

# RULES REGARDING LIVESTOCK

All Health Certificates must be presented and checked before any livestock is unloaded.

Entries will not be changed after entry deadline.

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

- a. **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.
- b. **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.
- c. **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](http://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.

2. **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.
3. Every livestock exhibitor will be required to buy an exhibitor's season ticket at \$10.00. A charge will be made for each pen and are paid per head. See official entry blank for amounts.
4. All Livestock Exhibitors need to check in at the Fair Secretary's office upon arrival. Swine exhibitors pick up parking passes and exhibitor tickets on Sunday or Monday at the office.

5. Awards will be made by the single judge system unless the superintendent decides more are required.
6. Where there is no competition and the exhibit is worthy, the first prize only is awarded.
7. All money must accompany entries or they will not be accepted. No entry fee/pen fee refunds.
8. All livestock will be inspected before being housed. Whitman Veterinary Clinic will provide the veterinarian in charge of the livestock at the fair and all livestock will be under their supervision at all times.
9. Everyone must furnish their own watering utensils as there will be no public troughs.
10. Livestock exhibitors must furnish their own feed.
11. Help for unloading and penning the livestock will be furnished by the Fair Association.
12. **Champion:** Only animals awarded first prize in class rings are eligible to compete for best animal.
13. No protests considered unless presented in writing to the Fair secretary.
14. **Definition:** "Official Health Certificate": as referred to in these regulations shall be one issued and signed by an approved, accredited veterinarian or a veterinarian of the Bureau of Animal Industry.
15. Two entries per exhibitor allowed in livestock in each premium number in Open and Junior Show.

## LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR'S NOTICE

**The truck gate at the north side of the grounds will be used for bringing in livestock the first day. Deliveries of supplies for the livestock must be made each day before noon, and the truck gate will be used for that purpose.**

**READ THE RULES BEFORE ENTERING!**

**Premiums subject to State reimbursement.**

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