

# 4-H Livestock Rules and Regulations

1. All entries must be postmarked or delivered to the Extension office no later than **May 29, 2009**.
2. **There are NO EXCEPTIONS to this deadline and they will be strictly enforced.**  
Mail to: U of I Extension  
Vermilion Unit  
12190 US RT 150  
Oakwood, IL 61858  
Phone: 217-442-8615
3. All first year exhibitors showing Beef, Swine, Goats, Sheep, Horse, or Poultry must have completed a Quality Assurance and animal Ethics training Program before June 15, 2009. Training may be completed at [hht://qaec.outreach.uiuc.edu](http://qaec.outreach.uiuc.edu).
4. All exhibitors, 4-H members, leaders, parents, family, and spectators at any Vermilion County 4-H event or activity must treat others in a courteous, respectful manner demonstrating behaviors appropriate to a positive role model for youth. Everyone must recognize that verbal and or physical abuse and/or neglect of youth, volunteers, staff, or judges is unacceptable in 4-H youth programs. Anyone in violation of this rule will be required to remove themselves to a distance of at least 100 yards from the 4-H event or activity.
5. A project exhibited by a 4-H member must be one in which he or she is enrolled. A project can be exhibited in only one area and must have been completed during the current 4-H year. Enrollments are a matter of record at the County Extension Office.
6. The dual merit system (A-superior, B-good, and C-fair) of grouping will be used in judging all classes in the show.
7. In no case will the Vermilion County Extension, or anyone connected with conducting the 4-H show be responsible for personal property damage incidental to the show.
8. No alcoholic beverages or non-prescriptive (prescription must accompany drug) shall be permitted at any 4-H event. The appropriate law enforcement officials will handle any violations. 4-H members found in violation will be subject to disqualification and forfeiture of all premiums or awards won at the event.
9. An exhibitor's age shall be defined as his/her age on September 1 of the current year regardless of actual birth date.
10. Any question concerning a rule in the 4-H show must be made through the show's superintendent prior to judging.
11. Exhibiting a project supports the goal of "Learning by Doing." Those unable to personally exhibit their livestock must secure approval of the superintendent. It is highly recommended the members be present with their projects when judging takes place.
12. Protests: All protests of eligibility of exhibitors or animals entered in the Vermilion County 4-H Fair must be filed in writing at least 12 hours before the department show begins, or within 12 hours after the conclusion of said show, and must be signed by 3 parties. The protest committee shall consist of the 4-H Livestock Committee Chairman, the appropriate Species Superintendent and a representative of the Extension Office.
13. Violation of Vermilion County 4-H Fair Rules: If an exhibitor is found in violation of any Vermilion County 4-H Fair rules and regulations, the exhibitor may ask for a review hearing. If the hearing is held after the show, the exhibitor may exhibit his/her animal(s). Premiums and awards will be withheld until a decision has been made by the Protest Committee.
14. A member is limited to 2 entries per class.
15. All livestock exhibitors will be assigned stalls by the department superintendent.
16. If there are less than 3 exhibitors in beef, dairy, sheep, swine, or horse and pony class, the superintendent has the right to combine classes.
17. Animals selected as Champions or trophy winners must be one which has received an "A" rating.
18. All exhibitors in a department having showmanship classes are eligible for the class.  
**Showmanship classes defined:**  
Jr. Showman – All 4-H exhibitors age 13 years old and younger as of September 1, 2008.  
Sr. Showman – All 4-H exhibitors age 14 years old and older as of September 1, 2008.  
NOTE: Rabbit, Horse and Pony, and Dog Showman – see species rules.  
The above divisions may be divided into qualifying heats to limit the number of exhibitors in the ring. This will be determined at the time of the competition. If a heat system is used the top 2 competitors in each division will be awarded prizes. The showmanship competitions will take place following the 4-H show. Please be ready and at ringside so heats can be determined if necessary.  
All announcements show day take precedence. Each department's superintendent may adjust class as required by the number of participants.
19. All questions not covered in these rules and regulations shall be decided by the 4-H Livestock Committee whose decision is final.
20. See 4-H schedule for check-in, judging and release times.