

- RULES -

NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS

All exhibitor index, premium reports, judges sheets and checks will be computerized. Entry blanks must be filled out completely with name, address, social security number and premium number.

1. No drinking allowed on fairgrounds.
2. Gambling and gambling devices are absolutely prohibited on fairgrounds.
3. The Effingham County Fair Association will not be responsible for the loss or injury of any personal property or for any personal injuries.
4. The Directors of the Effingham County Fair Association expressly reserve the right to cancel the Fair and to withdraw premiums.
5. The Effingham County Fair Association reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, protests and differences in regard hereto and to add to or amend these rules as they may deem advisable.
6. Gates open for admission at 8:00 a.m. each day from Saturday, August 1, through Saturday, August 8, 2009. The Fairgrounds will be closed at midnight each night of the fair.
 - A. SEE EACH CATEGORY FOR ENTRY INFORMATION. (Exhibit Hall Entries ONLY)
 - B. LIVESTOCK: SEE UNDER YOUR CORRECT SECTION
7. Persons and/or vehicles entering the Fairground premises do so only with the permission of the Effingham County Fair Association and said Association expressly reserves the right to revoke the license of any person and/or vehicle from entrance and/or access to the Fairgrounds at any time.
8. Rules for entries in all classes:
 - A. All entries will be computerized. Social Security Number must accompany entries; premise ID required for all animals.
 - B. Registration papers will be randomly checked on first place animals.
 - C. **Send fees and entries to Effingham County Fair Entries, P.O. Box 212, Altamont, Illinois 62411. Exhibitors' cards may be picked up at the fair office. They will not be sent out.**
 - D. Beef cattle must be in place by **5:00 p.m.** Friday, July 31. Entries close Saturday, August 1, 9:00 a.m. NO late entries will be accepted. Released Monday, August 3 at 5 p.m.
 - E. Sheep must be in place by Friday, July 31 5:00 p.m., released Monday, August 3, 5:00 p.m..
 - F. Fitting Rule: Cattle are to be shown in their natural conformation. The use of false tail heads is prohibited. The addition of hair, hemp or any similar substance to any part of an animal is prohibited. This rule applies to both breeding stock and steers.
 - G. Dairy animals must be in place by 6 pm., Tuesday, August 4 and released Friday, August 7 at 6 p.m.
 - J. Goats will be in place by Noon on Tuesday, August 4 and released Friday, August 7 at noon.
 - K. **ABSOLUTELY NO ANIMALS WILL BE RELEASED UNTIL THE GIVEN TIME. THOSE VIOLATING THE RELEASE TIME WILL SUFFER 25% REDUCTION OF THEIR PREMIUMS WON. VIOLATORS NAMES WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BUREAU OF COUNTY FAIRS FOR FURTHER ACTION.**
 - L. All entries must be made in the name of the owners.
 - M. One item can be entered in only two (2) categories.
 - N. No exhibitor will be paid more than two (2) premiums in any one class.
 - O. All protests must be in writing, accompanied by an affidavit setting the grounds for protesting. Protests against exhibition of either animal or article must be filed with the Secretary on day of contest. In every case of protest, the parties protesting must deposit, with the Secretary, a sum of money equal to the amount of the purse. If the protest is sustained, the deposit of money shall be returned to the complainant, but if the protest is not allowed, the said deposit of money shall be forfeited to the Board and the purse shall be paid to the winner.
 - P. Refer to rules, by Department, for other entries.
 - Q. All livestock exhibitors must purchase exhibitors' ticket.
9. If any of these rules are prohibited by the laws of this state or held invalid in any state or in the United States, such rule or rules shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof; it being the intention of the parties that these rules shall comply with the law of the State of Illinois.

* NO GLASS BOTTLES ALLOWED ON GROUNDS*