

Junior Department Livestock

Entry Procedures: You have three options available to make entries for the 2026 Fair.

1. **BY US MAIL:** Mailed entries must be postmarked by or prior to midnight **Friday, June 5, 2026**. Mail to: Jane Meyer, 1795 N 1800 East Rd, Thawville, IL 60968. Metered mail postmarks will not be honored. Entry fees, exhibitor's fees and requests for number of pens must accompany entry blanks or entry will not be accepted. To be sure your mailed entry is postmarked **ON TIME**, mail inside the post office and request that the clerk working hand postmarks your envelope.
2. **IN PERSON:** Entries may be made in person at the fair office in Melvin, IL on **Monday, June 8, 2026 or Tuesday, June 9, 2026** between Noon and 4:00 p.m. either day. All entry fees, exhibitor's fees and pen or stall fees must be paid at the time of entry.
3. **ONLINE:** There is a link on the fair's website that will direct you to the entry site. The website address is www.fordcountyfair.org. Look for the link on this website. Payment for all entry fees, exhibitor's fees, and requests for pens will be paid at the fair. Online entries will close on **Tuesday, June 9, 2026** at 9:00 p.m.

READ GENERAL RULES p.5 & p.19
Please provide Social Security Number.

DEPARTMENT H
JUNIOR DEPARTMENT LIVESTOCK
Total Premiums \$6,812.00

SPECIAL RULES

1. Junior classes are open to boys & girls who are 8 years of age or in third grade and not yet 21 years of age on or before September 1 of the year previous to the fair. All animals shown in Junior Classes must be the property of the boys & girls showing them. If the same animals are being shown in both the Open and Junior Classes, they shall be shown under the same exhibitor's name.
2. Entry deadlines can be found at the top of this page.
3. **LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS MUST BE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS BY THESE TIMES: Hogs** - 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 14 (weigh-in 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.); **Jr. Rabbits** - 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 15. Cattle, Swine and Rabbits will not be allowed on the fairgrounds before 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 14, 2026.

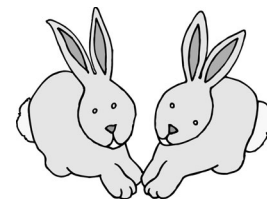
4. Release of exhibits - as announced in the general livestock rules, or by announcement from the Secretary's office. Livestock must be removed before 10:00 a.m. Sunday.
5. In case a 4-H member desires to show in any of the open classes of the Fair, it will be necessary for him to comply with the rules of the Fair governing the Open Class.
6. Each exhibitor will be required to buy an exhibitor's ticket at \$10.00.
7. Pen fee same as open class. However, only **one fee required for both open and junior classes.**
8. Entry fee: Hogs - \$6.00; Rabbits \$1.00.
9. All animals shown in a group premium number must be shown by the same owner.

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS

1. Each exhibitor will be allowed two entries in each class.
2. **ALL ANIMALS SHOWN IN THIS DEPT. MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY OWNED.**
3. All animals must be shown in the judging ring by the owner unless excused by doctor's certificate or the President of the Ford County Fair.
4. Read pages 20-24 for Health Requirements.

NOTES

RABBITS - All entries must meet ARBA Standards



1. All animals shown in this department must be individually owned.
2. Each exhibitor will be limited to two entries in each class.
3. All animals shown must be purebred.
4. Exhibitors must provide feed and water containers and their own feed.
5. Judging is at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2026. Pre-show check in at 8:30 a.m. on June 17, 2026.
6. All animals must be on the grounds by 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 15, 2026. Animals will be released at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, June 18, 2026.
7. Entry fee is \$1.00 per entry. Pen fee is \$.50 per rabbit.
8. Required Rabbit Barn meeting on June 15, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. in the Rabbit Barn.

SECTION	Department H4 Jr. Rabbits	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Intermediate Buck	Intermediate Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe	Premiums					
								1st	2nd	3rd	4th		
6 CLASS BREEDS													
1	Californian & New Zealand - All varieties	1301	1302	1303	1304	1305	1306	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00		
2	Satin - All varieties	1307	1308	1309	1310	1311	1312	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00		
3	Champagne	1313	1314	1315	1316	1317	1318	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00		
4	AOB 6 Class Breeds	1319	1320	1321	1322	1323	1324	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00		
SECTION	4 CLASS BREEDS	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe	Premiums							
						1st	2nd	3rd	4th				
7	Dutch- All varieties	1337	1338	1339	1340	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00				
8	Mini Rex - All varieties	1341	1342	1343	1344	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00				
9	Polish - All varieties	1345	1346	1347	1348	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00				
10	Holland Lop - All varieties	1349	1350	1351	1352	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00				
11	Tans - All varieties	1353	1354	1355	1356	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00				
12	Mini Lop - All varieties	1357	1358	1359	1360	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00				
13	Czech Frosty	1361	1362	1363	1364	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00				
14	Netherland Dwarfs - All varieties	1365	1366	1367	1368	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00				
15	AOB 4 Class Breeds	1369	1370	1371	1372	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00				
SECTION	16	Market Classes - All animals must be under 70 days old and weigh between 3 1/2 and 5 1/2 pounds.											
	1381	Meat Pen	10.00	7.00	5.00	4.00							
	1382	Single Fryer	10.00	7.00	5.00	4.00							
SECTION	17	Champions - Do not enter these classes											
	1383	Best 6 Class Animal	\$20.00										
	1384	Best 4 Class Animal	\$20.00										
	1385	Best in Show	\$50.00										



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