

OPEN CLASS - LIVESTOCK DIVISION

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1. The Department of Agriculture shall use its best efforts to secure sufficient appropriations to fund premiums. In any year for which the General Assembly of the State of Illinois fails to make an appropriation sufficient to pay such premiums, premium amounts may not be accurately reflected in the premium book.
2. See General Requirements.
3. <http://www.agr.state.il.us/AnimalHW/animalregistry/login.php>
4. **All 4-H entries in Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Goats, Poultry, and Swine are eligible for open show classes and are encouraged to enter. Entries must be made on open show entry forms and submitted by the deadline.**
5. Livestock exhibitors are allowed to enter and show no more than two animals per class. Entry fees must be paid for all animals entered. See entry form for fees.
6. Bark **must** be used for bedding in the beef division. Bedding will be provided by the Kendall County Fair Association. **Other forms of bedding for beef animals will not be allowed.** There will be a nominal fee of \$4 per animal charged for the bark. This fee **must be paid with entry fee.** *Kendall Co. 4-Hers are excluded from paying for bark.*
7. All livestock must be owned by the exhibitor 30 days prior to show. Breeding stock must be registered in the exhibitor's name. **Registration papers will be checked at weigh-in** and need to be presented upon request at any time during the fair. **Tattoo in ear must match purebred papers. All papers must be in exhibitors name, not farm, family, or firm name.**
8. All livestock must be **checked in between 2 and 8 PM on Wednesday.** Health papers will be checked before animals are unloaded. Classes will be divided after weigh-in. The number of weight classes will be determined by the Superintendents.
9. Electrical supply is limited. Generators provided by exhibitors may be utilized to support the use of fans.
10. **Livestock exhibitors are responsible for regular cleaning of pens and stalls by 10 AM daily or premium money will be forfeited.**
11. Any entry deemed unworthy by the judge will not be placed.
12. **Show order will be as printed in book.**
13. Open show exhibitors under the age of 20 may stay overnight at the fairgrounds **only with their parents or an adult.** Check-in at the fair office upon arrival is required or premiums will be withheld.
14. The Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act prohibits the physical mistreatment of animals. The Kendall County Fair Association will enforce this law during the fair. Persons found mistreating animals shall be prohibited from exhibiting and may be dismissed from the fairgrounds. Exhibitors are also required to follow all labeled livestock drug withdrawal guidelines. Persons wishing to request further information in regards to specific situations at the fair should contact the Livestock Coordinator through the fair office.
15. The State of Illinois reserves the right to randomly select local county fairs throughout the state of Illinois to randomly check the animal's health papers, pedigrees and even collect urine samples from these animals to check for illegal or improper drug usage. Violation of these requirements could lead to premiums being withheld or forfeited and/or banishment from local and/or state fairs. The violations are also punishable under state and federal law. There will be no exceptions to these new ethics rulings.
16. **Remember: good animal husbandry practices must be practiced at all times including Sunday until check out. Keep water and feed in place at all times.** We will withhold premiums if these practices are not followed.
17. A veterinarian is on the grounds, or available, throughout the fair, upon request of fair officials.
18. Open Show Livestock is eligible to be released between 11 PM Saturday and 1 AM Sunday and 5 AM to 7 AM Sunday. Open Show Livestock still on the grounds at 7 AM Sunday *and* all Kendall County 4-H Livestock will be released at 5 PM Sunday.
19. **Health papers held in the Fair Office until Saturday afternoon about 4p when they will be released to the exhibitor.**
20. Be sure to collect your premiums before you leave the grounds. Checks available at 5 PM on Sunday. Checks will not be mailed without the proper paperwork completed by the exhibitor. See the Fair Office.
21. **Failure to comply with any of the rules will be sufficient cause for forfeiture of all premiums earned by the exhibitor.**