship@gmail.com). A thanks to Diane for coordinating.

## Beef exhibitors

- All 4-Hers wanting to show in the county or state Beef Market classes or the Premiere Beef class MUST have their animals weighed and tattooed by the beef committee on Feb. 7th, 10am-12pm at Reel Livestock Center in Congerville. Electronic ID tags, at a cost to the owner of \$3/tag, will also be used for all steers to be shown at the state fair.

## Swine exhibitors

- Swine Exhibitors planning to show in the county or state Premiere Barrow class must be weighed and tattooed between Feb. 10 and Apr. 15 by the swine superintendents. Call Jody Hughes at the office to set up an appointment.

## Sheep exhibitors

- State Fair premiere or live show wethers must be weighed and tattooed on April 18<sup>th</sup> or May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Interstate Center, 9am-12pm. Animals will also be tagged with electronic ID tags at a cost to the owner of \$2/tag.

## Goat exhibitors

- Meat goat wethers must be tattooed only by May 15.

## State Fair

- Beef, dairy, sheep, swine, goats, poultry and horse exhibitors must complete the Quality Assurance & Ethics certification. This online course must be taken only *ONCE* in a lifetime in order to show at the State Fair. The website is <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/qaec/> and can be accessed after Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.
- Swine exhibitors must take the Pork Quality Assurance course *EVERY* year to show at the State Fair. McLean County course date is April 28, 7 pm in the Extension Office auditorium.
- Entry fees are required again for Illinois State Fair junior exhibitors, payable with entry form.** Fees are allocated as follows:
  - Beef, Dairy, Horses -- \$10.00 per head
  - Sheep, Swine, Goats -- \$2.50 per head
  - Dogs -- \$2.00 per dog
  - Poultry, Rabbits -- \$1.00 per head

## Livestock Judging Opportunities

- If you are interested in participating in the following contests please contact Rhonda Baer at 309-275-8451. \*IL Beef Expo contest, Feb. 21, 8:00 am. \*Black Hawk College contest, Mar. 7, 8:00 am. \*Multi-county contest at ISU Farm in Lexington. (date TBA, call Jody at the office, 663-8306)
- Special thanks to volunteer livestock coaches Rhonda Baer and Marie Denzer for coordinating McLean County 4-Hers this year.

## Premise ID # Update

- A Premise ID # will be required for State Fair entry for barrow entries only. Providing an ID number will be voluntary at the McLean County Fair again this year. If you would like to obtain a number, go to <http://www.agr.state.il.us/premiseid/> or call 1-866-299-9256 for a paper form. There is no charge.

If you have questions regarding the above please contact Jody Hughes at the Extension office at 309-663-8306, ext 218 or email at [jilhugh2@ilstu.edu](mailto:jilhugh2@ilstu.edu).



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