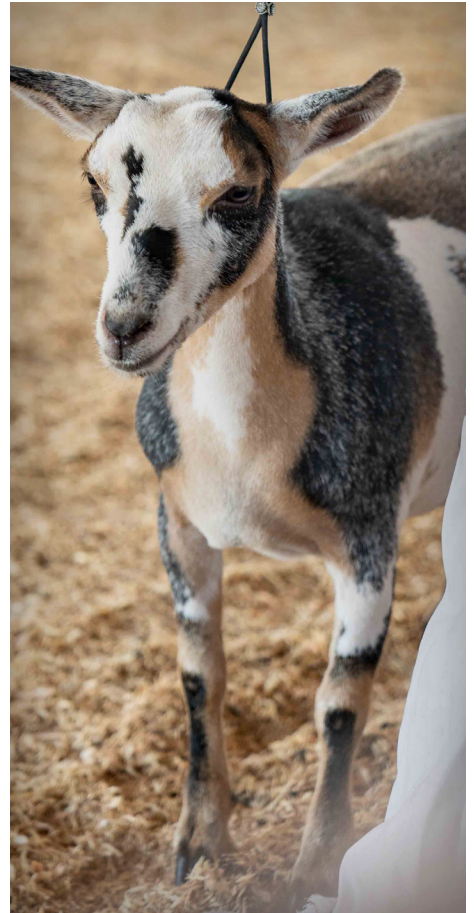




# LIVESTOCK

## PREMIUM BOOK

# Du QUOIN STATE FAIR

August 28 - September 7, 2026

## ADMISSIONS

|                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Adults (13+) & Children (0-12)..... | Free    |
| PARKING.....                        | \$10.00 |
| INSIDE PARKING.....                 | \$15.00 |

## CONTENTS

|                                                            |    |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Governor's Welcome .....                                   | 3  |
| Director's Welcome .....                                   | 5  |
| Livestock Schedule .....                                   | 8  |
| Exhibition Animal Health Requirements .....                | 9  |
| Animal Care, Drugs, Testing, Violations and Penalties..... | 13 |
| Livestock Division Announcements and General Rules .....   | 17 |
| Department 01 – Junior Beef Cattle .....                   | 22 |
| Department 02 – Open Beef Cattle .....                     | 30 |
| Department 03 – Junior Dairy Cattle .....                  | 39 |
| Department 04 – Open Dairy Cattle .....                    | 44 |
| Department 20 – Draft Horses, Ponies, and Mules .....      | 48 |
| Department 07 – Sheep .....                                | 53 |
| Department 05 – Swine.....                                 | 57 |
| Department 09 – Junior Dairy Goats .....                   | 60 |
| Department 10 – Open Dairy Goats .....                     | 64 |
| Department 11 – Meat Goats .....                           | 67 |
| Donors .....                                               | 70 |

Voice/TTY (618) 542-1515 or (866) 287-2999 - FAX (618) 542-1541

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any attendee requiring a reasonable accommodation, should notify us of their needs by August 10, 2026

ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 3, 2026

For Additional Information:

Du Quoin State Fair  
655 Executive Drive | Du Quoin, IL 62832

Attn: Danette Mohr

618-542-1509 or 618-542-1525 | Fax: 618-542-1541

Printed by the Authority of the State of Illinois | #26-161 / 7-16 / 40 copies



As the Governor of the great state of Illinois, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 104th annual Du Quoin State Fair.

Inspired by this year's theme, Miles of Smiles, we are proud to celebrate this time-honored tradition in southern Illinois. Year after year, the fair brings people together to enjoy the very best of our state — from agriculture and entertainment to family fun and, of course, fair food.

The Du Quoin State Fair continues to grow and thrive, as reflected in the record-breaking attendance in 2026. That success not only highlights the fair's enduring appeal but also reinforces its role as a major economic driver for southern Illinois. To ensure this proud tradition continues for generations to come, we have invested more than \$30 million in improvements to the fairgrounds since 2019, strengthening and preserving this historic venue for the future.

We are grateful to the hardworking men and women whose dedication and resilience keep agriculture, our state's number one industry, strong and resilient. We also extend our sincere appreciation to the staff, volunteers, exhibitors, vendors, and countless individuals who make the Du Quoin State Fair bigger, better, and more enjoyable each year.

Thank you for being part of the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair. We hope your time here is filled with memories that last long after the final fireworks fade.

All our best,



JB Pritzker, *Governor* MK Pritzker, *First Lady*



On behalf of our entire team at the Illinois Department of Agriculture, we are proud to welcome you to the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair, one of our family's favorite summer traditions and a celebration we look forward to all year long. We are so glad you're here.

Whether this is your first visit or a family tradition years in the making, we are excited to celebrate everything that makes the Du Quoin State Fair such a special part of summer in Illinois.

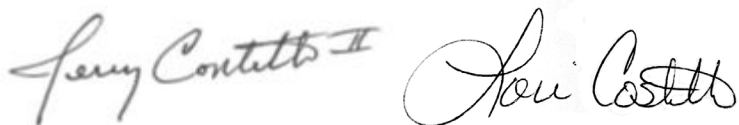
Of course, no fair visit is complete without the classics — a fresh corn dog, a cold lemon shake-up, and a ride on the Ferris wheel. But there's even more to discover around every corner. Feel the excitement of harness racing and USAC and ARCA auto racing on the legendary Magic Mile. Enjoy Grandstand concerts, demolition derby action, truck and tractor pulls, live entertainment and magic shows. Spend time browsing unique treasures at the Rusty Truck Vintage Market and visit the Illinois Product Expo to sample delicious local favorites and shop local.

As the state's number one industry, Agriculture remains at the heart of the Du Quoin State Fair. We invite you to visit the barns and learn more about the hardworking young people and farm families who make Illinois agriculture thrive. From cattle and sheep to goats and swine, the livestock exhibits offer a chance to connect with those who feed our nation.

We are also proud to continue improving the fairgrounds to make your experience even more memorable. Thanks to the Pritzker administration and the General Assembly, over \$30 million has been invested in infrastructure improvements, including \$16.4 million dedicated to much needed road repairs. The results speak for themselves as these 1,400 acres have never looked better.

Thank you for being part of the Du Quoin State Fair story. We hope you experience Miles of Smiles and make plans to do it all again in 2027!

Warm regards,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature, on the left, is 'Jerry Costello II' written in a cursive style. The second signature, on the right, is 'Lori Costello' also in a cursive style.

Jerry and Lori Costello



# GENERAL LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT

## Open and Junior Livestock Divisions

General Livestock Superintendent  
Assistant General Livestock Superintendent

Ed Whitcomb  
Jan Ridgely

### State Fair Administration and Oversight

BY PARTICIPATING IN THE DUQUOIN STATE FAIR, ALL EXHIBITORS AGREE TO ABIDE BY THIS PREMIUM BOOK AND ALL STATUTES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES. THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHALL SOLELY INTERPRET AND UPHOLD THESE RULES, IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE QUALITY AND STANDARDS OF THE DUQUOIN STATE FAIR AND PROTECT THE SAFETY, SECURITY, AND WELL-BEING OF STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS, VISITORS, AND EXHIBITED ANIMALS. IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO EXHIBIT AT THE DUQUOIN STATE FAIR AND THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DISQUALIFY AND REMOVE ANY ANIMAL AND/OR PERSON.

WHILE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS, LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS WILL BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE GENERAL LIVESTOCK SUPERINTENDENT AND RESPECTIVE LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT.

“DUQUOIN STATE FAIR” AND “ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE’ MAY BE USED INTERCHANGABLY THROUGHOUT THIS PREMIUM BOOK.

- Section 1.      Exhibition Animal Health Requirements
- Section 2.      Animal Care, Drugs, Testing, Violations and Penalties
- Section 3.      Livestock Division Announcements and General Rules

# 2026 LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE

|                                                | SHOW DATE<br>& TIME                               | IN PLACE<br>BY | RELEASE DATE<br>& TIME |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| <b><u>BEEF CATTLE</u></b>                      |                                                   |                |                        |
| Jr Showmanship                                 | 9/5 at 8:00am                                     | NA             | NA                     |
| Jr Show Breeding Beef                          | 9/5 at 12:00pm<br>(following showmanship)         | 9/4 by noon    | 9/6 after Open Show    |
| Jr Show Steers                                 | 9/5 following Jr Beef<br>(1hr after Jr Beef Ends) | 9/4 by noon    | 9/6 after Steer Show   |
| Open Show Breeding Beef                        | 9/6 at 9:30am                                     | 9/4 by noon    | 9/6 after Open Show    |
| <b><u>DAIRY CATTLE</u></b>                     |                                                   |                |                        |
| Jr Show Animals                                | 8/29 at 9:00am                                    | 8/27 by 6pm    | 9/6 after Open Show    |
| Open Show Animals                              | 8/30 at 9:00am                                    | 8/27 by 6pm    | 9/6 after Open Show    |
| <b><u>DAIRY GOATS</u></b>                      |                                                   |                |                        |
| JR Show Dairy Goats                            | 9/5 at 9:00am                                     | 9/4 by 6pm     | 9/6 after Jr. Show     |
| Open Show Dairy Goats                          | 9/6 at 9:00am                                     | 9/4 by 6pm     | 9/6 after Open Show    |
| <b><u>MEAT GOATS</u></b>                       |                                                   |                |                        |
|                                                | 8/29 at 2:00pm                                    | 8/29 by 8am    | 8/29 after show        |
| <b><u>SHEEP</u></b>                            |                                                   |                |                        |
| Jr Breeding Sheep                              | 9/5 at 9:00am                                     | 9/5 by 9am     | 9/6 after Breed Show   |
| Jr Market Lambs                                | 9/4 at 4:00pm                                     | 9/5 by 9am     | 9/6 after Breed Show   |
| Jr Showmanship                                 | 9/5 after Breeding                                | NA             | NA                     |
| <b><u>SWINE</u></b>                            |                                                   |                |                        |
| Jr Gilts                                       | 8/29 after<br>Showmanship                         | 8/28 by noon   | 8/30 after Barrow Show |
| Jr Barrows                                     | 8/30 at 9:00am                                    | 8/28 by noon   | 8/30 after Barrow Show |
| Jr Showmanship                                 | 8/29 at 1:00pm                                    | NA             | NA                     |
| <b><u>DRAFT HORSES, PONIES &amp; MULES</u></b> |                                                   |                |                        |
| Horse & Pony Halter                            | 8/29 at 8:00am                                    | 8/28 by 6pm    | 8/30 after show        |
| Teams & Hitches                                | 8/29 at 12:00pm                                   | 8/28 by 6pm    | 8/30 after show        |
| Mule Halter                                    | 8/30 at 8:00am                                    | 8/28 by 6pm    | 8/30 after show        |
| Carts & Hitches                                | 8/30 at 12:00pm                                   | 8/28 by 6pm    | 8/30 after show        |

All Horse/Pony/Mule Parade 8/29 after last class

# Exhibition Livestock Health Requirements

## State Fairs

For Health Requirement Information:

Illinois Department of Agriculture  
Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare  
State Fairgrounds, PO Box 19281  
Springfield, IL 62794-9281  
Phone (217) 782-4944

### General Requirements

**These Exhibition Health Requirements apply to all livestock present at the fair including those animals that are not entered in competitive events.**

1. Exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves with all rules applicable to their exhibits. All out-of-state animals require an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>
2. All animals, except as noted, shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) which shows that the animal meets all health requirements for the State of Illinois. CVI's shall be made available to Bureau of Animal Health Personnel on request. If an official electronic CVI is utilized, the exhibitor should be able to log on and show Bureau of Animal Health Personnel the completed CVI.
3. All animals shall be officially identified. The animal(s) official identification shall be recorded on the CVI.  
Animal Identification Number (AIN): A numbering system for the official identification of individual animals in the United States that provides a nationally unique identification number for each animal. The AIN consists of 15 digits, with the first 3 being the country code (840 for the United States or a unique country code for any US territory that has such a code and elects to use it in place of the 840 code).
4. If animals are from tuberculosis accredited, brucellosis certified, pseudorabies qualified, or brucellosis validated herds, the identifying herd number(s) along with the date of the last herd test(s) shall appear on the CVI.
5. CVIs for out-of-state livestock shall be void thirty (30) days after issuance.
6. CVIs for Illinois-origin livestock shall be void ninety (90) days after issuance.
7. All livestock shall be subject to examination upon entry to any Illinois fair or exhibition. Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases shall be immediately withdrawn and held in quarantine at the owner's risk and expense until properly treated and recovered, or until the animal is released to return to the owner's premise.

All livestock infected with scabies, mange, active lesions of ringworm, soremouth, or multiple warts which are easily visible without close examination shall not be permitted to exhibit and are subject to quarantine or removal from the fairgrounds.

Sheep and goats with caseous lymphadenitis as evidenced by draining abscesses shall not be exhibited and are subject to immediate quarantine or removal from the fairgrounds.

In the event of suspicion of or diagnosis of a foreign animal disease, emerging animal disease, or other actionable disease, animals may be subject to quarantine on the fairgrounds until such time that it is determined that the disease is no longer a threat.

8. Illinois Department of Agriculture personnel or designee may collect blood, tissue, milk, or urine samples from any animal being exhibited and/or raced at any Illinois fair to test for the presence of illegal drugs or banned substances. Examination techniques, such as ultrasound, may also be used at any time while the animals are on the grounds of any Illinois fair or exhibit.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture or designee may collect urine, blood, tissue, or other test samples from exhibition animals at the time of slaughter.

9. All exhibitors of animals at any Illinois fair or exhibition shall comply with the provisions of the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act. If violations are observed, the animal(s) will be excused from exhibition and ordered removed from the grounds with all awards being forfeited.

Any practice or deviation from normal, accepted care, including physical, medical or mechanical application, shall constitute a violation of show rules and may result in the animal(s) disqualification and removal from the fairgrounds.

10. Any Illinois cattle, bison, Cervidae or goats being exhibited in non-accredited free states must be isolated from the remainder of the herd/flock upon return to Illinois and retested for tuberculosis 60-120 days post-entry.

## CATTLE

### Identification

Individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag. ("840" tag)

**Beginning in 2025, the tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.**

### Illinois Cattle

#### Brucellosis

Illinois is a Bovine Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Illinois cattle.

#### Tuberculosis

Illinois is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin testing is not required for Illinois cattle.

**Please note: Illinois calves under 6 months of age are not required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**

### Out-of State Cattle

All out-of-state cattle are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>

#### Brucellosis

1. Female cattle six (6) months of age and older and bulls eighteen (18) months of age and older shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within thirty (30) days prior to entry, unless exempt by one (1) of the following:
  - a. Originate directly from a certified brucellosis-free herd.
  - b. Official vaccinates of dairy breeds under twenty (20) months of age or official vaccinates of beef breeds under twenty-four (24) months of age.
  - c. Animal originated from a "Class Free" state (if entire state is so classified).
  - d. Steers and spayed heifers are not required to be tested for brucellosis.
2. The negative brucellosis test shall be conducted at a state or federal laboratory within 30 days prior to exhibition.

#### Tuberculosis

1. Accredited Tuberculosis-Free States
  - a. No tuberculin test required. All cattle, including steers, originating from an Accredited Tuberculosis Free State, may enter Illinois for exhibition when accompanied by a CVI issued by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days.
2. Non-Accredited Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB free)
  - a. Cattle must originate from a herd where a complete herd test was conducted within the past year.
  - b. The individual animals entering Illinois must be negative to an additional tuberculin test conducted **within 30 days prior to exhibition.**
  - c. Cattle that enter Illinois for exhibition and remain in Illinois (animal does not return to the state or origin within 30 days) must be isolated and retested for TB 60-120 days from the last official TB test date.

## SWINE

### Identification

Individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag ("840" tag).

**Beginning in 2025, the tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.**

## **Illinois Swine**

### Brucellosis

Brucellosis testing is not required for Illinois swine.

### Tuberculosis

Pseudorabies testing is not required for Illinois swine.

**Please note: Illinois calves under 6 months of age are not required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**

## **Out-of-State Swine**

All out-of-state swine are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at (<https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>)

### Brucellosis

1. Breeding swine 4 months of age and older shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within 30 days prior to exhibition unless exempt by one (1) of the following:
  - a. Originate immediately and directly from a validated brucellosis-free herd.
  - b. Originate directly from a validated brucellosis-free state.
2. Swine brucellosis tests for exhibition shall be conducted at a state or federal laboratory.

### Pseudorabies

1. Swine originating from a Pseudorabies Stage IV or V state are exempt from the pseudorabies testing requirement.
2. Swine originating from a Pseudorabies Stage III state shall be negative to an official test for pseudorabies conducted within thirty (30) days prior to entry or originate immediately and directly from a qualified pseudorabies negative herd.
3. Swine originating from a Pseudorabies Stage I or II state shall be negative to an official test for pseudorabies conducted within the 10 days prior to entry.
4. Barrows and females in market classes must meet the same requirements as breeding swine.

## **SHEEP**

### **Identification**

Individual identification of each animal shall be by an ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.

Ear tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal.

When using ear tags, the tag must indicate the premises ID and state of origin. The tag number must be assigned by a state or APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database.

### **Market Lambs**

All market lambs must be slick shorn (show ring ready) before weighing in so that show lamb fungus can be identified.

### **Illinois Sheep**

1. Sheep originating from a flock that has previously been classified as either an infected or source flock can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved flock plan.
2. The CVI must include the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

### **Out-of-State Sheep**

All out-of-state sheep are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at (<https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>)

## GOATS

### Identification

Individual identification of each animal shall be by an ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.

Ear tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal.

When using ear tags, the tag must indicate the premises ID and the state of origin. The tag number must be assigned by a state or APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database.

Ears should be used for tattooing when possible. If there is no space in the ear, the flank or tail fold may be used.

### Illinois Goats

1. Goats originating from a herd that has previously been classified as either an infected or source herd can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved herd plan.
2. The CVI must include the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

### Out-of-State Goats

All out-of-state goats are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>

1. Goats originating from a herd that has previously been classified as either an infected or source herd can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved herd plan.
2. Tuberculosis- Goats from areas or states that are not Accredited Bovine Tuberculosis Free, must be accompanied by a CVI indicating that the goats originated from a herd where a complete negative herd test has been conducted within the past twelve (12) months and the individual animals are negative to a tuberculin test conducted within thirty (30) days prior to entry. The CVI must include the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

## HORSES, PONIES, MULES, AND OTHER EQUIDAE

### Illinois Equine

1. All horses and other Equidae, twelve (12) months of age and older attending an advertised equine event, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) conducted within the last twelve (12) months. A copy of this test shall accompany the animal.
2. AGID (Coggins) or ELISA tests are accepted.
3. An advertised equine event means a show, rodeo, sale, auction, exhibition, trail ride, or horse fair that is posted or media promoted.
4. A CVI is not required for Illinois equine.

### Out-of-State Equine

All out-of-state equines are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>

1. All horses and other Equidae entering Illinois that are twelve (12) months of age or older, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) conducted within the last twelve (12) months. A copy of this test shall accompany the animal.
2. AGID (Coggins) or ELISA tests are accepted.
3. All horses and other Equidae shall be accompanied by a CVI issued within thirty (30) days prior to entry.

**\*END OF EXHIBITION LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS\***

# Animal Care, Drugs, Testing, Violations and Penalties

Exhibitors with questions regarding medications and/or eligibility are encouraged to contact the Illinois State Veterinarian at 217-782-4944 prior to administration of medication. The State Fair Manager can also be reached at 217-782-0776.

1. All exhibitors in any and all events described in this Premium Book acknowledge by their entry into such events that they have no constitutional or statutory right to participate or compete in such events. All exhibitors hereby expressly acknowledge that the procedures set forth in this Premium Book are the exclusive procedures and remedies concerning any disqualification. The Du Quoin State Fair and/or the Department of Agriculture reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair.
2. Exhibitors and exhibitors' parents and/or legal guardians bear absolute responsibility for the care and custody of their animals. The use of drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of Federal Law.
3. The Du Quoin State Fair is entitled to disqualify any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for a drug, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents and/or legal guardian are unaware of any wrongdoing, did not administer the drug, or had no knowledge of the administration of the drug. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the Du Quoin State Fair is entitled to disqualify the exhibitor.
4. If an exhibitor administers any medication or drug to an animal prior to the Du Quoin State Fair, it is the exhibitor's sole responsibility to ensure that withdrawal times allow the animal to be slaughter eligible by the time it arrives at the fairgrounds. The elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal period for most approved drugs.
5. The Du Quoin State Fair has the right to examine and/or test any animal (deceased or living), feed, liquids, or equipment at any time. The Du Quoin State Fair may sample an animal's blood, urine, milk, saliva, and/or tissue. Any samples taken for testing become property of the Du Quoin State Fair. Samples may be collected, stored, and tested in any manner the Illinois Department of Agriculture deems appropriate. Positive test results may be made public.
6. The Du Quoin State Fair may impound any animal for testing. Refusing such tests shall be cause for disqualification. Any animal tested at the Illinois State Fair is subject to being detained at the expense of the exhibitor until the Du Quoin State Fair receives final test results.
7. The drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents and/or legal guardians.
8. Violations:
  - a. Drug Administration: It is a violation if any medication or drug is administered to an animal after it has arrived on the State Fairgrounds without the supervision of the official State Fair Veterinarian. If an animal requires treatment while on the fairgrounds, only the Official State Fair Veterinarian is allowed to administer a medication or drug to the animal. Animals administered a medication or drug by the Official State Veterinarian having a reported withdrawal and/or elimination time period beyond the show date will be automatically disqualified from the competition.
  - b. Unapproved Drug Use: It is a violation if a market animal tests "positive" (no a quantitative test) for any drug that has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration and/or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for such type of animal.

However, it shall not be a violation of this subsection if the exhibitor discloses the drug specifically as follows: the exhibitor provides to the Du Quoin State Fair, at check-in, the Du Quoin State Fair AMDUCA form properly completed by the veterinarian that prescribed the non-FDA approved drug for the animal. It shall also not be a violation of this subsection if the State Fair Veterinarian prescribes a non- FDA approved drug for an animal during the Du Quoin State Fair and completes the AMDUCA form. The AMDUCA form is available by contacting the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Although the preceding paragraph allows for certain use of non-FDA approved drugs, please be aware that federal law (21 CFR 530-41) prohibits the following list of drugs, families of drugs, and substances for extralabel animal uses. Therefore, notwithstanding the above paragraph, it is a **violation** with an increased penalty, including notification to the relevant authorities, if a market animal tests "positive" (not a quantitative test) for any of the following:

    1. Chloramphenicol;
    2. Clenbuterol;
    3. Diethylstilbestrol (DES);
    4. Dimetridazole;
    5. Iprnidazole
    6. Other nitroimidazoles;

7. Furazolidone
8. Nitrofurazone;
9. Sulfonamide drugs in lactating dairy cattle (except approved use of sulfadimethoxine, sulfabromomethazine and sulfaethoxy pyridazine;
10. Fluoroquinolones;
11. Glycopeptides;
12. Phenylbutazone in female dairy cattle 20 months of age and older; and
13. Cephalosporins (not including cephalixin) in cattle, swine, chickens, or turkeys:
  - i. For disease prevention purposes;
  - ii. At unapproved doses, frequencies, durations, or routes of administration; or
  - iii. If the drug is not approved for that species and production class.

- c. Violative Residue Limit (Tolerance): It is a violation if a test result indicates the presence of a drug, additive, or contaminant that exceeds a residue limit (tolerance) set by the FDA and applied by the FSIS.
- d. Unethical Fitting and Grooming Practices: It is a violation if an animal evidences air pumping or the presence of inappropriate substances to alter confirmation. Methods such as stomach pumping to induce artificial fill, performing surgical and/or non-surgical procedures to alter the animal's configuration or the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body, or unethical fitting are grounds for disqualification. The following generally accepted management practices are allowed: hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, castration, branding, tattooing, ear notching, and docking tails.
- e. Falsification of Entries or Records: It is a violation to falsify or alter official entries, records, or registrations of animals.
- f. Unsportsmanlike Conduct: It is a violation for an exhibitor to act in any way that is outright discourteous or disrespectful to other exhibitors, judges, fair personnel or fair visitors, or to deliberately place or cause to be placed any animals or other person in a potentially harmful or disadvantageous position.
- g. Approaching a Judge: It is a violation for any individual, except Du Quoin State Fair personnel, to approach a judge during a show. Further, it is a violation to interfere with a judge in the performance of his/her duty or to refuse the awards designated by a judge.

9. Penalties: In the event of a violation, the exhibitor and animal shall be disqualified. The Du Quoin State Fair will provide the disqualified exhibitor with a *Notice of Disqualification* setting forth the specific reasons for the disqualification. The exhibitor of the disqualified animal shall be subject to the following penalties:

- a. If exhibitors first disqualification:
  1. Forfeiture of all monetary awards including sale proceeds associated with the exhibitor for the current State Fair. The exhibitor also forfeits the rights to any product resulting therefrom.
  2. Return of all trophies and non-monetary awards associated with the exhibitor for the current State Fair.
  3. Forfeiture of all titles associated with the exhibitor for the current State Fair.
  4. A ban from competing in any competitive event at the Du Quoin State Fair for the following three (3) years, unless the animal is disqualified for testing positive for a drug, family of drugs, or substances prohibited by 21 CFR 530.41, in which case the ban shall be for the lifetime of the exhibitor.
- b. If exhibitor's second or subsequent disqualification:
 

All of the penalties above in 9(A), except the exhibitor shall be subject to a ban from competing in any competitive events at the Du Quoin State Fair for the following five (5) years, unless the animal is disqualified for testing positive for a drug, family of drugs, or substances prohibited by 21 CFR 530.41, in which case the ban shall be for the lifetime of the exhibitor.

10. Appeal of the Disqualification: A disqualified exhibitor shall have 10 days following the receipt of the Notice of Disqualification to file a Petition with the Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The procedures set forth in 8 Illinois Administrative Code 1, SUBPART C shall govern the process of filing and considering a Petition from a disqualified exhibitor.
11. If a Grand Champion animal is disqualified, the Reserve Grand Champion will be elevated to the respective designation. Disqualified animal photos and designations shall not be used in any advertising or promotional activities following the State Fair.

#### **SICK, NONAMBULATORY AND DECEASED ANIMAL POLICY**

12. The Du Quoin State Fair is fully committed to carrying out Animal Wellness and Care principles and ensuring the proper treatment of all animal exhibits. Therefore, sick animals shall not be exhibited because of the risk to the animal, other

animals, the exhibitor, other persons, and the integrity of competitions. The Du Quoin State Fair Management, Department Superintendents, State of Illinois Veterinarians, and their respective designees, at their sole discretion, may prohibit an animal from showing and may require an animal to be sent to quarantine or leave the fairgrounds on the basis of animal health and care concerns.

13. A veterinarian will be available during the State Fair and may be reached by calling Sesser Animal Hospital at 618-625-5641.
14. Upon arrival at the State Fairgrounds, all Junior Livestock Division exhibitors irrevocably consent to emergency medical care that may be needed to preserve an animal's life or prevent extreme suffering. Junior exhibitors and any person affiliated with them hereby waive any claim related to emergency medical care and, to the fullest extent permitted by law. Junior exhibitors and any person affiliated with them hereby agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Du Quoin State Fair, Illinois Department of Agriculture, Illinois 4-H and FFA programs, the State of Illinois, and respective agencies, affiliates, agents, officers, and employees from all claims and suits including court costs, attorney fees, and other expenses related to emergency medical care. If the following conditions have been met, the Du Quoin State Fair is expressly authorized to perform any medical treatment, including but not limited to medical practices/procedures, administering of medications, surgery, and euthanasia, for an animal in the absence of the Junior exhibitor:
  - A. The Junior exhibitor is unreachable after due diligence has been made to contact the exhibitor; and
  - B. The State Fair Veterinarian (or designee), Department Superintendent and General Livestock Superintendent jointly determine the animal's health is in danger and delaying treatment would be detrimental to the animal's life, or the animal is in extreme pain.
15. Upon entry to the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds, only the official State Fair Veterinarians (or designee) may administer any medications or treatments externally or internally to animals on the Fairgrounds.

***Special Note: It is a violation if any medication or drug is administered to an animal without the supervision of the official State Fair Veterinarian.***

16. Notification to the State Veterinarian shall be completed by the attending official veterinarian and signed by the exhibitor or their guardian. Within 2 hours of treatment, the official State Fair Veterinarian shall electronically report all performed treatments to the Illinois Department of Agriculture.
17. No animals can be unloaded that are nonambulatory (i.e. downer) or unable to walk off the vehicle under their own power. The exception to this policy will be unloading the animal for euthanizing and disposing of the animal. If an animal becomes nonambulatory after arrival at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds, the following policy will be strictly enforced:
  - a. The owner shall immediately notify the Department Superintendent.
  - b. The Department Superintendent shall immediately notify the State Fair Veterinarian and General Livestock Superintendent about the animal in question and the evolving circumstances.
  - c. The official Du Quoin State Fair Veterinarian, Department Superintendent, General Livestock Superintendent, and owner (or representative) will consult to determine the best course of action with primary focus on the animal's well-being. If euthanasia is determined to be the best option, this will be at the owner's expense.
  - d. Livestock that becomes nonambulatory after arriving at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds must be disposed of or removed for treatment within 12 hours of discovery or receiving notice of the animal's condition. If the animal is treatable and the previously identified committee agrees, the owner must remove that animal from the Fairgrounds (at the owner's expense) within the 12 hour period.
  - e. If an animal dies while at the Du Quoin State Fair, the animal's owner(s) shall immediately notify the Department Superintendent, who shall notify the General Livestock Superintendent who shall contact the State Veterinarian. The animal shall be removed from the building or display area within 30 minutes. Fairgrounds staff will assist in loading the carcass into a vehicle for removal to an appropriate holding area, but the animal's owner(s) is responsible for removing the carcass from the fairgrounds. In all instances, the Department Superintendent and General Livestock Superintendent must be present to assist in coordinating the removal of the carcass.
  - f. The Illinois Department of Agriculture reserves the right to examine and/or test any animal that dies on the fairgrounds, including having a necropsy performed. If a necropsy is performed, the Department of Agriculture will bear the cost.

#### **ETHICAL CARE AND FITTING OF ANIMALS**

18. The Du Quoin State Fair provides a showcase for Illinois Agriculture, highlighting the highest quality livestock, commodities and products through fair, unbiased and educational competitive events. Therefore, livestock exhibitors are held to a high standard of stewardship, integrity and ethics in each and every aspect of the care and exhibiting of animals. By making entries in the Du Quoin State Fair, exhibitors certify they have read the contents of this section of the fair book and agree to abide by all applicable rules and guidelines associated with the ethical care and exhibiting of animals, including specific rules relating to the administration of drugs to animals. Failure to do so could result in immediate disqualification from entered events, loss of entry fees, and other identified penalties.

- A. When caring for and exhibiting animals, ***ethics means***:
1. Setting good examples.
  2. Doing the right things.
  3. Making ethical decisions.
  4. Being accountable for your decisions.
- A. Specifically, ethical care includes:
1. Knowing how to properly handle and treat your animals and acting accordingly.
  2. Observing your animals each and every day.
  3. Treating your animals humanely at all times.
  4. Providing safe and humane housing for your animals that protects them from the weather and any hazards that could result in injuries, pain, or disease.
  5. Transporting your animals in a manner that will avoid unnecessary stress or chance of injury.
  6. Being gentle and patient with animals.
  7. Providing adequate amounts of good quality and wholesome food and water. This means feeding and watering animals daily, even on busy, difficult days.
  8. Keeping your animals, pens and stalls clean at all times.
  9. Protecting your animal's health through implementing disease prevention strategies, such as following proper vaccination protocols and quickly responding to any change in the health status of your animal.
  10. Using and storing medications correctly and in accordance with label directions.
  11. Providing veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering.
  12. Helping others whenever possible.
- B. Specifically, ethical exhibiting includes:
1. Making sure each animal's records and entries are correct, including age, breed, weight, and ownership papers.
  2. Following the deadlines for entry and arrival at shows.
  3. Being truthful in completing paperwork and entry forms and demonstrating honesty in working with other exhibitors and show staff.
  4. Keeping the promises made by signing the Illinois State Fair Affidavit that...
    - I. Livestock exhibits have been cared for and maintained by the exhibitor and his or her immediate family.
    - II. Exhibitors will follow the rules of the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act and
    - III. Exhibitors will follow fair rules on animal care, grooming and market eligibility
  5. Properly handling your animals when they are being exhibited.
  6. Being courteous toward other exhibitors and adults working with the program.
  7. Listening to and following the advice of advisors and leaders.
  8. Dealing with anger and disagreements in a peaceful way.
  9. Accepting the results of competition and being a good sport.
- C. Ethical behavior does not include:
1. Striking, tormenting, overworking, starving or abusing animals in any manner.
  2. Abandoning any animal where it may become a public charge or may suffer injury, hunger, or exposure.
  3. Using animal drugs illegally or not according to the label, as such action may potentially harm animals, make animal products unsafe for consumers and could result in criminal charges.
  4. Turning in false paperwork about an animal's age, breed, weight, ownership, identity, or more.
  5. Taking credit for work you did not do.
  6. Illegally changing the appearance of an animal.
  7. Exhibiting deceitful, disrespectful, or discourteous behavior toward other exhibitors or show staff.

**\*END OF ANIMAL CARE, DRUGS, TESTING, VIOLATIONS, AND PENALTIES**

# LIVESTOCK DIVISION

## Announcements and General Rules

General Livestock Superintendent..... Ed Whitcomb  
Assistant General Livestock Superintendent..... Jan Ridgely

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Junior Livestock Division Eligibility

Junior Livestock Division exhibitors must be at least eight (8) years old and not yet twenty-one (21) years of age by August 31, 2025. Proof of age may be required.

#### A Word to Parents, Leaders, and Teachers

The management of the Fair realizes the necessity of proper supervision of the activities of young people participating in the Junior Livestock Division. Those in charge of the activities of this department have been selected because of their experience in working with young people. However, parents and leaders should be aware of conditions on the Fairgrounds and make provisions for adequate care and supervision of exhibitors.

#### Truck and Livestock Trailer Parking

Trucks and livestock trailers *must* be parked in designated areas. No vehicle shall be parked in areas immediately around the livestock barns or the Exhibition Hall or next to the racetrack. **Special Note: Vehicles parked in non-designated areas will be towed at owner's expense.**

#### Camper Parking

Campers *must* be parked in the campground area. There will be no campers parked around the livestock area.

#### Premises Registration Number Voluntary

Premises Registration is voluntary to exhibit livestock (beef, dairy, horses, swine, sheep, and goats) at the Du Quoin State Fair. Choosing to register your premises puts you on the frontline of controlling and preventing the spread of animal disease. A disease outbreak can't be predicted but it can impact every segment of animal agriculture. Participation ensures that you have the information you need, when you need it most, to protect your animals and your investment. Registering a premise involves obtaining a seven-character alpha-numeric "identifier" for the farm, ranch, veterinary clinic, or other site where livestock or fowl are handled, housed, managed, or processed.

If an exhibitor wants to register their animals, an application form can be found online at [www.agr.state.il.us/premiseid](http://www.agr.state.il.us/premiseid). Exhibitors who register online will receive a premise registration number immediately. An application can also be obtained by calling 866-299-9256. If completing application and returning by mail, it may take up to four (4) weeks to receive the number.

#### Filing a Protest

If another exhibitor or any member of the public has reason to believe that an animal should be disqualified, he/she must contact the appropriate Department Superintendent and/or State Fair officials and file a protest presenting his/her evidence in writing. Such protest and evidence must be filed after official check-in of the animal of protest or within forty-eight hours after the respective show. If, after reviewing the evidence, the State Fair disqualifies the animal and disqualified exhibitor requests and administrative hearing, the complaining person shall be required to testify under oath at the hearing and present his/her evidence. If the complaining person refuses to testify or cannot be found to be served with a subpoena, no disqualification will be made on the basis of that complaining person's evidence.

### GENERAL RULES

#### ENTRY RULES, FEES, AND INFORMATION

1. No employee (including full-time, part-time, and/or contractual employees) of the Du Quoin State Fair or member of his/her immediate family is allowed to own or exhibit any animals and/or articles in any competitive event in which he/she is employed as a judge or superintendent. (Immediate family is defined as the spouse, children, stepchildren, parents or stepparents, brothers, sisters, stepbrothers or stepsisters.)

2. By submitting entry to Du Quoin State Fair, exhibitors agree to all terms and conditions in this premium book and all other laws including the *Humane Care for Animals Act*.
3. Fitting companies or persons making entries for other individual owners must list the name of the animal and the name of the person or partnership identified as the owner on the registration paper.
4. Entries *must* state the name and registration number of the animals to be exhibited; name, address, and social security number of the owner (exhibitor); and name and address of breeder as it appears on the original registration paper issued by the respective national breed association.
5. Do not enter Champion Classes. First place class winners will automatically be entered in Champion Classes as a show progresses.
6. Gilt and Barrow ear notches and breed must appear on swine entry form to show.
7. All entries are due by August 3, 2026. Substitutions, in writing, may be made within the same class number of a department until 4:00 pm on August 8, 2026, unless stated otherwise in specific specie rules.
8. Late entries will be accepted with an additional late fee of \$50.00 per head until 11:59pm on August 8, 2026. **Absolutely no entries will be accepted after August 8, 2026.** Ex: Junior Dairy Cattle Exhibitor "A" enters an animal after the August 3 deadline and before the late entry deadline of August 8 and must pay the regular \$10 per head entry fee and the additional \$50 late fee, for a total of \$60.
9. Any saved on-line entries that are not complete will be deleted after the entry deadline date. The State Fair management reserves the right to refuse any entry.
10. Exhibits that have been erroneously entered may, at the discretion of the Department Superintendent, be transferred to or from a class and put into the proper class prior to judging. If classes have already been judged, those classes will not be re-opened and ineligible or late entries into the showing will be disqualified.
11. Each livestock exhibitor must purchase a \$30.00 Exhibitor's Pass. Additional passes may be purchased for helpers, fitters, groomers, etc. for \$30.00 each.
12. Entry fees for the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair are as follows:

|                                            |                  |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------|
| OPEN BEEF CATTLE SHOW .....                | \$15.00 PER HEAD |
| JUNIOR BEEF CATTLE SHOW .....              | \$10.00 PER HEAD |
| OPEN DAIRY CATTLE SHOW .....               | \$15.00 PER HEAD |
| JUNIOR DAIRY CATTLE SHOW .....             | \$10.00 PER HEAD |
| DRAFT HORSE, DRAFT PONY & MULE SHOWS ..... | \$15.00 PER HEAD |
| JUNIOR SWINE SHOW .....                    | \$5.00 PER HEAD  |
| JUNIOR SHEEP SHOW .....                    | \$5.00 PER HEAD  |
| OPEN DAIRY GOAT SHOW .....                 | \$10.00 PER HEAD |
| JUNIOR DAIRY GOAT SHOW .....               | \$5.00 PER HEAD  |
| JUNIOR MEAT GOAT SHOW .....                | \$5.00 PER HEAD  |

13. Each Open Beef Show entry *must* include a \$20.00 bedding fee per animal entered. Ex: Open Exhibitor "A" enters five (5) head and must pay a \$100 bedding fee. Each Junior Beef Show entry *must* include a single \$20.00 bedding fee, regardless of the number of animals entered. Ex: Junior Exhibitor "B" enters five (5) head and must pay a \$20 bedding fee.

If an exhibitor is showing the same five (5) head in both Open and Junior Shows and pays the required \$20 per head Open Show bedding fee of \$100, they do not need to pay an additional Junior Show bedding fee of \$20. If, however, the exhibitor is showing the same five (5) head in both Open and Junior Shows, pays the required \$20 per head Open Show fee of \$100, and also enters a sixth animal as a Junior Show only entry, they must pay the additional \$20 Junior Show bedding fee.

**Special Note: There will be no refunds of entry fees, exhibitor's passes, or bedding fees under any circumstances.**

#### **ANIMAL REGISTRATION AND OWNERSHIP**

14. Original registration papers issued by respective national breed associations will be required in all purebred classes. Certificates from breed association representatives will not be accepted in lieu of registration papers. For Open Show division, registration must show ownership of the animals in the same name of the exhibitor or partnership in which the exhibitor is a partner. For Junior Show division, registration must show ownership of the animals in the name of the exhibitor or ownership by immediate family members including the exhibitor with no partnerships allowed.

15. Original registration papers only must be available to the Department Superintendent at weigh-in/check-in and when checking ear markings, tattoos, or other identification. In extreme emergencies, a copy of the registration paper, when accompanied with a cover letter and faxed from the respective national breed association directly to the Du Quoin State Fair Entry Department, FAX 618-542-1541, will be accepted. Exhibitors must have papers or faxed copy from the national breed association two (2) hours prior to the start of check-in or weigh-in. Litter papers for breeding swine will be accepted only if the pigs have individual registration numbers included on the litter papers; no exceptions.
16. The effective date of ownership must appear on the registration papers. In all cases, the required ownership date, transfer date included, for all animals exhibited at the Du Quoin State Fair is thirty (30) days prior to the opening day of the fair.
17. For purposes of distinguishing the breeder, the owner of the dam at the time of service shall be considered the breeder of the exhibited animal.
18. Double registered animals will be allowed entry in only one breed show.

#### **ARRIVAL, PENNING/STALLING, CHECK-IN, SHOWING AND RELEASE OF ANIMALS**

19. Time of arrival, showing and release of animals is identified in the previous Livestock Schedule and also printed in the specie sections. Any animals in barns prior to identified arrival times may be moved according to Superintendent's instruction.
20. Incoming livestock exhibitors must enter the fairgrounds through Gate 3. Please note there is no turn around at Gate 3.
21. All livestock exhibited must meet the Illinois Exhibition Animal Health Requirements of the Du Quoin State Fair as previously identified. Health papers must be stamped by the State Veterinarian or designee on the grounds and must be presented when obtaining exhibitor numbers at check-in.
22. All animals are to be penned and stalled in livestock barns unless expressly permitted by the Department Superintendent.
23. For the safety and benefit of exhibitors, visitors, and animals, pens, stalls, aisles, and areas between the barns are to be kept clean, neat, and free of manure, random equipment, and clutter of all times. The State Fair Management has the right to take action as necessary to enforce this rule.
24. The State Fair Management encourages the displaying of farm exhibit signs. Such signs, if displayed, must not exceed six feet in length and three feet in width. No commercial product or service advertising, other than the home, farm, or breed of the entrant shall be allowed on stalls, pens, hurdles, or in the show arena. Decorative lights and painting of any portion of State Fair facilities are prohibited.
25. All stock exhibited in breeding classes must be in breeding condition. All male animals shown in any breeding class must be entire and no animals shall be shown which are affected with chronic disease, deformity, or serious imperfection.
26. In most Departments, exhibitors will be furnished ring cards showing the exhibitor number which must be worn in the show ring when animals are shown. Exhibitor numbers are to be secured from the Superintendent of the Department at the designated time of check-in. To secure ring cards at check-in, each exhibitor must present:
  - A. Health Certificate of Veterinary Inspection approved by the State Veterinarian and showing animals comply with Illinois Exhibition Animal Health Requirements.
  - B. Certificate of eligibility or certificate of registry, signed by the Secretary of the National Breed Association, indicating the animal exhibited is purebred and giving registry numbers of the sire and dam for all purebred classes.
27. Market class breaks will be made at the sole discretion of the Department Superintendent. Further, the Department Superintendent shall have complete discretion in determining specific breed division and assignments to allow for efficient show management, including the addition of an AOB class. If there are not at least four (4) different exhibitors and sixteen (16) animals in any given livestock breed, the breed show may be eliminated, with those animals assigned to show in an AOB class.
28. The Du Quoin State Fair reserves the right to cancel any class where there are less than four (4) entries which are the property of different owners. The State Fair also reserves the right to combine or divide any class or classes should the best interests of the show warrant such.
29. When any breed of livestock drops below four (4) different exhibitors and sixteen (16) animals, the State Fair management has the authority, at its sole discretion, to eliminate the breed show classification for the following year(s). In such cases and in order to regain the breed classification for future fairs, the exhibitors/breed association must present satisfactory evidence to the state fair management that they will have a show of the required number and quality in keeping with state fair standards.
30. Exhibitors/breed associations wishing to add new, previously un-designated breeds, to the standard departmental shows at the Du Quoin State Fair may be provided the opportunity to exhibit club or breed association shows as separate events at the fair, providing the Department Superintendent and General Livestock Superintendent are supportive and it is determined that such exhibitions can be accommodated in the facilities and schedule of the State Fair. In order for a new, previously undesignated breed to be added to standard departmental shows, it must be demonstrated, through club or breed show exhibitions at the State Fair, the new breed can offer and sustain minimum required numbers of exhibitors and animals for future fairs.

31. Junior Division exhibitors must personally care for their animals or exhibit during the entire fair and must assume responsibility for having their animals available at the time of Junior Division judging.
32. All Junior Division animals must be exhibited in the show/judging rings by the owners unless exempted in advance by the Department Superintendent due to an identified, eligible conflict. In order for an exemption to be considered, a letter of request must be provided to the Department Superintendent no later than the time of animal check-in. The request must name the person, who must be a current exhibitor in the same Junior Livestock Show, who will show the animal(s).
33. If a Junior Division exhibitor shows two (2) entries in a given class, becomes ill or injured while at the fair in a manner that would preclude exhibiting, or is exhibiting two (2) species in the Junior Division showing at the same time, thereby creating a conflict, he/she may secure the aid of another Junior Livestock Division exhibitor in showing his/her animals, providing permission is received from the Department Superintendent.
34. Animals shown in Junior Division Showmanship classes, regardless of the Livestock Department, must 1.) be owned by the exhibitor in accordance with the prescribed ownership rules of the Du Quoin State Fair Junior Livestock Division, and 2.) have been or will be shown in a specific market or breeding stock class by the exhibitor in the Du Quoin State Fair Junior Livestock Division. Further, if an exhibitor wins a showmanship class leading to a championship competition, the animal shown in the championship competition must be the same animal that was shown in the original showmanship class.
35. Animals should not be decorated or adorned with any unnecessary trappings during showing in the ring before the evaluating judge.
36. If it is ascertained that any exhibitor or spectator attempts to interfere with the judge in the performance of his/her duty in any manner, or refuses to accept the awards made, that exhibitor shall be disqualified from further competition and forfeit any premium and ribbon already awarded.
37. Animals will be released in accordance with the schedules listed for a given Livestock Department. In all instances, exhibitors must obtain a signed release form from an authorized Superintendent and have the approved release form available for inspection by security at fair gates.
38. Animals may be released prior to the published release dates and times if, at the discretion of the Department Superintendent, an early release is warranted to preserve and protect the health and welfare of animals and exhibitors.
39. Understanding that the Du Quoin State Fair provides a showcase for the Illinois Livestock Industry and an opportunity for exhibitors and visitors alike to view the best livestock Illinois has to offer and learn more about responsible animal husbandry and its significance in quality food production, it is important for animals to remain at the fair for the prescribed exposition period. Exhibitors who remove their animals prior to the published release dates and times may be subject to forfeiture of all placings, awards, and premiums.

#### **ADDITIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

40. When dogs are in or around the Livestock Barns and showrings, they must be on a leash.
41. Due to limited storage space in and around livestock buildings on the fairgrounds, exhibitors will only be allowed to bring a reasonable amount of feed and bedding with them.
42. As a service to Beef Exhibitors, the Du Quoin State Fair contracts with a reputable entity to supply bedding for beef cattle. Beef cattle stalls will be pre-bedded, and exhibitors must pay the appropriate Bedding Fee directly to the Du Quoin State Fair along with entries. *Refer to Rule 17 above.*
43. Equipment left on the fairgrounds over thirty (30) days after the closing date of the State Fair is subject to removal at the discretion of the State Fair Management.
44. Care will be exercised to prevent accidents or damage of any kind to people.

#### **AWARDS AND PREMIUMS**

45. Awards will be made by the single judge system, unless in the judgement of the Department Superintendent more judges are needed. Judges will report to the Department Superintendent at the respective office by 8:00 am on the day fixed for awarding placings on the classes he/she is to judge. No person will act as judge in any class in which he/she may be an interested exhibitor, agent, or employee of an exhibitor, or otherwise invested. If such circumstances are discovered by the Department Superintendent, the Superintendent may remove such judge and substitute another temporarily. In case an officially appointed judge is not present, the Department Superintendent has the privilege and authority to appoint a capable judge, providing he/she is not a State Fair Official or an exhibitor in the show or breed he/she will be judging.
46. No animal deemed unworthy will be allowed into a class for judging or awarded a premium.
47. Objections to any person serving as a judge must be submitted to the Department Superintendent in writing, providing good and sufficient reasons, prior to the judge in question making any award in a given show. In all cases, the State Fair Management, in consultation with the General Livestock Superintendent, shall have full power and authority to act.
48. The Superintendent of each Livestock Department shall instruct the Clerk to check the entries, as shown in the Judge's Book,

with the exhibits present and mark the Judge's Books to show what animals were shown and passed upon by the Judge. The Department Superintendent will see to it the Judge's Books, recorded properly with placings, awards, and premiums, and properly signed and certified by the appointed show, is completed. Payment of premiums can only be authorized upon entries and associated placings and awards contained within the completed, returned and certified Judge's Books.

49. Judge's Books only will be used as evidence for payment of premiums. Ribbons/rosettes will not serve as evidence. Judge's Books will be supported by completed and certified Judge's Cards and Department Superintendent records completed in the showring at the time of judging.
50. Premiums will be paid as rapidly as possible after the last day of the State Fair.
51. Errors in premium statements will be corrected until November 1 following the fair, after which time the books will be closed and incorrect premiums forfeited.
52. In all Livestock Departments, exhibitors are limited to two premiums in single classes and one premium in group classes, in both Junior and Open Shows.
53. All special premiums and/or awards will be paid or presented by designated associations or donors offering the same and the State Fair is in no way responsible for payment or extension of such special prizes.
54. No premium will be awarded to any animal or group of animals for the purpose of advertising any commodity.
55. 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 Livestock Premium book.
56. Ribbons and trophies will be presented to exhibitors at the time of judging, and the State Fair will not be responsible for loss or the issuing of replacements.
57. Champion classes are limited to first place animals, except reserve champions where the second-place animal from the class in which the champion was selected may compete.

**\*END OF GENERAL RULES FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS\***

# DEPARTMENT 01

## BEEF CATTLE

### JUNIOR BEEF SHOW

Superintendent: Shaye Wiegmann (618-521-3559)

**Special Note:** Beginning in 2026, individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag, ("840" tag), and in 2026 the tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PREMIUMS

Total Premiums Offered in Open Show .....\$18,000.00  
Total Premiums Offered in Junior Show .....\$11,550.00  
Premiums will be pro-rated according to participation and pay up to five (5) places.

### INFORMATION

#### Entries

Required fees include \$10.00/ per head (entry fee). Entries in all classes shall be made through the online fair entry system at the Du Quoin State Fair website. Payment must be made via credit card at the time of entry. No other type of entry will be accepted. Assistance with entries is available at the Competitive Events Office, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All entries must be submitted online on or before **August 3, 2026**. Late entries will be accepted with a late fee of \$50.00 per head until 11:59 pm on **August 8, 2026**.

**Absolutely no entries will be accepted after August 8, 2026.**

Additionally, each Livestock Exhibitor must purchase a \$30.00 Exhibitor's Pass. Additional passes may be purchased for helpers, fitters, groomers, etc. for \$30.00 each.

**Special Note:** There will be no refunds of entry fees, Exhibitor's Passes, or bedding fees under any circumstances.

#### Deadline and Check-in

Stalls Available ..... 8:00am, Friday, September 4

Animals Must Be Stalled No Later Than:

All Breeding Animals ..... noon, Friday, September 4

All Steers ..... noon, Friday, September 4

**Special Note:** Entries will be processed at the Fair Office according to the following schedule:

#### Animal Check-in/Processing:

Breeding Females ..... 12:30-5:00pm, Friday, September 4

Hereford Check-In ..... 12:30-2:00pm Friday, September 4

Angus Check-In ..... 2:00-3:00pm Friday, September 4

Simmental & Low % Simmental ..... 3:00-4:00pm Friday, September 4

Shorthorn & AORB ..... 4:00-5:00pm Friday, September 4

Steers ..... 3:00-5:00pm, Friday, September 4

Showmanship Entries accepted ..... until 5:00pm, Friday, September 4

**Animals Released:**

Exhibitors NOT showing in Steer Show ..... after Open Show, Sunday, September 6

**SHOW SCHEDULE**

(Start times may vary slightly from the following schedule. Breed show order will be posted and will follow sequentially after a short break between breeds. Watch and listen for announcements.)

**Saturday, September 5**

8:00am- Junior Showmanship

Junior Show Breeding Beef (right after showmanship)

Steers right after Junior Beef

**Sunday, September 6**

9:30am- Open Show Breeding Beef

**DEPARTMENT RULES**

1. Each exhibitor must comply with the Illinois Exhibition Health Requirements; Animal Care, Drug Testing and Welfare Policies; and General Rules of the Livestock Division as previously stated. NOTE: Steers are required to have a current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
2. Purebred animals must be recorded in their respective National Breed book as evidenced by official registration papers or certificate of registration. Certificates from breed association representatives will not be accepted in lieu of registration papers and no copies of registration or stamped duplicate of official registration will be accepted.
3. The effective date of ownership must appear on the registration papers. In all cases, the required ownership date, transfer date included, for all animals exhibited at the Du Quoin State Fair is thirty (30) days prior to the opening day of the fair.
4. Registered Steers must have a fully healed tattoo that matches the tattoo number on the certificate of registration.
5. Exhibitors are responsible for having his/her animal's ears clean, knowing where the tattoo is and knowing it can be read by officials at the time of entry processing.
6. Only one (1) hanging fan per every three (3) animals will be permitted in the Livestock Barn. No fans will be allowed in walkways, and no butt fans, misters, swamp blasters, air conditioning units or cooling systems of any kind will be allowed. Generators and electrical fans or equipment of any kind are not allowed in the tie-outs. Any exhibitor's stalls or tie-outs found with any of the above will be immediately disqualified from exhibiting.
7. The use of "sides" or awnings on tents used for grooming animals is prohibited.
8. The Beef Department will be governed by rules and specifications set forth by the National Breed Associations, unless otherwise specified. The Superintendent will make decisions concerning interpretation of such rules and regulations and, along with the General Livestock Superintendent, shall have full authority regarding show eligibility.
9. Any class of breeding animals with twenty (20) or more heads will be divided by birthdates into two (2) distinct premium eligible classes.
10. Open substitutions of animals will be allowed through the time of check-in.
11. The following grooming rules will be strictly enforced and exhibitors found in violation of these rules, either prior to entering the ring or while in the ring, will be immediately removed from the show.
  - A. Dying or artificially changing the color of an animal is prohibited. Coloring agents may only be used up to the hock (knee). Powders are not allowed on any part of the animal. Animals may be given a white towel test as they enter the showing.
  - B. Cattle are to be shown in their natural conformation. The use of false tail heads is prohibited, as is the addition of hair, hemp, or any similar substance to any part of an animal.
  - C. Tail ties are prohibited, as are spiked show halter leads and nose rings for breeding stock or steers.
  - D. Excess adhesive on the legs beyond what is needed to groom the animal's hair is prohibited.
  - E. No aerosols will be permitted in the make-up area. Any aerosol cans in the make-up area will be confiscated by Department Staff.
12. Any animal displaying repeated unruly behavior will be dismissed from the class at the discretion of the Superintendent.
13. Exhibitors taking animals to tie outs must wait until 7:00pm. Owners must provide all water pails and wheelbarrows.
14. Upon decision of the Beef Cattle Superintendent, an award will be given to the Premiere Herdsman in each beef cattle breed. Herdsman awards will be based upon entry preparedness, cleanliness of animals, promptness to the showing.
15. Do not enter Championship Classes

## **SPECIFIC RULES FOR STEERS**

16. Seers may be purebred or crossbred.
17. Each exhibitor may exhibit a total of four (4) steers.
18. Steers must weigh 900 pounds or more to be eligible to show.
19. Steers will be shown by weight classes within each breed. Animals will be placed into weight divisions and classes based upon weights taken at check-in. All class breaks will be at the discretion of the Superintendent. Exhibitors must check posted class assignments and be at the showing with his/her animal when the assigned class is called.
20. Exhibitors should pick up a check-in card from the fair office upon arrival at the fairgrounds. A fully completed and legibly written check-in card, and, if applicable, registration certificate should be brought with them at the time of processing and check-in.
21. Steer tattoos will be checked.
22. Additional eligibility requirements to show in the various breed steer shows are listed under specific breed rules.
23. Breeds will be shown in the order posted by the Superintendent. Watch and listen for announcements.

## **SPECIFIC BREED RULES**

### **Angus:**

24. Eligibility requirement to show is Purebred with an American Angus Association registration certificate. Angus registration paper will indicate effective date of ownership. Land of Lincoln certificates are not needed and will not qualify a steer to show with the Angus.
25. Steers must be free of horns or scurs. Scurs are defined as any portion of horny tissue attached to the skin of hornet of a polled animal.
26. Steers with white skin above the underline or on leg, foot or tail shall not be eligible for registration and will be barred from competition.
27. All entries are subject to DNA marker or blood typing for parentage verification at the discretion of American Angus Association.
28. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than twenty-six (26) classes. Variation of division of numbers per class will be dependent upon age differential. The appointed committee will make official division of classes no later than twenty-four (24) hours after official stalling deadline and not before twelve (12) hours after stalling deadline.
29. For an exhibitor to be eligible for premium monies contributed by the American Angus Association, exhibitors are subject to the Association Rules as found in the breeder Reference Guide of the Association. These rules are found in Part 2: Association Rules. The rules relating directly with the exhibition of Angus Cattle are Part 2: Association Rules; Rule 800 Series; including Rule 800-810. The rules can be found at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).
30. Authorized representatives of the American Angus Association have the authority to enforce the rules set forth herein, as well as in the Association Rules, including the barring of registered animal from a livestock show at which it is to be shown if there are reasonable grounds to believe a violation has occurred.

### **Hereford and Polled Hereford:**

31. All steers showing at the Illinois State Fair must be registered by the American Hereford Association (AHA) and out of a registered sire and dam. No steer certificates will be accepted, only registration papers. Hereford registration papers will indicate effective date of ownership.
32. Exhibitors in Hereford classes are subject to the Association's special rule on class qualification, and any animal without a legible tattoo will not be eligible for show.
33. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than twenty-six (26) classes. Variation of division of numbers per class will be dependent upon age differential. The appointed committee will make official division of classes no later than twenty-four (24) hours after official stalling deadline and not before twelve (12) hours after stalling deadline.
34. All steers must have a basic DNA test on file at the AHA. Exhibitors should contact the AHA customer service department by calling 816-842-3757 or by email at [records@hereford.org](mailto:records@hereford.org) to request a DNA kit for their steer. Exhibitor must be a member of the AHA or NJHA to request a basic DNA test which includes genetic profile, genetic abnormalities and parent verification, if parent DNA is on file. At the time of check-in, exhibitors will be required to present a registration paper and letter from the AHA stating their steer's basic test DNA profile is on file. Further, all Hereford steers entered for exhibition are subject to additional DNA testing at the discretion of the Illinois Hereford Association.
35. All animals exhibited are subject to DNA profile test to verify breed purity and accuracy of the recorded parentage. Rules detailing DNA profiling of Hereford animals can be found in the AHA Rules and Regulations Handbook at [www.hereford.org](http://www.hereford.org).

**Shorthorn and Shorthorn Plus:**

- 36. Eligibility requirement to show Shorthorn is 15/16 and higher and Shorthorn Plus 50% to 7/8, as verified by an American Shorthorn Association (ASA) registration certificate. An ASA registration certificate will indicate effective date of ownership.
- 37. Multiple-owned animals must be exhibited in the name of all owners.
- 38. All Shorthorns and Polled Shorthorns are subject to a tattoo inspection by representatives of the ASA. All Shorthorns and Polled Shorthorns are also subject to an age inspection if deemed necessary by the ASA and the decision of the examining veterinarian is final.
- 39. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than twenty-six (26) classes. Variation of division of numbers per class will be dependent upon age differential. The appointed committee will make official division of classes no later than twenty (20) hours after official stalling deadline and not before twelve (12) hours after stalling deadline.

**Charolais:**

- 40. Eligibility requirement to show is purebred as verified by an American-International Charolais Association (AICA) registration certificate. An AICA registration certificate will indicate effective date of ownership. An animal is eligible to enter or compete in an open Charolais breeding class if registered in country of origin outside the United States and is eligible for purebred registry in the AICA Herd Book.
- 41. Animals registered in the AICA Colored Division Registry (QF and QM initiated registration numbers) must meet the parameters of the AICA Color Card.
- 42. All animals to be eligible may be approved by a sifting committee designated by the AICA.
- 43. Any animal without a legible tattoo or firebrand number is ineligible and will be barred from showing.
- 44. Junior and Senior Bulls must have a valid satisfactory semen test certificate in possession. This certificate is valid for the entire show season.
- 45. All animals are subject to a medical examination in order to determine age, and each animal will be present in the show ring in its natural conformation without alteration or modification.
- 46. AICA requires that all animals be shown with a halter and suggest that all bulls be shown with a nose lead.
- 47. All exhibits of Charolais Breeding Cattle be governed by the AICA Rules and Regulations, Article XV, Exhibitions of Animals. The inspection of exhibit cattle is specified in Article XV, Paragraph C, and consequence of non-compliance of exhibit inspection is specified in Paragraph D of the same article.
- 48. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than twenty (20) classes. Variation of division numbers per class will be dependent upon age differential. The appointed committee will make official division of classes no later than twenty (20) hours after officially stalling deadline and not before twelve (12) hours after stalling deadline.

**Simmental:**

- 49. Eligibility requirement to show for females and bulls is purebred as verified by an official American Simmental Association (ASA) registration certificate. Eligibility requirement for steers to show is  $\frac{1}{2}$  or higher as verified by an ASA registration certificate. Commercial percent shall not be included as part of Simmental classification percentage. Simmental registration certificate will indicate effective date of ownership.
- 50. Calves born in 2025 must have a registration paper to verify them.
- 51. Any animal not having a legible tattoo is ineligible to compete and will be barred from showing.
- 52. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than twenty-six (26) classes.

**Low-Percent Simmentals:**

- 53. Eligibility requirements for females and bulls to show is  $\frac{1}{2}$  SM to  $\frac{3}{4}$  SM and a recorded registration certificate with the American Simmental Association (ASA).
- 54. Calves born in 2026 must have a registration paper to verify them.
- 55. Any animal not having a legible tattoo is ineligible to compete and will be barred from showing.
- 56. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than twenty-six (26) classes.

**Limousin and Limousin Flex:**

- 57. All animals must be registered with the North American Limousin Foundation (NALF). Any animal over thirty (30) days of age, including calves to be shown at side of dam, must have proof of a registration certificate and be recorded with the NALF. For ET calves, percentage verification paperwork must be in the NALF system. All animals must be 75% (NALF Percentage, not actual), or greater, as indicated on orange NALF registration certificate or purple-papered Lim-Flex Cattle as

indicated by NALF registration certificate. Percentage, full blood, Purebred and Lim-Flex shall compete in the same classes and championships.

- 58. Any animal not having a legible tattoo is ineligible to compete and will be barred from showing.
- 59. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than twenty (20) classes. No class shall contain more than twenty (20) head or have an age spread of more than sixty (60) days unless the animals are over two (2) years old.
- 60. All bulls over one (1) year of age must show with a nose-lead.
- 61. Calves exhibited alongside dams in the cow/calf division are eligible to show as individuals as long as the calf is registered and qualifies as determined by purple registration papers from NALF. All animals shown must be solid red or black above the flanks, excluding birth marks.

#### **Maine Anjou and Mainetainer**

- 62. All animals must be registered in the American Maine Anjou Association (AMAA) as verified by an official AMAA registration certificate. All Maine Anjou females and bulls must be 75% or greater. Mainetainer females and bulls must be one quarter or greater.
- 63. Any animal not having a legible tattoo is ineligible to compete and will be barred from showing.
- 64. Animals over seven (7) months of age must be dehorned.
- 65. Heifers exhibited at twenty (20) months of age or older must be accompanied by a certificate of pregnancy. For heifers used in embryo transfer, a certificate of positive fertility issued by a licensed veterinarian must be available for inspection.
- 66. Bulls exhibited at fourteen (14) months of age or older must have had a positive semen test and a certificate to that effect must be available for inspection.
- 67. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than twenty (20) classes. Variation of division of numbers per class will be dependent upon age differential. The appointed committee will make official division of classes no later than twenty (20) hours after official stalling deadline and not before twelve (12) hours after stalling deadline.
- 68. All bulls twenty (20) months of age and older must show with a nose-lead.
- 69. Any and all cattle shall be available to have hair pulled for parentage verification, detection of foreign substances, or the presence of alterations. If recorded parent is excluded as a result of blood typing, the owner may, at his expense, request the AMAA determine actual parentage. Failure to determine parentage will result in disqualification of that animal from the AMAA herd book.

#### **SPECIFIC RULES FOR SHOWMANSHIP**

- 70. Exhibitors must show their own animal in the showmanship competition and animals shown must be entered in the current Du Quoin State Fair Junior Beef Show.
- 71. Showmanship participants must meet requirements outlined in the Department Rules.
- 72. There will be approximately (6) Showmanship Divisions. The number of participants in each Division will be established by dividing the total number of registered participants by six (6) to establish roughly equal numbers of participants in each division. Divisions will be determined at the discretion of the Superintendent whose decision shall be final. The judge will determine the number of exhibitors from each division chosen to participate in the Supreme Showmanship competition.
- 73. Divisions will be posted immediately preceding the Showmanship competition.
- 74. Showmen in all divisions will lead a clean, un-groomed and clipped animal. There should be no tail balling, glue on legs, etc. Judging will be based on:
  - A. Showing of the animal.
  - B. Knowledge of the project; and
  - C. Personal appearance.

#### **SPECIAL DEFINITIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:**

**EXHIBITOR DEFINITION IN CERTAIN CLASSES:** In individual classes, the exhibitor is defined as the person whose name appears on the registration paper as the owner. In group classes where the herd is one (1) unit with animals registered in the names of the different members of a family residing on one (1) farm, entries may be made under the name of a single exhibitor.

**PAIR OF FEMALES:** Group consists of two (2) female animals of any age bred and owned or co-owned by breeder/exhibitor. Animals must be shown in individual classes.

**JUNIOR GET OF SIRE:** Group to consist of three (3) animals by one (1) sire with both sexes represented. Animals must be shown in individual classes.

**PREMIERE HERDSMAN AWARD:** Upon decision of the Beef Cattle Superintendent, an award will be given by the Du Quoin State Fair to the Premiere Herdsman in each breed.

**SPECIAL AWARDS:**

**Junior Show Division**

**GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE:** The Champion Female of each breed will compete for Grand Champion Female of the Junior Show on Saturday, September 5, 2026. Through a generous contribution of BUY-A-FARM, the Du Quoin State Fair will award a \$1,000.00 additional monetary award to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Female and a \$500.00 additional monetary award to the exhibitor of the Reserve Grand Champion Female of the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair.

**GRAND CHAMPION STEER:** The Champion Steer of each breed will compete for Grand Champion Steer of the Junior Show on Saturday, September 5, 2026. The State Fair will award a \$1,000.00 additional monetary award to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Steer of the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair Junior Show.

**SUPREME SHOWMANSHIP CHAMPION:** Through the generous donation of Bramlet Simmentals, the Supreme Showmanship Champion of the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair Junior Beef Cattle Show will be awarded \$500.

## **CLASSES**

**Division 0101 – Angus**

**Class Description**

**Junior Class**

|                                                                      |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Junior heifer calf born on or after Jan. 1, 2026                     | 001 |
| Winter heifer calf born between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025             | 002 |
| Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2025            | 003 |
| Summer yearling heifer born between May 1 and Aug. 31, 2025          | 004 |
| Spring yearling heifer born between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2025         | 005 |
| Junior yearling heifer born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2025 | 006 |
| Senior yearling heifer born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024        | 007 |
| Pair of Females                                                      | 008 |

*The following awards will be given in the Champion & Reserve Champion Female*

**Division 0102 – Hereford/Polled Hereford**

**Class Description**

**Junior Class**

|                                                                      |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Junior heifer calf born on or after Jan. 1, 2026                     | 001 |
| Winter heifer calf born between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025             | 002 |
| Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2025            | 003 |
| Summer yearling heifer born between May 1 and Aug. 31, 2025          | 004 |
| Spring yearling heifer born between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2025         | 005 |
| Junior yearling heifer born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2025 | 006 |
| Senior yearling heifer born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024        | 007 |
| Pair of Females                                                      | 008 |

*The following awards will be given in the Champion & Reserve Champion Female*

**Section 0103 – Low Percent Simmental**

**Class Description**

**Junior Class**

|                                                                      |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Junior heifer calf born on or after Jan. 1, 2026                     | 001 |
| Winter heifer calf born between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025             | 002 |
| Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2025            | 003 |
| Summer yearling heifer born between May 1 and Aug. 31, 2025          | 004 |
| Spring yearling heifer born between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2025         | 005 |
| Junior yearling heifer born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2025 | 006 |
| Senior yearling heifer born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024        | 007 |
| Pair of Females                                                      | 008 |

*The following awards will be given in the Champion & Reserve Champion Female*

**Section 0104 – Red Angus**

**Class Description**

Junior heifer calf born on or after Jan. 1. 2026  
Winter heifer calf born between Nov. and Dec. 31. 2025  
Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31. 2025  
Summer heifer calf born between May 1 and Aug. 31. 2025  
Spring heifer calf born between Mar. and Apr. 20. 2025  
Junior heifer calf born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2025  
Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31. 2024  
Pair of Females

*The following awards will be given in the Champion & Reserve Champion Female*

**Junior Class**

001  
002  
003  
004  
005  
006  
007  
008

**Section 0105 - Simmental****Class Description**

Junior heifer calf born on or after Jan. 1, 2026  
Winter heifer calf born between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025  
Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2025  
Summer yearling heifer born between May 1 and Aug. 31, 2025  
Spring yearling heifer born between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2025  
Junior yearling heifer born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2025  
Senior yearling heifer born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024  
Pair of Females

*The following awards will be given in the Champion & Reserve Champion Female*

**Junior Class**

001  
002  
003  
004  
005  
006  
007  
008

**Section 0106 – Shorthorn/Polled Shorthorn****Class Description**

Junior heifer calf born on or after Jan. 1, 2026  
Winter heifer calf born between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025  
Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2025  
Summer yearling heifer born between May 1 and Aug. 31, 2025  
Spring yearling heifer born between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2025  
Junior yearling heifer born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2025  
Senior yearling heifer born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024  
Pair of Females

*The following awards will be given in the Champion & Reserve Champion Female*

**Junior Class**

001  
002  
003  
004  
005  
006  
007  
008

**Section 0107 – All Other Registered Breeds (AORB)****Class Description**

Junior heifer calf born on or after Jan. 1, 2026  
Winter heifer calf born between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025  
Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2025  
Summer yearling heifer born between May 1 and Aug. 31, 2025  
Spring yearling heifer born between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2025  
Junior yearling heifer born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2025  
Senior yearling heifer born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024  
Pair of Females

*The following awards will be given in the Champion & Reserve Champion Female*

**Junior Class**

001  
002  
003  
004  
005  
006  
007  
008

**Division 0108 – Steers****Breed****Junior Class**

Angus

001

Hereford and Polled Hereford

002

Shorthorn

003

Simmental

004

All Other Registered Breeds (AOB)

005

Crossbred

006

*Champion and Reserve Champion Steer will be named in each breed. Grand Champion Steer, Reserve Grand Champion Steer, and 3rd-5th Overall Steer will be selected from breed champions*

**Division 0109 – Showmanship****Class Description****Junior Class**

Showmanship

001

*Champion and Reserve Champion Showman will be named in each age class.*

**\*END OF DEPARTMENT 01 – JUNIOR BEEF CATTLE \***

# DEPARTMENT 02

## BEEF CATTLE

### OPEN BEEF SHOW

Superintendent: Shaye Wiegmann (618-521-3559)

**Special Note:** Beginning in 2026, individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag, ("840" tag), and in 2026 the tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PREMIUMS

Total Premiums Offered in Open Show . . . . . \$18,000.00  
Total Premiums Offered in Junior Show . . . . . \$11,550.00

#### INFORMATION

##### Entries

Required fees include \$15.00/ per head (entry fee). Entries in all classes shall be made through the online fair entry system at the Du Quoin State Fair website. Payment must be made via credit card at the time of entry. No other type of entry will be accepted. Assistance with entries is available at the Competitive Events Office, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All entries must be submitted online on or before **August 3, 2026**. Late entries will be accepted with a late fee of \$50.00 per head until 11:59 pm on **August 8, 2026**.

**Absolutely no entries will be accepted after August 8, 2026.**

Additionally, each Livestock Exhibitor must purchase a \$30.00 Exhibitor's Pass. Additional passes may be purchased for helpers, fitters, groomers, etc. for \$30.00 each.

**Special Note:** There will be no refunds of entry fees, Exhibitor's Passes, or bedding fees under any circumstances.

##### Deadline and Check-in

Stalls Available . . . . . 8:00am, Friday, September 4  
Animals Must Be Stalled No Later Than:  
All Breeding Animals . . . . . noon, Friday, September 4  
All Steers . . . . . noon, Friday, September 4

**Special Note:** Entries will be processed at the Fair Office according to the following schedule:

##### Animal Check-in/Processing:

Breeding Females . . . . . 12:30-5:00pm, Friday, September 4  
Hereford Check-In . . . . . 12:30-2:00pm Friday, September 4  
Angus Check-In . . . . . 2:00-3:00pm Friday, September 4  
Simmental & Low % Simmental . . . . . 3:00-4:00pm Friday, September 4  
Shorthorn & AORB . . . . . 4:00-5:00pm Friday, September 4  
Steers . . . . . 3:00-5:00pm, Friday, September 4  
Showmanship Entries accepted . . . . . until 5:00pm, Friday, September 4

##### Animals Released:

Exhibitors NOT showing in Steer Show . . after Open Show, Sunday, September 6

## **SHOW SCHEDULE**

(Start times may vary slightly from the following schedule. Breed show order will be posted and will follow sequentially after a short break between breeds. Watch and listen for announcements.)

### **Saturday, September 5**

8:00am- Junior Showmanship

Junior Show Breeding Beef right after showmanship

Steers right after Junior Beef

### **Sunday, September 6**

9:30am- Open Show Breeding Beef

## **DEPARTMENT RULES**

1. Each exhibitor must comply with the Illinois Exhibition Health Requirements; Animal Care, Drug Testing and Welfare Policies; and General Rules of the Livestock Division as previously stated. NOTE: Steers are required to have a current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
2. Purebred animals must be recorded in their respective National Breed book as evidenced by official registration papers or certificate of registration. Certificates from breed association representatives will not be accepted in lieu of registration papers and no copies of registration or stamped duplicate of official registration will be accepted.
3. The effective date of ownership must appear on the registration papers. In all cases, the required ownership date, transfer date included, for all animals exhibited at the Du Quoin State Fair is thirty (30) days prior to the opening day of the fair.
4. Registered Steers must have a fully healed tattoo that matches the tattoo number on the certificate of registration.
5. Exhibitors are responsible for having his/her animal's ears clean, knowing where the tattoo is and knowing it can be read by officials at the time of entry processing.
6. Only one (1) hanging fan per every three (3) animals will be permitted in the Livestock Barn. No fans will be allowed in walkways and no butt fans, misters, swamp blasters, air conditioning units or cooling systems of any kind will be allowed. Generators and electrical fans or equipment of any kind are not allowed in the tie-outs. Any exhibitor's stalls or tie-outs found with any of the above will be immediately disqualified from exhibiting.
7. The use of "sides" or awnings on tents used for grooming animals is prohibited.
8. The Beef Department will be governed by rules and specifications set forth by the National Breed Associations, unless otherwise specified. The Superintendent will make decisions concerning interpretation of such rules and regulations and, along with the General Livestock Superintendent, shall have full authority regarding show eligibility.
9. Any class of breeding animals with twenty (20) or more head will be divided by birthdates into two (2) distinct premium eligible classes
10. Open substitution of animals will be allowed through the time of check-in.
11. The following grooming rules will be strictly enforced and exhibitors found in violation of these rules, either prior to entering the ring or while in the ring, will be immediately removed from the show
  - A. Dying or artificially changing the color of an animal is prohibited. Coloring agents may only be used up to the hock (knee). Powders are not allowed on any part of the animal. Animals may be given a white towel test as they enter the showing.
  - B. Cattle are to be shown in their natural conformation. The use of false tail heads is prohibited, as is the addition of hair, hemp, or any similar substance to any part of an animal.
  - C. Tail ties are prohibited, as are spiked show halter leads and nose rings for breeding stock or steers.
  - D. Excess adhesive on the legs beyond what is needed to groom the animal's hair is prohibited.
  - E. No aerosols will be permitted in the make-up area. Any aerosol cans in the make-up area will be confiscated by Department Staff.
12. Any animal displaying repeated unruly behavior will be dismissed from the class at the discretion of the Superintendent
13. Exhibitors taking animals to tie outs must wait until 7:00pm. Owners must provide all water pails and wheelbarrows.
14. Upon decision of the Beef Cattle Superintendent, an award will be given to the Premiere Herdsman in each beef cattle breed. Herdsman awards will be based upon entry preparedness, cleanliness of animals, promptness to the showing
15. Do not enter Championship Classes

## **SPECIFIC RULES FOR STEERS**

16. Steers may be purebred or crossbred.
17. Each exhibitor may exhibit a total of four (4) steers.
18. Steers must weigh 900 pounds or more to be eligible to show.
19. Steers will be shown by weight classes within each breed. Animals will be placed into weight divisions and classes based upon weights taken at check-in. All class breaks will be at the discretion of the Superintendent. Exhibitors must check posted class assignments and be at the showring with his/her animal when the assigned class is called.
20. Exhibitors should pick-up a check-in card from the fair office upon arrival at the fairgrounds. A fully completed and legibly written check-in card, and, if applicable, registration certificate should be brought with them at the time of processing and check-in.
21. Steer tattoos will be checked
22. Additional eligibility requirements to show in the various breed steer shows are listed under specific breed rules.
23. Breeds will be shown in the order posted by the Superintendent. Watch and listen for announcements.

## **SPECIFIC BREED RULES**

### **Angus :**

24. Eligibility requirement to show is Purebred with an American Angus Association registration certificate. Angus registration paper will indicate effective date of ownership. Land of Lincoln certificates are not needed and will not qualify a steer to show with the Angus.
25. Steers must be free of horns or scurs. Scurs are defined as any portion of horny tissue attached to the skin of hornet of a polled animal.
26. Steers with white skin above the underline or on leg, foot or tail shall not be eligible for registration and will be barred from competition.
27. All entries are subject to DNA marker or blood typing for parentage verification at the discretion of American Angus Association.
28. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than twenty-six (26) classes. Variation of division of numbers per class will be dependent upon age differential. The appointed committee will make official division of classes no later than twenty-four (24) hours after official stalling deadline and not before twelve (12) hours after stalling deadline.
29. For an exhibitor to be eligible for premium monies contributed by the American Angus Association, exhibitors are subject to the Association Rules as found in the breeder Reference Guide of the Association. These rules are found in Part 2: Association Rules. The rules relating directly with the exhibition of Angus Cattle are Part 2: Association Rules; Rule 800 Series; including Rule 800-810. The rules can be found at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).
30. Authorized representatives of the American Angus Association have the authority to enforce the rules set forth herein, as well as in the Association Rules, including the barring of registered animal from a livestock show at which it is to be shown if there are reasonable grounds to believe a violation has occurred.

### **Hereford and Polled Hereford:**

31. All steers showing at the Illinois State Fair must be registered by the American Hereford Association (AHA) and out of a registered sire and dam. No steer certificates will be accepted, only registration papers. Hereford registration papers will indicate effective date of ownership.
32. Exhibitors in Hereford classes are subject to the Association's special rule on class qualification, and any animal without a legible tattoo will not be eligible for show.
33. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than twenty-six (26) classes. Variation of division of numbers per class will be dependent upon age differential. The appointed committee will make official division of classes no later than twenty-four (24) hours after official stalling deadline and not before twelve (12) hours after stalling deadline.
34. All steers must have a basic DNA test on file at the AHA. Exhibitors should contact the AHA customer service department by calling 816-842-3757 or by email at [records@hereford.org](mailto:records@hereford.org) to request a DNA kit for their steer. Exhibitor must be a member of the AHA or NJHA to request a basic DNA test which includes genetic profile, genetic abnormalities and parent verification, if parent DNA is on file. At the time of check-in, exhibitors will be required to present a registration paper and letter from the AHA stating their steer's basic test DNA profile is on file. Further, all Hereford steers entered for exhibition are subject to additional DNA testing at the discretion of the Illinois Hereford Association.
35. All animals exhibited are subject to DNA profile test to verify breed purity and accuracy of the recorded parentage. Rules detailing DNA profiling of Hereford animals can be found in the AHA Rules and Regulations Handbook at [www.hereford.org](http://www.hereford.org). Shorthorn and Shorthorn Plus

36. Eligibility requirement to show Shorthorn is 15/16 and higher and Shorthorn Plus 50% to 7/8, as verified by an American Shorthorn Association (ASA) registration certificate. An ASA registration certificate will indicate effective date of ownership.
37. Multiple owned animals must be exhibited in the name of all owners.
38. All Shorthorns and Polled Shorthorns are subject to a tattoo inspection by representatives of the ASA. All Shorthorns and Polled Shorthorns are also subject to an age inspection if deemed necessary by the ASA and the decision of the examining veterinarian is final.
39. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than twenty-six (26) classes. Variation of division of numbers per class will be dependent upon age differential. The appointed committee will make official division of classes no later than twenty (20) hours after official stalling deadline and not before twelve (12) hours after stalling deadline. Charolais
40. Eligibility requirement to show is purebred as verified by an American-International Charolais Association (AICA) registration certificate. An AICA registration certificate will indicate effective date of ownership. An animal is eligible to enter or compete in an open Charolais breeding class if registered in country of origin outside the United States and is eligible for purebred registry in the AICA Herd Book.
41. Animals registered in the AICA Colored Division Registry (QF and QM initiated registration numbers) must meet the parameters of the AICA Color Card.
42. All animals to be eligible may be approved by a sifting committee designated by the AICA.
43. Any animal without a legible tattoo or firebrand number is ineligible and will be barred from showing.
44. Junior and Senior Bulls must have a valid satisfactory semen test certificate in possession. This certificate is valid for the entire show season.
45. All animals are subject to a medical examination in order to determine age, and each animal will be present in the show ring in its natural conformation without alteration or modification.
46. AICA requires that all animals be shown with a halter and suggest that all bulls be shown with a nose lead.
47. All exhibits of Charolais Breeding Cattle be governed by the AICA Rules and Regulations, Article XV, Exhibitions of Animals. The inspection of exhibit cattle is specified in Article XV, Paragraph C, and consequence of non-compliance of exhibit inspection is specified in Paragraph D of the same article.
48. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than twenty (20) classes. Variation of division numbers per class will be dependent upon age differential. The appointed committee will make official division of classes no later than twenty (20) hours after officially stalling deadline and not before twelve (12) hours after stalling deadline.

### **Simmental**

49. Eligibility requirement to show for females and bulls is purebred as verified by an official American Simmental Association (ASA) registration certificate. Eligibility requirement for steers to show is  $\frac{1}{2}$  or higher as verified by an ASA registration certificate. Commercial percent shall not be included as part of Simmental classification percentage. Simmental registration certificate will indicate effective date of ownership.
50. Calves born in 2025 must have a registration paper to verify them.
51. Any animal not having a legible tattoo is ineligible to compete and will be barred from showing.
52. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than twenty-six (26) classes.

### **Low-Percent Simmentals**

53. Eligibility requirements for females and bulls to show is  $\frac{1}{2}$  SM to  $\frac{3}{4}$  SM and a recorded registration certificate with the American Simmental Association (ASA).
54. Calves born in 2026 must have a registration paper to verify them.
55. Any animal not having a legible tattoo is ineligible to compete and will be barred from showing.
56. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than twenty-six (26) classes.

### **Limousin and Limousin Flex**

57. All animals must be registered with the North American Limousin Foundation (NALF). Any animal over thirty (30) days of age, including calves to be shown at side of dam, must have proof of a registration certificate and be recorded with the NALF. For ET calves, percentage verification paperwork must be in the NALF system. All animals must be 75% (NALF Percentage, not actual), or greater, as indicated on orange NALF registration certificate or purple-papered Lim-Flex Cattle as

indicated by NALF registration certificate. Percentage, full blood, Purebred and Lim-Flex shall compete in the same classes and championships.

- 58. Any animal not having a legible tattoo is ineligible to compete and will be barred from showing.
- 59. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than twenty (20) classes. No class shall contain more than twenty (20) head or have an age spread of more than sixty (60) days unless the animals are over two (2) years old.
- 60. All bulls over one (1) year of age must show with a nose-lead.
- 58. Calves exhibited alongside dams in the cow/calf division are eligible to show as individuals as long as the calf is registered and qualifies as determined by purple registration papers from NALF. All animals shown must be solid red or black above the flanks, excluding birth marks.

#### **Maine Anjou and Mainetainer:**

- 62. All animals must be registered in the American Maine Anjou Association (AMAA) as verified by an official AMAA registration certificate. All Maine Anjou females and bulls must be 75% or greater. Mainetainer females and bulls must be one quarter or greater.
- 63. Any animal not having a legible tattoo is ineligible to compete and will be barred from showing. 64. Animals over seven (7) months of age must be dehorned.
- 65. Heifers exhibited at twenty (20) months of age or older must be accompanied by a certificate of pregnancy. For heifers used in embryo transfer, a certificate of positive fertility issued by a licensed veterinarian must be available for inspection.
- 66. Bulls exhibited at fourteen (14) months of age or older must have had a positive semen test and a certificate to that effect must be available for inspection.
- 67. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than twenty (20) classes. Variation of division of numbers per class will be dependent upon age differential. The appointed committee will make official division of classes no later than twenty (20) hours after official stalling deadline and not before twelve (12) hours after stalling deadline.
- 68. All bulls twenty (20) months of age and older must show with a nose-lead.
- 69. Any and all cattle shall be available to have hair pulled for parentage verification, detection of foreign substances, or the presence of alterations. If recorded parent is excluded as a result of blood typing the owner may, at his expense, request the AMAA determine actual parentage. Failure to determine parentage will result in disqualification of that animal from the AMAA herd book.

#### **SPECIFIC RULES FOR SHOWMANSHIP**

- 70. Exhibitors must show their own animal in the showmanship competition and animals shown must be entered in the current Du Quoin State Fair Junior Beef Show.
- 71. Showmanship participants must meet requirements outlined in the Department Rules.
- 72. There will be approximately (6) Showmanship Divisions. The number of participants in each Division will be established by dividing the total number of registered participants by six (6) to establish roughly equal numbers of participants in each division. Divisions will be determined at the discretion of the Superintendent whose decision shall be final. The judge will determine the number of exhibitors from each division chosen to participate in the Supreme Showmanship competition.
- 73. Divisions will be posted immediately preceding the Showmanship competition.
- 74. Showmen in all divisions will lead a clean, un-groomed and clipped animal. There should be no tail balling, glue on legs, etc. Judging will be based on:
  - A. Showing of the animal.
  - B. Knowledge of the project; and
  - C. Personal appearance.

#### **SPECIAL DEFINITIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**EXHIBITOR DEFINITION IN CERTAIN CLASSES:** In individual classes, the exhibitor is defined as the person whose name appears on the registration paper as the owner. In group classes where the herd is one (1) unit with animals registered in the names of the different members of a family residing on one (1) farm, entries may be made under the name of a single exhibitor.

**PAIR OF FEMALES:** Group consists of two (2) female animals of any age bred and owned or co-owned by breeder/exhibitor. Animals must be shown in individual classes.

**PAIR OF BULLS:** Group consists of two (2) bulls of any age bred and owned or co-owned by breeder/exhibitor. Animals must be shown in individual classes.

**JUNIOR GET OF SIRE:** Group to consist of three (3) animals by one (1) sire with both sexes represented. Animals must be shown in individual classes.

**BREEDERS HERD OF FOUR:** Group to consist of four (4) animals, with both sexes represented, owned, or co-owned by breeder/exhibitor. Animals must be shown in individual classes.

**PREMIERE HERDSMAN AWARD:** Upon decision of the Beef Cattle Superintendent, an award will be given by the Du Quoin State Fair to the Premiere Herdsman in each breed.

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

### **Open Show Division**

**CHAMPIONSHIP PREMIUM AWARDS:** The exhibitor of the Grand Champion Female and Grand Champion Bull of each breed will receive an additional premium award of \$65.00.

**SUPREME CHAMPION FEMALE:** The Grand Champion Female of each breed will compete for Supreme Champion Female of the Open Show on Sunday, September 6, 2026.

**SUPREME CHAMPION BULL:** The Grand Champion Bull of each breed will compete for Supreme Champion Bull of the Open Show on Sunday September 6, 2026.

## **CLASSES**

### **Division 0201 – Angus**

#### **Class Description**

#### **Open Class**

|                                                                          |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Junior heifer calf born on or after Jan. 1, 2026                         | 001 |
| Winter heifer calf born between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025                 | 002 |
| Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2025                | 003 |
| Summer yearling heifer born between Jul. 1 and Aug. 31, 2025             | 004 |
| Late spring yearling heifer born between May 1 and Jun. 30, 2025         | 005 |
| Early spring yearling heifer born between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2025       | 006 |
| Junior yearling heifer born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2025     | 007 |
| Senior yearling heifer born between Sept 1 and Dec. 31, 2024             | 008 |
| Pair of Females                                                          | 009 |
| Junior Bull Calf born after Jan. 1, 2026                                 | 010 |
| Senior Bull Calf born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025                  | 011 |
| Summer Yearling Bull born between May 1 and Aug. 30, 2025                | 012 |
| Late Junior Yearling Bull born between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2025          | 013 |
| Early Junior Yearling Bull born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2025 | 014 |
| Pair of Bulls                                                            | 015 |
| Junior Get of Sire                                                       | 016 |
| Breeders Herd                                                            | 017 |

*The following awards will be given in the Champion & Reserve Champion Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Heifer, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Heifer, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Heifer, Champion & Reserve Champion Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Bull, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Bull*

**Division 0202 – Hereford/Polled Hereford****Class Description****Open Class**

Junior heifer calf born on or after Jan. 1, 2026  
 Winter heifer calf born between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025  
 Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2025  
 Summer yearling heifer born between Jul. 1 and Aug. 31, 2025  
 Late spring yearling heifer born between May 1 and Jun. 30, 2025  
 Early spring yearling heifer born between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2025  
 Junior yearling heifer born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2025  
 Senior yearling heifer born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024  
 Pair of Females  
 Junior Bull Calf born after Jan 1, 2026  
 Senior Bull Calf born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025  
 Summer Yearling Bull born between May 1 and Aug. 30, 2025  
 Late Junior Yearling Bull born between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2025  
 Early Junior Yearling Bull born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2025  
 Pair of Bulls  
 Junior Get of Sire  
 Breeders Herd

001  
002  
003  
004  
005  
006  
007  
008  
009  
010  
011  
012  
013  
014  
015  
016  
017

*The following awards will be given in the Champion & Reserve Champion Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Heifer, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Heifer, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Heifer, Champion & Reserve Champion Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Bull, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Bull*

**Division 0203 – Low Percent Simmental****Class Description****Open Class**

Junior heifer calf born on or after Jan 1, 2026  
 Winter heifer calf born between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025  
 Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2025  
 Summer yearling heifer born between Jul. 1 and Aug. 31, 2025  
 Late spring yearling heifer born between May 1 and Jun. 30, 2025  
 Early spring yearling heifer born between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2025  
 Junior yearling heifer born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2025  
 Senior yearling heifer born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024  
 Pair of Females  
 Junior Bull Calf born after Jan. 1, 2026  
 Senior Bull Calf born between Sept 1 and Dec. 31, 2025  
 Summer Yearling Bull born between May 1 and Aug. 30, 2025  
 Late Junior Yearling Bull born between Mar 1 and Apr. 30, 2025  
 Early Junior Yearling Bull born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2025  
 Pair of Bulls  
 Junior Get of Sire  
 Breeders Herd

001  
002  
003  
004  
005  
006  
007  
008  
009  
010  
011  
012  
013  
014  
015  
016  
017

*The following awards will be given in the Champion & Reserve Champion Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Heifer, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Heifer, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Heifer, Champion & Reserve Champion Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Bull, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Bull*

**Division 0204 – Red Angus****Class Description****Open Class**

Junior heifer calf born on or after Jan. 1. 2026  
 Winter heifer calf born between Nov. and Dec. 31. 2025  
 Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31. 2025  
 Summer yearling heifer calf born between July 1 and Aug. 31. 2025  
 Late Spring yearling heifer calf born between May. 1 and June 30. 2025  
 Early Spring yearling heifer calf born between Mar, 1 and Apr.30 2025  
 Junior Yearling Heifer born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2025  
 Senior yearling heifer born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024  
 Pair of Females  
 Junior Bull Calf born after Jan 1, 2026

001  
002  
003  
004  
005  
006  
007  
008  
009  
010

|                                                                    |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Senior Bull Calf born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024            | 011 |
| Summer Yearling Bull born between May 1 and Aug. 30, 2024          | 012 |
| Late Junior Yearling Bull born between Mar. 1 and April 30, 2024   | 013 |
| Early Junior Yearling born between Jan 1 and last day of Feb. 2025 | 014 |
| Pair of Bull                                                       | 015 |
| Junior Get of Sire                                                 | 016 |
| Breeders Herd                                                      | 017 |

*The following awards will be given in the Champion & Reserve Champion Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Heifer, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Heifer, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Heifer, Champion & Reserve Champion Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Bull, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Bull*

#### **Division 0205 – Simmental**

| <b><u>Class Description</u></b>                                          | <b><u>Open Class</u></b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Junior heifer calf born on or after Jan. 1, 2026                         | 001                      |
| Winter heifer calf born between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025                 | 002                      |
| Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2025                | 003                      |
| Summer yearling heifer born between Jul. 1 and Aug. 31, 2025             | 004                      |
| Late spring yearling heifer born between May 1 and Jun. 30, 2025         | 005                      |
| Early spring yearling heifer born between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2025       | 006                      |
| Junior yearling heifer born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2025     | 007                      |
| Senior yearling heifer born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024            | 008                      |
| Pair of Females                                                          | 009                      |
| Junior Bull Calf born after Jan. 1, 2026                                 | 010                      |
| Senior Bull Calf born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025                  | 011                      |
| Summer Yearling Bull born between May 1 and Aug. 30, 2025                | 012                      |
| Late Junior Yearling Bull born between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2025          | 013                      |
| Early Junior Yearling Bull born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2025 | 014                      |
| Pair of Bulls                                                            | 015                      |
| Junior Get of Sire                                                       | 016                      |
| Breeders Herd                                                            | 017                      |

*The following awards will be given in the Champion & Reserve Champion Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Heifer, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Heifer, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Heifer, Champion & Reserve Champion Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Bull, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Bull*

#### **Division 0206 – Shorthorn/Polled Shorthorn**

| <b><u>Class Description</u></b>                                          | <b><u>Open Class</u></b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Junior heifer calf born on or after Jan. 1, 2026                         | 001                      |
| Winter heifer calf born between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025                 | 002                      |
| Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2025                | 003                      |
| Summer yearling heifer born between Jul. 1 and Aug. 31, 2025             | 004                      |
| Late spring yearling heifer born between May 1 and Jun. 30, 2025         | 005                      |
| Early spring yearling heifer born between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2025       | 006                      |
| Junior yearling heifer born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2025     | 007                      |
| Senior yearling heifer born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025            | 008                      |
| Pair of Females                                                          | 009                      |
| Junior Bull Calf born after Jan. 1, 2025                                 | 010                      |
| Senior Bull Calf born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31,                       | 011                      |
| Summer Yearling Bull born between May 1 and Aug. 30, 2025                | 012                      |
| Late Junior Yearling Bull born between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2025          | 013                      |
| Early Junior Yearling Bull born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2025 | 014                      |
| Pair of Bulls                                                            | 015                      |
| Junior Get of Sire                                                       | 016                      |
| Breeders Herd                                                            | 017                      |

*The following awards will be given in the Champion & Reserve Champion Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Heifer, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Heifer, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Heifer, Champion & Reserve Champion Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Bull, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Bull*

**Division 0207 – All Other Registered Breeds (AORB)****Class Description****Open Class**

Junior heifer calf born on or after Jan. 1, 2026  
Winter heifer calf born between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025  
Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2025  
Summer yearling heifer born between Jul. 1 and Aug. 31, 2025  
Late spring yearling heifer born between May 1 and Jun. 30, 2024  
Early spring yearling heifer born between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2025  
Junior yearling heifer born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2025  
Senior yearling heifer born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025  
Pair of Females  
Junior Bull Calf born after Jan. 1, 2026  
Senior Bull Calf born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025  
Summer Yearling Bull born between May 1 and Aug. 30, 2025  
Late Junior Yearling Bull born between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2025  
Early Junior Yearling Bull born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2025  
Pair of Bulls  
Junior Get of Sire  
Breeders Herd

001  
002  
003  
004  
005  
006  
007  
008  
009  
010  
011  
012  
013  
014  
015  
016  
017

*The following awards will be given in the Champion & Reserve Champion Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Heifer, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Heifer, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Heifer, Champion & Reserve Champion Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Bull, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Bull*

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

**\*END OF DEPARTMENT 02 – OPEN BEEF CATTLE \***

# DEPARTMENT 03

## DAIRY CATTLE

### JUNIOR DAIRY CATTLES

Superintendent: Jeremy Huelsmann (708-204-4545)

**Special Note:** Beginning in 2025, individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag, ("840" tag), and in 2026 the tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PREMIUMS

Total Premiums Offered in Open Show . . . . . \$5,700.00  
Total Premiums Offered in Junior Show . . . . . \$4,350.00

## INFORMATION

### Entries

Required fees include \$10.00/ per head (entry fee). Entries in all classes shall be made through the online fair entry system at the Du Quoin State Fair website. Payment must be made via credit card at the time of entry. No other type of entry will be accepted. Assistance with entries is available at the Competitive Events Office, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All entries must be submitted online on or before **August 3, 2026**. Late entries will be accepted with a late fee of \$50.00 per head until 11:59 pm on **August 8, 2026**.

**Absolutely no entries will be accepted after August 8, 2026.**

Additionally, each Livestock Exhibitor must purchase a \$30.00 Exhibitor's Pass. Additional passes may be purchased for helpers, fitters, groomers, etc. for \$30.00 each.

**Special Note: There will be no refunds of entry fees, Exhibitor's Passes, or bedding fees under any circumstances.**

### DEADLINE AND CHECK-IN

Stalls Available . . . . . Noon, Wed., August 26  
Animals Must be Stalled No Later Than . . . . . 6:00pm, Thurs., August 27  
Animal Check-In (In stalls) . . . . . 8:00am-5:00pm, Fri., August 28  
Animals Released . . . . . after Open Show, Sun. August 30

### SHOW SCHEDULE

(Start times may vary slightly from the following schedule. Breed shows will follow sequentially after a short break between breeds. Listen for announcements.)

#### Saturday, August 29

8:30 am – Pee-Wee Show (Registration begins at 8:00 am)  
9:00 am – Junior Show  
2:00 pm – Junior Show Supreme Champion Female  
2:15 pm – Junior Show Supreme Champion Heifer  
2:30 pm – Junior Show Overall Showmanship

#### Sunday, August 30

9:00 am – Open Show  
2:00 pm – Open Show Supreme Champion Female

## **DEPARTMENT RULES**

1. Each exhibitor must comply with the Illinois Exhibition Health Requirements; Animal Care, Drug, Testing and Welfare Policies; and General Rules of the Livestock Division as previously stated.
2. An rRTPCR test for Influenza A virus (IAV) on milk from lactating dairy cattle exhibiting at the Du Quoin State Fair shall be conducted prior to livestock arriving on the fairgrounds. The animals must be sampled no more than seven (7) days prior to the date of arrival, and a negative test record must be presented to Department staff.
3. Purebred animals must be recorded in their respective National Breed Book as evidenced by official registration papers or certificate of registration. Certificates from breed association representatives will not be accepted in lieu of registration papers and no copies or stamped duplicate of official registration will be accepted.
4. Entries in Junior Heifer Calf classes, in all breeds, must be at least four (4) months of age on show day.
5. Entries in the cow classes may or may not be in milk; however, all animals in milk must show in cow classes.
6. Bedding must be furnished by the exhibitor.
7. Dairy Cattle Exhibitors will not be paid for milk produced on the fairgrounds. Milk will be disposed of as fluid waste in designated areas.
8. Upon decision of the Dairy Cattle Superintendent, an award will be given to the Premiere Herdsman in each dairy cattle breed. Herdsman awards will be based upon entry preparedness, cleanliness of animals, promptness to the showing, showmanship, and courtesy to other exhibitors and fair patrons.
9. Do not enter Championship Classes.
10. The effective date of ownership must appear on the registration papers. In all cases, the required ownership date, transfer date included, for all animals exhibited at the Du Quoin State Fair is thirty (30) days prior to the opening day of the fair.
11. Exhibitors are allowed open substitution across class numbers in the dairy show.

## **SPECIAL DEFINITIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**EXHIBITOR DEFINITION IN CERTAIN CLASSES:** In individual classes, the exhibitor is defined as the person whose name appears on the registration paper as the owner.

**PREMIERE HERDSMAN AWARD:** Upon decision of the Dairy Cattle Superintendent, an award will be given by the Du Quoin State Fair to the Premiere Herdsman in each breed.

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

### **Junior Show Division**

**CHAMPION PREMIUM AWARDS:** The exhibitor of the Champion Heifer and Grand Champion Female of each breed will receive an additional premium award of \$60.00.

**OVERALL SHOWMANSHIP CHAMPION:** The Champion Showman of each breed will compete for Overall Showmanship Champion (the Frank Bigham Memorial Showmanship Award, generously donated by the Frank Bigham Family) of the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair Junior Dairy Show.

**SUPREME CHAMPION FEMALE:** The Grand Champion Female of each breed will compete for the Supreme Champion Dairy Cattle Female of the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair Junior Dairy Cattle Show. Through a generous contribution of BUY-A-FARM, the Du Quoin State Fair will award a \$500.00 additional monetary award to the exhibitor of the 2026 Supreme Champion Female of the Junior Dairy Cattle Show.

**RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE:** The Reserve Grand Champion Female of each breed will compete for the Reserve Champion Dairy Cattle Female of the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair Junior Dairy Cattle Show. Through a generous contribution of BUY-A-FARM, the Du Quoin State Fair will award a \$250.00 additional monetary award to the exhibitor of the 2026 Reserve Champion Female of the Junior Dairy Cattle Show.

**BEST UTTERS:** An additional \$25.00 for first place and \$15.00 for second place will be awarded to the top two best udders in each of the dairy classes.

**SUPREME HEIFER:** An award will be given by the Du Quoin State Fair to the exhibitor of the Supreme Heifer of the Junior Show.

# CLASSES

## Division 0301 – Brown Swiss

| <u>Class Description</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <u>Junior Class</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Junior heifer calf born on or after Mar. 1, 2026                                                                                                                                                                            | 001                 |
| Intermediate heifer calf born between Dec. 1, 2025 & last day of Feb. 2026                                                                                                                                                  | 002                 |
| Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2025                                                                                                                                                                   | 003                 |
| Summer yearling heifer born between Jun. 1 and Aug. 31, 2025                                                                                                                                                                | 004                 |
| Junior yearling heifer born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2025                                                                                                                                                                 | 005                 |
| Intermediate yearling heifer born between Dec. 1, 2024 & last day of Feb. 2026                                                                                                                                              | 006                 |
| 2 year cow born between Sept. 1, 2023 and Aug. 31, 2024                                                                                                                                                                     | 008                 |
| 3 year cow born between Sept. 1, 2022 and Aug. 31, 2023                                                                                                                                                                     | 009                 |
| 4 year cow and over born before Sept. 1, 2022                                                                                                                                                                               | 010                 |
| <i>The following awards will be given in the Junior Champion Female &amp; Reserve Junior Female, Senior Champion Female &amp; Reserve Senior Champion Female, Grand Champion Female &amp; Reserve Grand Champion Female</i> |                     |

## Division 0302 – Holstein

| <u>Class Description</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <u>Junior Class</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Junior heifer calf born on or after Mar. 1, 2026                                                                                                                                                                            | 001                 |
| Intermediate heifer calf born between Dec. 1, 2025 & last day of Feb. 2026                                                                                                                                                  | 002                 |
| Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2025                                                                                                                                                                   | 003                 |
| Summer yearling heifer born between Jun. 1 and Aug. 31, 2025                                                                                                                                                                | 004                 |
| Junior yearling heifer born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2025                                                                                                                                                                 | 005                 |
| Intermediate yearling heifer born between Dec. 1, 2024 & last day of Feb. 2026                                                                                                                                              | 006                 |
| Jr. 2 year old and yearling in milk born on or after March 1, 2024                                                                                                                                                          | 007                 |
| Sr. 2 year born between Sept. 1 2-23 and Feb. 29, 2024                                                                                                                                                                      | 008                 |
| 3 year cow born between Sept. 1, 2022 and Aug. 31, 2023                                                                                                                                                                     | 009                 |
| 4 year cow and over born before Sept. 1, 2022                                                                                                                                                                               | 010                 |
| <i>The following awards will be given in the Junior Champion Female &amp; Reserve Junior Female, Senior Champion Female &amp; Reserve Senior Champion Female, Grand Champion Female &amp; Reserve Grand Champion Female</i> |                     |

## Division 0303 – Jersey

| <u>Class Description</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <u>Junior Class</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Junior heifer calf born on or after Mar. 1, 2026                                                                                                                                                                            | 001                 |
| Intermediate heifer calf born between Dec. 1, 2025 & last day of Feb. 2026                                                                                                                                                  | 002                 |
| Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2025                                                                                                                                                                   | 003                 |
| Summer yearling heifer born between Jun. 1 and Aug. 31, 2025                                                                                                                                                                | 004                 |
| Junior yearling heifer born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2025                                                                                                                                                                 | 005                 |
| Intermediate yearling heifer born between Dec. 1, 2024 & last day of Feb. 2026                                                                                                                                              | 006                 |
| Jr. 2 year old and yearling in milk born on or after March 1, 2024                                                                                                                                                          | 007                 |
| Sr. 2 year born between Sept. 1 2-23 and Feb. 29, 2024                                                                                                                                                                      | 008                 |
| 3 year cow born between Sept. 1, 2022 and Aug. 31, 2023                                                                                                                                                                     | 009                 |
| 4 year cow and over born before Sept. 1, 2022                                                                                                                                                                               | 010                 |
| <i>The following awards will be given in the Junior Champion Female &amp; Reserve Junior Female, Senior Champion Female &amp; Reserve Senior Champion Female, Grand Champion Female &amp; Reserve Grand Champion Female</i> |                     |

**Division 0304 – All Other Registered Breeds (AOB)****Class Description****Junior Class**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Junior heifer calf born on or after Mar. 1, 2026                                                                                                                                                                            | 001 |
| Intermediate heifer calf born between Dec. 1, 2025 & last day of Feb. 2026                                                                                                                                                  | 002 |
| Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2025                                                                                                                                                                   | 003 |
| Summer yearling heifer born between Jun. 1 and Aug. 31, 2025                                                                                                                                                                | 004 |
| Junior yearling heifer born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2025                                                                                                                                                                 | 005 |
| Intermediate yearling heifer born between Dec. 1, 2024 & last day of Feb. 2026                                                                                                                                              | 006 |
| 2 year cow born between Sept. 1, 2023 and Aug. 31, 2024                                                                                                                                                                     | 008 |
| 3 year cow born between Sept. 1 2021 and Aug. 31, 2023                                                                                                                                                                      | 008 |
| 4 year cow and over born before Sept. 1, 2022                                                                                                                                                                               | 009 |
| <i>The following awards will be given in the Junior Champion Female &amp; Reserve Junior Female, Senior Champion Female &amp; Reserve Senior Champion Female, Grand Champion Female &amp; Reserve Grand Champion Female</i> |     |

**Division 0305 – Showmanship****Junior Class**

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Showmanship | 001 |
|-------------|-----|

**\*END OF DEPARTMENT 03- JR. DAIRY CATTLE\***

# Moo-Moo Chug-A-Lug

Saturday, August 29, 2026  
Exhibition Building, 5:30pm  
Sponsored by: Filson Appraisal

Contestants will have a set amount of milk cartons to drink in a limited amount of time. The person to drink the most will win!

- \* Each contestant will have the same amount of milk cartons, and they will have to chug the entire carton. These will be the tiny school cartons.

- \* The person who is done the fastest is the winner! Prizes will be given to the winner.

**Must be 16 to participate.**

# DEPARTMENT 04

## DAIRY CATTLE

Superintendent: Jeremy Huelsman (708-204-4545)

**Special Note:** Beginning in 2025, individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag, ("840" tag), and in 2026 the tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PREMIUMS

Total Premiums Offered in Open Show . . . . . \$5,700.00  
Total Premiums Offered in Junior Show . . . . . \$4,350.00

### INFORMATION

#### Entries

Required fees include \$15.00/ per head (entry fee). Entries in all classes shall be made through the online fair entry system at the Du Quoin State Fair website. Payment must be made via credit card at the time of entry. No other type of entry will be accepted. Assistance with entries is available at the Competitive Events Office, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All entries must be submitted online on or before **August 3, 2026**. Late entries will be accepted with a late fee of \$50.00 per head until 11:59 pm on **August 8, 2026**.

**Absolutely no entries will be accepted after August 8, 2026.**

Additionally, each Livestock Exhibitor must purchase a \$30.00 Exhibitor's Pass. Additional passes may be purchased for helpers, fitters, groomers, etc. for \$30.00 each.

**Special Note: There will be no refunds of entry fees, Exhibitor's Passes, or bedding fees under any circumstances.**

#### DEADLINE AND CHECK-IN

Stalls Available . . . . . Noon, Wed., August 26  
Animals Must be Stalled No Later Than . . . . . 6:00pm, Thurs., August 27  
Animal Check-In (In Stalls) . . . . . 8:00am-5:00pm, Fri., August 28  
Animals Released . . . . . after Open Show, Sun. August 30

#### SHOW SCHEDULE

(Start times may vary slightly from the following schedule. Breed shows will follow sequentially after a short break between breeds. Listen for announcements.)

#### Saturday, August 29

8:30 am – Pee-Wee Show (Registration begins at 8:00 am)  
9:00 am – Junior Show  
2:00 pm – Junior Show Supreme Champion Female  
2:15 pm – Junior Show Supreme Champion Heifer  
2:30 pm – Junior Show Overall Showmanship

#### Sunday, August 30

9:00 am – Open Show  
2:00 pm – Open Show Supreme Champion Female

## **DEPARTMENT RULES**

1. Each exhibitor must comply with the Illinois Exhibition Health Requirements; Animal Care, Drug, Testing and Welfare Policies; and General Rules of the Livestock Division as previously stated.
2. An rRTPCR test for Influenza A virus (IAV) on milk from lactating dairy cattle exhibiting at the Du Quoin State Fair shall be conducted prior to livestock arriving on the fairgrounds. The animals must be sampled no more than seven (7) days prior to the date of arrival, and a negative test record must be presented to Department staff.
3. Purebred animals must be recorded in their respective National Breed Book as evidenced by official registration papers or certificate of registration. Certificates from breed association representatives will not be accepted in lieu of registration papers and no copies or stamped duplicate of official registration will be accepted.
4. Entries in Junior Heifer Calf classes, in all breeds, must be at least four (4) months of age on show day.
5. Entries in the cow classes may or may not be in milk; however, all animals in milk must show in cow classes.
6. Bedding must be furnished by the exhibitor.
7. Dairy Cattle Exhibitors will not be paid for milk produced on the fairgrounds. Milk will be disposed of as fluid waste in designated areas.
8. Upon decision of the Dairy Cattle Superintendent, an award will be given to the Premiere Herdsman in each dairy cattle breed. Herdsman awards will be based upon entry preparedness, cleanliness of animals, promptness to the showing, showmanship, and courtesy to other exhibitors and fair patrons.
9. Do not enter Championship Classes.
10. The effective date of ownership must appear on the registration papers. In all cases, the required ownership date, transfer date included, for all animals exhibited at the Du Quoin State Fair is thirty (30) days prior to the opening day of the fair.
11. Exhibitors are allowed open substitution across class numbers in the dairy show.

## **SPECIAL DEFINITIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**EXHIBITOR DEFINITION IN CERTAIN CLASSES:** In individual classes, the exhibitor is defined as the person whose name appears on the registration paper as the owner.

**PREMIERE HERDSMAN AWARD:** Upon decision of the Dairy Cattle Superintendent, an award will be given by the Du Quoin State Fair to the Premiere Herdsman in each breed.

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

### **Open Show Division**

**CHAMPIONSHIP PREMIUM AWARDS:** The exhibitor of the Champion Heifer and Grand Champion Female of each breed will receive an additional premium award of \$60.00

**SUPREME CHAMPION FEMALE:** The Grand Champion Female of each breed will compete for the Supreme Champion Female of the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair Open Dairy Cattle Show.

# CLASSES

## **Division 0401 – Brown Swiss**

### **Class Description**

### **Open Class**

Junior heifer calf born on or after Mar. 1, 2026  
 Intermediate heifer calf born between Dec. 1, 2025 & last day of Feb. 2026  
 Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2025  
 Summer yearling heifer born between Jun. 1 and Aug. 31, 2025  
 Junior yearling heifer born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2025  
 Intermediate yearling heifer born between Dec. 1, 2024 & last day of Feb. 2026  
 Senior yearling heifer born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2024  
 2 year cow born between Sept. 1, 2023 and Aug. 31, 2024  
 3 year cow born between Sept. 1, 2022 and Aug. 31, 2023  
 4 year cow and over born before Sept. 1, 2022

001  
 002  
 003  
 004  
 005  
 006  
 007  
 008  
 009  
 010

*The following awards will be given in the Junior Champion Female & Reserve Junior Female, Senior Champion Female & Reserve Senior Champion Female, Grand Champion Female & Reserve Grand Champion Female*

## **Division 0402 - Holstein**

### **Class Description**

### **Open Class**

Junior heifer calf born on or after Mar 1, 2026  
 Intermediate heifer calf born between Dec. 1, 2025 & last day of Feb. 2026  
 Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2025  
 Summer yearling heifer born between Jun. 1 and Aug. 31, 2025  
 Junior yearling heifer born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2025  
 Intermediate yearling heifer born between Dec. 1, 2024 & last day of Feb. 2026  
 Senior yearling heifer born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2024  
 2 year cow born between Sept. 1, 2023 and Aug. 31, 2024  
 3 year cow born between Sept. 1, 2022 and Aug. 31, 2023  
 4 year cow and over born before Sept. 1, 2022

001  
 002  
 003  
 004  
 005  
 006  
 007  
 008  
 009  
 010

*The following awards will be given in the Junior Champion Female & Reserve Junior Female, Senior Champion Female & Reserve Senior Champion Female, Grand Champion Female & Reserve Grand Champion Female*

## **Division 0403 - Jersey**

### **Class Description**

### **Open Class**

Junior heifer calf born on or after March 1, 2026  
 Intermediate heifer calf born between Dec. 1, 2025 & last day of Feb. 2026  
 Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2025  
 Summer yearling heifer born between June 1 and Aug 31, 2025  
 Junior yearling heifer born between Mar 1 and May 31, 2025  
 Intermediate yearling heifer born between Dec. 1, 2024 & last day of Feb. 2025  
 Senior yearling heifer born between Sept. 1 & Nov. 30, 2024  
 2 year cow born between Sept. 1, 2023 and Aug. 31, 2024  
 3 year cow born between Sept. 1, 2022 and Aug. 31, 2023  
 4 year cow and over born before Sept 1, 2022

001  
 002  
 003  
 004  
 005  
 006  
 007  
 008  
 009  
 010

*The following awards will be given in the Junior Champion Female & Reserve Junior Female, Senior Champion Female & Reserve Senior Champion Female, Grand Champion Female & Reserve Grand Champion Female*

**Division 0404 – All Other Registered Breeds (AOB)**

**Class Description**

**Open Class**

Junior heifer calf born on or after Mar. 1, 2026

001

Intermediate heifer calf born between Dec. 1, 2025 & last day of Feb. 2026

002

Senior heifer calf born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2025

003

Summer yearling heifer born between Jun. 1 and Aug. 31, 2025

004

Junior yearling heifer born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2025

005

Intermediate yearling heifer born between Dec. 1, 2024 & last day of Feb. 2026

006

Senior yearling heifer born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2024\_

007

2 year cow born between Sept. 1, 2023 and Aug. 31, 2024

008

3 year cow born between Sept. 1, 2022 and Aug. 31, 2023

009

4 year cow and over born before Sept. 1, 2022

010

*The following awards will be given in the Junior Champion Female & Reserve Junior Female, Senior Champion Female & Reserve Senior Champion Female, Grand Champion Female & Reserve Grand Champion Female*

**\* END OF DEPARTMENT 04 – OPEN DAIRY CATTLE\***

# DEPARTMENT 20

## Draft Horses, Ponies, Mule

Superintendent: Phil Farrell:(217-855-9111)

### INFORMATION

#### Entries

Required fee \$15.00/per head (entry fee). Entries in all classes shall be made through the online fair entry system at the Du Quoin State Fair website. Payment must be made via credit card at the time of entry. No other type of entry will be accepted. Assistance with entries is available at the Competitive Events Office, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All entries must be submitted online on or before **August 3, 2026**. Late entries will be accepted with a late fee of \$50.00 per head until 11:59 pm on **August 8, 2026**.

**Absolutely no entries will be accepted after August 8, 2026.**

Additionally, each Livestock Exhibitor must purchase a \$30.00 Exhibitor's Pass. Additional passes may be purchased for helpers, fitters, groomers, etc. for \$30.00 each.

**Special Note: There will be no refunds of Entry Fees or Exhibitor Passes under any circumstances**

#### **ALL HORSE, MULE, AND PONY PARADE**

All exhibitors are asked to participate in the All Horse, Mule, and Pony Parade, with hitches, around the fairgrounds immediately following the Saturday afternoon show session.

#### DEADLINES AND CHECK-IN

Stalls available..... 8:00am, Friday, Aug. 28  
Animals Must Arrive By ..... 6:00 pm, Friday, Aug. 28  
Check-in & Ring Cards Issued..... beginning 12:00 noon, Friday, Aug. 28  
Animals Released ..... immediately after show, Sunday, Aug. 30

**Special Note: All horses must vacate the barn by 12:00 noon, Monday August 31**

## **PREMIUMS**

Total Premiums Offered in Open Show . . . . . \$10,400.00

**Open Show Premiums** will be paid as follows:

| <b><u>Draft Pony Halter Classes</u></b>   | <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>5<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>6<sup>th</sup></b> |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| All Halter Classes                        | \$45                  | \$30                  | \$25                  | \$15                  | \$10                  | NA                    |
| All Youth Showmanship Classes             | \$20                  | \$10                  | \$10                  | \$10                  | \$10                  | \$10                  |
| <b><u>Haflinger/Pony Hitches</u></b>      |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Men's and Women's Carts                   | \$75                  | \$45                  | \$30                  | \$20                  | \$15                  | \$10                  |
| Two Pony Hitch                            | \$75                  | \$45                  | \$30                  | \$20                  | \$15                  | \$10                  |
| Unicorn Hitch                             | \$145                 | \$115                 | \$85                  | \$60                  | \$22                  | \$20                  |
| Four Pony Hitch                           | \$145                 | \$115                 | \$85                  | \$60                  | \$22                  | \$20                  |
| Six Pony Hitch                            | \$350                 | \$300                 | \$300                 | \$300                 | \$250                 | NA                    |
| Youth Cart Driver                         | \$10                  | \$10                  | \$10                  | \$10                  | \$10                  | \$10                  |
| Youth Two Pony Team                       | \$10                  | \$10                  | \$10                  | \$10                  | \$10                  | \$10                  |
| <b><u>Draft Horses Halter Classes</u></b> |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Stallion                                  | \$75                  | \$55                  | NA                    | NA                    | NA                    | NA                    |
| Foal and Yearling                         | \$75                  | \$55                  | \$45                  | \$35                  | \$30                  | \$30                  |
| Mares                                     | \$75                  | \$55                  | \$45                  | \$35                  | \$30                  | \$30                  |
| Mare and Foal                             | \$75                  | \$55                  | \$45                  | \$35                  | \$30                  | \$30                  |
| Gelding                                   | \$75                  | \$55                  | \$45                  | \$35                  | \$30                  | \$30                  |
| Best Three Head                           | \$75                  | \$50                  | \$40                  | \$35                  | \$30                  | \$30                  |
| <b><u>Draft Horse Hitches</u></b>         |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Cart                                      | \$100                 | \$75                  | \$50                  | \$50                  | \$50                  | \$50                  |
| Team                                      | \$200                 | \$150                 | \$100                 | \$100                 | NA                    | NA                    |
| Unicorn Hitch                             | \$300                 | \$250                 | \$200                 | \$200                 | NA                    | NA                    |
| Four Horse Hitch                          | \$400                 | \$300                 | \$250                 | \$250                 | NA                    | NA                    |
| Six Horse Hitch                           | \$600                 | \$450                 | \$350                 | \$200                 | NA                    | NA                    |
| Youth Cart                                | \$30                  | \$20                  | \$20                  | \$20                  | \$20                  | \$20                  |
| <b><u>Mule Halter Classes</u></b>         |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| All Individual Mules                      | \$50                  | \$40                  | \$30                  | \$25                  | NA                    | NA                    |
| Pair of Mules                             | \$50                  | \$40                  | \$30                  | \$25                  | NA                    | NA                    |
| Best Mule Display                         | \$80                  | \$65                  | \$60                  | \$40                  | NA                    | NA                    |
| Youth Showmanship                         | \$10                  | \$10                  | \$10                  | NA                    | NA                    | NA                    |
| <b><u>Mule Hitches</u></b>                |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Mule Team                                 | \$75                  | \$50                  | \$50                  | \$50                  | NA                    | NA                    |
| Four Mule Team                            | \$80                  | \$60                  | \$50                  | \$50                  | NA                    | NA                    |
| Four Mule Hitch                           | \$80                  | \$60                  | \$50                  | \$50                  | NA                    | NA                    |
| Single Mule Cart – Youth Driver           | \$10                  | \$10                  | \$10                  | \$10                  | NA                    | NA                    |
| Single Mule Cart Lady/Man Driver          | \$60                  | \$50                  | \$50                  | \$40                  | NA                    | NA                    |
| Mule Farm Team – to be worked             | \$50                  | \$40                  | \$40                  | \$30                  | NA                    | NA                    |
| Mule Jumping – under/over 51"             | \$50                  | \$40                  | \$40                  | \$30                  | NA                    | NA                    |
| Mule Riding – open/gaited                 | \$50                  | \$40                  | \$40                  | \$30                  | NA                    | NA                    |
| Team of Mules – Youth Driver              | \$10                  | \$10                  | \$10                  | \$10                  | NA                    | NA                    |

## **SHOW SCHEDULE**

### **Saturday, August 29**

8:00 am      Registered or Grade Haflinger Mares  
                 Registered or Grade Haflinger Geldings  
                 Draft Horse Stallions  
                 Draft Horse Mares  
                      Champion & Reserve Champion Draft Horse Mare  
                 Draft Horse Geldings  
                      Champion & Reserve Champion Draft Horse Gelding  
                 Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Draft Horse  
                 Youth Draft Horse Showmanship- 13 and under  
                 Youth Draft Horse Showmanship- 14-18

12:00 pm      Six Horse Hitch  
                  Six Pony Hitch  
                  Four Mule Hitch  
                  Four Draft Horse Hitch  
                  Four Pony Hitch  
                  Team of Mules  
                  Team of Draft Horses  
                  Team of Ponies  
                  Team of Mules – Youth Driver  
                  Team of Draft Horses- Youth Driver  
                  Team of Ponies – Youth Driver  
                  All Horse, Mule and Pony Parade

**Sunday, August 30 (No scheduled lunch break)**

8:00 am      Mule Halter  
                  Mule Youth Showmanship

12:00 pm      Ride a Horse, Pony, or Mule  
                  Six Horse Hitch  
                  Six Pony Hitch  
                  Draft Horse Unicorn Hitch  
                  Pony Unicorn Hitch  
                  Open Mule Riding  
                  Gaited Mule Riding  
                  Pony Cart – Man Driver  
                  Mule Cart – Man Driver  
                  Draft Horse Cart – Man Driver  
                  Pony Cart- Lady Driver  
                  Mule Cart – Lady Driver  
                  Draft Horse Cart – Lady Driver  
                  Pony Cart – Youth Driver  
                  Draft Horse Cart – Youth Driver  
                  Mule Farm Team  
                  Mule Jumping – over 51”  
                  Mule Jumping – under 51”  
                  Single Mule to Cart or Wagon  
                  Mule Cart – Youth Drive

**DEPARTMENT RULES**

1. Each exhibitor must comply with the Illinois Exhibition Health Requirements; Animal Care, Drug, Testing and Welfare Policies; and General Rules as previously stated.
2. The ages of animals will be reckoned from January 1. All foals will be considered as (1) year old on January 1 of year succeeding birth.
3. In all cases, pedigrees of horses must be traceable to the American or Foreign Stud Book for the particular breed in which the animal is registered. All applications for entry of horses or animals of record must be accompanied by the name of the breeder and the name and registration number of the sire and dam of the exhibited animal.
4. All Haflinger entries must be registered with a Haflinger Association. Further, in registered Haflinger classes, height limit will be determined by eligibility.
5. Ponies may only show in one (1) division.
6. Animals owned in partnership must be entered in all classes in the partnership name as it appears on the registration appears.
7. Copies of registration papers may accompany entry forms except for geldings and current year foals. Registration papers will be checked at the time of check-in.
8. In individual classes the exhibitor is defined as the person whose name appears on the registration paper as the owner. In group classes, where the herd is one (1) unit with animals registered in the name of different members of one (1) family residing on one (1) farm, entries may be made under the name of a single exhibitor.
9. Exhibitors may enter only one (1) entry in a group class. In Produce of Dam and Get-of-Sire classes, animals do not need to be owned by one (1) exhibitor. Further, geldings can be used in Produce of Dam and Get-of-Sire classes.

10. Animals shown in group classes must be entered and shown in individual classes.
11. Exhibitors are limited to two (2) premiums in single classes and one (1) premium in group classes. Further, no premiums will be awarded to any animal or group of animals unless shown in the ring for judging.
12. Substitution may be made within the same class up to the time of check-in.
13. Any breed is allowed to show in the Hitch classes, unless designated for a specific breed. Mares, geldings, or stallions may show in hitches. All horses and ponies must be decorated in the hitch classes with manes rolled and tails tied.
14. Men's and ladies cart horse/pony must be a different animal. Youth drivers must have a competent adult on the seat.
15. Horse Mules can show with Mare Mules in pair classes.
16. Exhibitors and grooms must be properly attired in show ring; no blue jeans, shorts, or t-shirts will be allowed.
17. Youth drivers competing in Youth Driving classes are not eligible for Adult Driving.
18. Only animals being judged will be allowed in the Show Arena.
19. When on exhibition in the Show Arena, each animal must be under bridle or halter and under the control of owner or employee who display ring cards to correspond with number in the official program. Any animal that is not being properly controlled by handler or driver will be immediately excused from the showing.
20. Animals cannot be tied outside of stalls and left unattended.
21. Stall areas are to be kept clean and neat. Decorating is encouraged.
22. Barn aisles will only be closed to the public when horses are being prepared for show in the aisles before and during show sessions.
23. Do not enter Championship Classes.
24. Statement to Exhibitors: The Department will make every effort to ensure the safety and acceptable care of animals during the Fair and reserves the right to make any necessary changes to the show or this book to comply with the law. If any changes to the Shows or this book are required, that will be posted on the Du Quoin State Fair website.

#### **SPECIAL AWARDS**

**CHAMPION MARE MULE AND HORSE MULE AND PAIR OF MULES:** An additional premium award of \$65 will be paid by the Du Quoin State Fair to the exhibitor of each of Champion Mare Mule, Champion Horse Mule, and Champion Pair of Mules of the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair.

## **CLASSES**

### **Division 2001 – Draft Horse Halter**

#### **Class Description**

#### **Junior Class**

|                                                         |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Stallion, any age                                       | 001 |
| Foal and Yearling                                       | 002 |
| Mare, 2-3 years old                                     | 003 |
| Mare, 4 years old and over – dry                        | 004 |
| Mare, 4 years old and over – wet                        | 005 |
| Mare and Foal                                           | 006 |
| Geldings, any age                                       | 007 |
| Best Three Head                                         | 008 |
| Draft Horse Youth Showmanship – Exhibitors 13 and under | 009 |
| Draft Horse Youth Showmanship – Exhibitors 14-18        | 010 |

*The following will be awarded with a ribbon Champion Stallion, Champion Mare, Reserve Champion Mare and Champion Gelding*

### **Division 2002 – Draft Horse Hitches**

#### **Class Description**

#### **Open Class**

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Cart – Man Driver   | 001 |
| Cart – Lady Driver  | 002 |
| Draft Team          | 003 |
| Unicorn Hitch       | 004 |
| Four Horse Hitch    | 005 |
| Cart – Youth Driver | 006 |

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Six Horse Hitch I  | 007 |
| Six Horse Hitch II | 008 |

The following will be awarded with a ribbon Open riding

#### **Division 2003 – Haflinger/Draft Pony Halter**

| <b><u>Class Description</u></b>               | <b><u>Open Class</u></b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Registered Mare, 1 year old and under 5       | 001                      |
| Registered Mare, 5 years old and over         | 002                      |
| Registered Gelding, 1 year old and under 5    | 003                      |
| Registered Gelding, 5 years old and over      | 004                      |
| Registered Pair, 1 year old and under 5       | 005                      |
| Registered Pair, 5-years-old and over         | 006                      |
| Grade Ponies                                  | 007                      |
| Youth Showmanship, exhibitors ages 14-18      | 008                      |
| Youth Showmanship, exhibitors ages 13 & under | 009                      |

#### **Division 2004 – Mule Halter**

| <b><u>Class Description</u></b>                                                                                                     | <b><u>Open Class</u></b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Horse Mule, 3-year-olds and under                                                                                                   | 001                      |
| Horse Mule, 4-year-olds and over                                                                                                    | 002                      |
| Mare Mule, 3-year-olds and under                                                                                                    | 003                      |
| Mare Mule, 4-years-old and over                                                                                                     | 004                      |
| Pair of Mules, 3 years old and under                                                                                                | 005                      |
| Pair of Mules, 3-year-olds                                                                                                          | 006                      |
| Pair of Mules, 4-year-olds and over                                                                                                 | 007                      |
| Best Display, three abreast to halter                                                                                               | 008                      |
| Mule Youth Showmanship                                                                                                              | 009                      |
| <i>The following awards will be given in Mule Halter Classes Champion Mare Mule, Champion Horse Mule and Champion Pair of Mules</i> |                          |

#### **Division 2005 - Mule Hitches**

| <b><u>Class Description</u></b> | <b><u>Open Class</u></b> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mule Team                       | 001                      |
| Four Mule Team                  | 002                      |
| Four Mule Hitch                 | 003                      |
| Single Mule Cart – youth driver | 004                      |
| Single Mule Cart – lady driver  | 005                      |
| Single Mule Cart – man driver   | 006                      |
| Mule Farm Team – to be worked   | 007                      |
| Mule Jumping – over 51”         | 008                      |
| Mule Jumping – under 51”        | 009                      |
| Mule Riding – open              | 010                      |
| Gaited Mule Riding              | 011                      |
| Team of Mules – youth driver    | 012                      |

#### **Division 2006 – Pony Hitches**

| <b><u>Class Description</u></b>        | <b><u>Open Class</u></b> |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Haflinger Cart, Man Driver             | 001                      |
| Haflinger Cart, Lady Driver            | 002                      |
| Haflinger Cart, Youth Driver           | 003                      |
| Haflinger, Two Pony Hitch              | 004                      |
| Haflinger, Two Pony Team, Youth Driver | 005                      |
| Haflinger Unicorn Hitch                | 006                      |
| Haflinger Four Pony Hitch              | 007                      |
| Six Pony Hitch I                       | 008                      |
| Six Pony Hitch II                      | 009                      |

**\*END OF DEPARTMENT 20 - DRAFT HORSES, PONIES AND MULES \***

# DEPARTMENT 07 SHEEP

## JUNIOR SHOW

Superintendent: Ed Whitcomb (217-415-2924)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS PREMIUMS

Total Premiums Offered in Junior Sheep. . . . . \$5,350.00

Premiums will be pro-rated according to participation and pay up to five (5) places.

#### INFORMATION

##### Entries

Required fees include \$5.00/per head (entry fee). Entries in all classes shall be made through the online fair entry system at the Du Quoin State Fair website. Payment must be made via credit card at the time of entry. No other type of entry will be accepted. Assistance with entries is available at the Competitive Events Office, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All entries must be submitted online on or before **August 3, 2026**. Late entries will be accepted with a late fee of \$50.00 per head until 11:59 pm on **August 8, 2026**. **Absolutely no entries will be accepted after August 8, 2026.**

Additionally, each Livestock Exhibitor must purchase a \$30.00 Exhibitor's Pass. Additional passes may be purchased for helpers, fitters, groomers, etc. for \$30.00 each.

**Special Note: There will be no refunds of Entry Fees or Exhibitor Passes under any circumstances**

#### SCHEDULE

##### DEADLINE & CHECK-IN

Pens Available . . . . . 12:00 noon, Friday, Sept 4

Animals Must be in Place No Later Than . . . . . 9:00 am, Saturday, Sept 5

Animal Check-in and Weighing:

Market Lambs . . . . . 8:00 am – 9:00 am, Saturday, Sept. 5

Breeding Sheep . . . . . After Market Lamb Check-in 9:00-10:00am, Saturday, Sept.5

Animals Released . . . . . after Breed Show, Sunday, Sept.6

##### SHOW SCHEDULE

(Start times may vary slightly from the following schedule. Breed shows will follow sequentially. Watch and listen to announcements.)

##### Saturday, Sept.5

4:00 pm – Market Lamb Show

##### Sunday, Sept. 6

9:00 am – Breeding Sheep Show

Showmanship

## **DEPARTMENT RULES**

1. Each exhibitor must comply with the Illinois Exhibition Health Requirements; Animal Care, Drug, Testing and Welfare Policies; and General Rules of the Livestock Division as previously stated.
2. Purebred animals must be recorded in their respective National Breed Book as evidenced by official registration papers or certificate of registration. Certificates from breed association representatives will not be accepted in lieu of registration papers and no copies of registration or stamped duplicate of official registration will be accepted.
3. The effective date of ownership must appear on the registration papers. In all cases, the required ownership date, transfer date included, for all animals exhibited at the Du Quoin State Fair is thirty (30) days prior to the opening day of the fair.
4. Exhibitors are allowed open substitutions across class numbers in the sheep show through check-in.
5. Eligible market ewe lambs and wethers will be shown together in market lamb classes. Market ewes cannot be shown in the breeding show.
6. Market lambs will be shown by weight classes. Animals will be placed into weight divisions and classes based upon weights taken at check-in. A maximum of twelve (12) market lamb classes will be shown. All class breaks will be at the discretion of the Superintendent. Exhibitors must check posted class assignments and be at the showing with his/her animal when the assigned class is called.
7. Bedding must be furnished by the exhibitor.
8. Do not enter Championship Classes.

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

**GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION MARKET LAMB:** The Du Quoin State Fair will present a banner to the exhibitors of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lambs of the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair. Further, through a generous contribution of BUY-A-FARM, the Du Quoin State Fair will provide an additional premium award of \$400 to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Market Lamb and an additional premium award of \$200 to the exhibitor of the Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb.

**GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION EWE:** The Du Quoin State Fair will present a banner to the exhibitors of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Ewes of the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair. Further, the State Fair will provide an additional premium award of \$400 to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Ewe and an additional premium award of \$200 to the exhibitor of the Reserve Grand Champion Ewe.

**GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION RAM LAMB:** The Du Quoin State Fair will present a banner to the exhibitors of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Ram Lamb of the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair. Further, the State Fair will provide an additional premium award of \$400 to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Ram and an additional premium award of \$200 to the exhibitor of the Reserve Grand Champion Ram.

**CHAMPION EWES:** An additional premium award of \$50 will be paid by the Du Quoin State Fair to the exhibitor of the Champion Ewe of each Section and an additional premium award of \$25 will be paid by the Du Quoin State Fair to the exhibitor of the Reserve Champion Ewe of each Section of the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair.

## **CLASSES**

### **Division 0701 Breeding Sheep – Cheviot**

#### **Class Description**

#### **Junior Class**

Yearling ewe, lambled before Sept. 1, 2025 and less than 2 years old  
Fall ewe lamb, lambled between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025  
Spring ewe lamb, lambled Jan. 1-31, 2026  
Late ewe lamb, lambled Feb. 1 and after  
Ram lamb, lambled Jan. 1, 2026 and after

001  
002  
003  
004  
005

*The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion Ram Lamb & Reserve Champion Ram Lamb, Champion Ewe & Reserve Champion Ewe.*

**Division 0702 Breeding Sheep – Commercial****Class Description****Junior Class**

Yearling ewe, lambd before Sept. 1, 2025 and less than 2 years old

001

Ewe lamb, lightweight

002

Ewe lamb, medium weight

003

Ewe lamb, heavy weight

004

*The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Champion Ewe.***Division 0703 Breeding Sheep – Southdown****Class Description****Junior Class**

Yearling ewe, lambd before Sept. 1, 2025 and less than 2 years old

001

Fall ewe lamb, lambd between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025

002

Spring ewe lamb, lambd Jan. 1-31, 2026

003

Late ewe lamb, lambd Feb.1 and after

004

Ram lamb, lambd Jan.1, 2026 and after

005

*The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion Ram Lamb & Reserve Champion Ram Lamb, Champion Ewe & Reserve Champion Ewe.***Division 0704 Breeding Sheep - Fitted All Other Breeds Meat Breeds****Class Description****Junior Class**

Yearling ewe, lambd before Sept. 1, 2025 and less than 2 years old

001

Fall ewe lamb, lambd between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025

002

Spring ewe lamb, lambd Jan. 1-31, 2026

003

Late ewe lamb, lambd Feb. 1 2026 and after

004

Ram lamb, lambd Jan. 1, 2026 and after

005

*The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion Ram Lamb & Reserve Champion Ram Lamb, Champion Ewe & Reserve Champion Ewe.***Division 0705 Breeding Sheep - Slick Shorn All Other Breeds Meat Breed****Class Description****Junior Class**

Yearling ewe, lambd before Sept. 1, 2025 and less than 2 years old

001

Fall ewe lamb, lambd between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025

002

Spring ewe lamb, lambd Jan. 1-31, 2026

003

Late ewe lamb, lambd Feb. 1 and after

004

Ram lamb, lambd Jan. 1, 2026 and after

005

*The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion Ram Lamb & Reserve Champion Ram Lamb, Champion Ewe & Reserve Champion Ewe***Division 0706 Breeding Sheep - All Other Breeds (AOB) Wool Breeds****Class Description****Junior Class**

Yearling ewe, lambd before Sept. 1, 2025 and less than 2 years old

001

Fall ewe lamb, lambd between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025

002

Spring ewe lamb, lambd Jan. 1-31, 2026

003

Late ewe lamb, lambd Feb. 1 and after

004

Ram lamb, lambd Jan. 1, 2026 and after

005

*The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion Ram Lamb & Reserve Champion Ram Lamb, Champion Ewe & Reserve Champion Ewe.*

**Division 0707 - Market Lambs****Class Description****Breed**

Hampshire

Suffolk

Shropshire

Dorset

Southdown

Oxford

All Other Breeds

Natural Color

White-Face Crossbred

Crossbred

**Junior Class**

A

B

C

D

E

F

G

H

I

J

*The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Market Lamb.***Division 0708 Junior Sheep Showmanship****Junior Class**

Showmanship

001

**\*END OF DEPARTMENT 07 – SHEEP\***

# DEPARTMENT 05 SWINE

## JUNIOR SHOW

Superintendent: Jan Ridgely (618) 838-2012

**Special Note:** Beginning in 2025, Individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag, ("840" tag), and in 2026, the tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PREMIUMS

Total Premiums Offered in Junior Show .....\$6,250.00

Premiums will be pro-rated according to participation and pay up to five (5) places.

## INFORMATION

### Entries

Required fees include \$5.00/ per head (entry fee). Entries in all classes shall be made through the online fair entry system at the Du Quoin State Fair website. Payment must be made via credit card at the time of entry. No other type of entry will be accepted. Assistance with entries is available at the Competitive Events Office, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All entries must be submitted online on or before **August 3, 2026**. Late entries will be accepted with a late fee of \$50.00 per head until 11:59 pm on **August 8, 2026**.

**Absolutely no entries will be accepted after August 8, 2026.**

Additionally, each Livestock Exhibitor must purchase a \$30.00 Exhibitor's Pass. Additional passes may be purchased for helpers, fitters, groomers, etc. for \$30.00 each.

**Special Note: There will be no refunds of Entry Fees or Exhibitor Passes under any circumstances**

### DEADLINES AND CHECK-IN

Pens Available .....12:00pm, Thursday, Aug. 27

Animals Must be in Place No Later Than .....5:00pm, Friday, Aug.28

Animal Check-in No Later Than .....5:00pm Friday, Aug. 28

Weighing of Barrows and Crossbred Gilts. . . .11:00am – 5:00pm, Friday, Aug. 28

Animals Released ..... after Barrow Show, Sunday, Aug. 30

### SHOW SCHEDULE

Start times may vary slightly from the following schedule. Breed shows will follow sequentially. Watch and listen to announcements

#### Saturday, August 29

1:00 pm – Showmanship

Gilt Show following showmanship classes

#### Sunday, August 30

9:00 am – Barrow Show

## **DEPARTMENT RULES**

1. Each exhibitor must comply with the Illinois Exhibition Health Requirements; Animal Care, Drug, Testing and Welfare Policies; and General Rules of the Livestock Divisions previously stated.
2. All swine must be farrowed January 1, 2026, or after.
3. Each exhibitor will be allowed two entries per immediate family, firm, or corporation in the weight classes. All entries must be made in the name of the actual owner(s). Animals must be the property of the exhibitor at time of entry. Firms or partnerships entering animals must have existence at least thirty days prior to the opening of the show and in all cases must be bona fide.
4. All pens will be assigned by the Superintendent. Animals must be penned according to these assignments.
5. Upon arrival at the fairgrounds, exhibitors must report to the Superintendent's Office to pick up official entry cards which are to be completed and accompany the animal to the scales.
6. Purebred animals must be recorded in their respective National Breed Book as evidenced by official registration papers or certificate of registration. Certificates from breed association representatives will not be accepted in lieu of registration papers and no copies of the registration or stamped duplicate of official registration will be accepted.
7. Ear notch and breed must be on entry form in order for the animal to show. Ear notches will be inspected to determine if they agree with those recorded on the registration papers of the animals exhibited.
8. Ear notches must be completely healed and visible. Any animal with ears showing signs of tampering will be disqualified with the Superintendent's decision being final.
9. The effective date of ownership must appear on the registration papers. In all cases, the required ownership date, transfer date included, for all animals exhibited at the Du Quoin State Fair is thirty (30) days prior to the opening day of the fair.
10. Exhibitors should enter the appropriate breed class for barrows and gilts and also indicate the total number of barrows and gilts to be shown.
11. Exhibitors are allowed to open substitutions across class numbers in the swine show through check-in.
12. Barrows and commercial gilts will be shown by weight classes. Animals will be placed into weight divisions and classes based upon weights taken at weigh-in. All class breaks will be at the discretion of the Superintendent. Exhibitors must check posted class assignments and be at the show ring with his/her animal when the assigned class is called.
13. Exhibitor must complete and submit an entry card, available from the Superintendent at the State Fair, for each animal to be shown. The cards must be completely filled out and legibly written providing the exhibitor's full name and address and the breed, class, ear notch, and registration number as appropriate. Completed entry cards must be available at the time of weigh-in. Registration papers will be checked against entry cards and returned to exhibitors.
14. Only exhibitors showing animals (not more than one per animal) and officials of the Du Quoin State Fair will be permitted in the showing during swine judging.
15. Bedding must be furnished by the exhibitor.
16. No washing of swine in the barns. Animals must be washed in the designated area only.
17. All pens and aisles are to be cleaned each day before 8:00 am.
18. Do not enter Championship Classes.

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

**GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BARROW:** The Du quoin State Fair will present a banner to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Barrow of the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair. Further, due to the generous donation of Friends of Ed Thompson, the State Fair will present a \$400 Ed Thompson Memorial Award to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Barrow and due to the generous donation of Seed Life/Brian Pittman, the State Fair will also provide an additional premium award of \$250 to the exhibitor of the Reserve Grand Champion Barrow. Further, the State Fair will provide additional premium awards to exhibitors of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Overall Champion B arrows in the amount of \$100, \$75, and \$50 respectively.

**GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION GILTS:** The Du Quoin State Fair will present a banner to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Gilt of the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair. Further, through a generous contribution of BUY-A-FARM, the State Fair will provide an additional premium award of \$400 to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Gilt and an additional premium award of \$200 to the exhibitor of the Reserve Grand Champion Gilt. The State Fair will also provide additional premium awards to the exhibitors of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Overall Champion Gilts in the amount of \$150, \$100, and \$75 respectively.

**CHAMPION GILTS:** An additional premium award of \$50 will be paid by the Du Quoin State Fair to the exhibit of the Champion Gilt of each breed and an additional premium award of \$25 will be paid by the Du Quoin State Fair to the exhibitor of the Reserve Champion Gilt of each breed of the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair.

# CLASSES

## Division 0501 – Barrows

### Class Description

General Entry

*Champion and Reserve Champion Barrow will be named in each breed. Champion and Reserve will be named in Light and Dark Crossbred Barrows. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Barrow, and 3rd-5th Runner-up will be selected from breed champions.*

### Junior Class

A

## Division 0502 – Gilts

### Class Description

General Entry

*Champion and Reserve Champion Gilts will be named in each breed. Champion and Reserve will be named in Light and Dark Crossbred Gilts. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Gilts, and 3rd-5th Runner-up will be selected from breed champions.*

### Junior Class

A

## Division 0503 – Showmanship

### Class Description

Showmanship

### Junior Class

A

**\*END OF DEPARTMENT E – SWINE\***

# DEPARTMENT 09

## DAIRY GOATS

### JUNIOR GOAT SHOW

Superintendent: Travis Cockburn (618)303-1938

The Du Quoin State Fair Dairy Goat Show is sanctioned by the American Dairy Goat Association and ADGA rules will govern the show. The Jr. Doe Show and Sr. Doe Show are not separately sanctioned.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PREMIUMS

Total Premiums Offered in Junior Show . . . . . \$1,900.00  
Total Premiums Offered in Open Show . . . . . \$1,900.00  
Premiums will be pro-rated according to participation and pay up to four (4) places.

#### INFORMATION

##### Entries

Required fees include \$5.00/per head (entry fee). Entries in all classes shall be made through the online fair entry system at the Du Quoin State Fair website. Payment must be made via credit card at the time of entry. No other type of entry will be accepted. Assistance with entries is available at the Competitive Events Office, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All entries must be submitted online on or before **August 3, 2026**. Late entries will be accepted with a late fee of \$50.00 per head until 11:59 pm on **August 8, 2026**. **Absolutely no entries will be accepted after August 8, 2026.**

Additionally, each Livestock Exhibitor must purchase a \$30.00 Exhibitor's Pass. Additional passes may be purchased for helpers, fitters, groomers, etc. for \$30.00 each.

**Special Note: There will be no refunds of Entry Fees or Exhibitor Passes under any circumstances**

##### Deadlines and Check-in

Pens Available . . . . . 12:00 noon, Fri. Sept 4  
Animals Must Be in Place No Later Than . . . . . 8:00 pm, Fri. Sept. 4  
Animal Check-in . . . . . begins at 3:00 pm, Fri., Sept.4

##### Animals Released:

Junior Show Only Animals . . . . . After Junior Show, Sat., Sept. 5  
Open Show Animals . . . . . After Open Show, Sun., Sept. 6

**NOTE: Show order is *not* subject to change.**

## SHOW SCHEDULE

### Saturday, Sept. 5

9:00 am – Junior Showmanship  
Junior Show Milking Does  
Junior Show Kids and Dry Yearlings

### Sunday, Sept. 6

9:00 am - Open Show Milking Does  
Open Show Kids and Dry Yearlings

## DEPARTMENT RULES

1. Each exhibitor must comply with the Illinois Exhibition Health Requirements; Animal Care, Drug, Testing and Welfare Policies; and General Rules of the Livestock Division as previously stated.
2. Exhibitors may enter more than one (1) breed.
3. All registration papers must comply with ADGA Sanction Show requirements. Purebred animals must be recorded in their respective National Breed Book as evidenced by official registration papers or certificate of registration. Certificates from breed association representatives *will not* be accepted in lieu of registration papers and *no copies* of registration or stamped duplicate of official registration will be accepted.
4. The date shown on the registration papers will be taken as the effective date of ownership. In all cases, the required ownership date, transfer date included, for all animals exhibited at the Du Quoin State Fair is thirty (30) days prior to the opening day of the fair.
5. Exhibitors are allowed substitution within a class up to time of check-in.
6. No bucks may be entered or shown.
7. All pens are to be assigned by the Superintendent. Pens will be assigned on the basis of a minimum of four (4) mature and a minimum of five (5) kids per pen. Animals must be penned according to these assignments. Exhibitors are responsible for additional fencing if needed to separate or confine animals.
8. Class ages shall be computed from the Opening Day of the Fair, August 28, 2026.
9. No pre-show milk out will be held. Exhibitors should ensure that udders of milking does are not overly distended.
10. All goats must be properly groomed for showing and provided with a collar before entering the showing.
11. Do *not* enter Championship Classes.

## SPECIAL AWARDS

**BEST DOE OF SHOW:** The Du Quoin State Fair will present a banner to the exhibitors of the Best Doe of the Junior and Open Shows at the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair. Further, the State Fair will provide an additional premium award of \$100 to the exhibitor of the Best Doe of Show in both the Junior and Open Shows.

## CLASSES

### Division 0901 – Alpine

#### Class Description

#### Junior Class

|                                                          |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Jr. Kid born on or after April 1, 2026                   | 001 |
| Intermediate Kid born between Mar. 1 and 31, 2026        | 002 |
| Senior Kid born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2026 | 003 |
| Dry Yearling 1 year and under 2 not in milk              | 004 |
| Milking Yearling 1 year and under 2                      | 005 |
| Milking Doe 2 years and under 4 years                    | 006 |
| Milking Doe 4 years and older                            | 007 |

*The following awards will be given in the Junior Champion Doe & Reserve Junior Champion Doe, Senior Champion Doe & Reserve Senior Champion Doe, Grand Champion Doe & Reserve Grand Champion Doe*

**Division 0902 – Nigerian Dwarf****Class Description****Junior Class**

Jr. Kid born on or after April 1, 2026

001

Intermediate Kid born between Mar. 1 and 31, 2026

002

Senior Kid born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2026

003

Dry Yearling 1 year and under 2 not in milk

004

Milking Yearling 1 year and under 2

005

Milking Doe 2 years and under 4 years

006

Milking Doe 4 years and older

007

*The following awards will be given in the Junior Champion Doe & Reserve Junior Champion Doe, Senior Champion Doe & Reserve Senior Champion Doe, Grand Champion Doe & Reserve Grand Champion Doe*

**Division 0903 – Recorded Grades****Class Description****Junior Class**

Jr. Kid born on or after April 1, 2026

001

Intermediate Kid born between Mar. 1 and 31, 2026

002

Senior Kid born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2026

003

Dry Yearling 1 year and under 2 not in milk

004

Milking Yearling 1 year and under 2

005

Milking Doe 2 years and under 4 years

006

Milking Doe 4 years and older

007

*The following awards will be given in the Junior Champion Doe & Reserve Junior Champion Doe, Senior Champion Doe & Reserve Senior Champion Doe, Grand Champion Doe & Reserve Grand Champion Doe*

**Division 0904 – Saanen****Class Description****Junior Class**

Jr. Kid born on or after April 1, 2026

001

Intermediate Kid born between Mar. 1 and 31, 2026

002

Senior Kid born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2026

003

Dry Yearling 1 year and under 2 not in milk

004

Milking Yearling 1 year and under 2

005

Milking Doe 2 years and under 4 years

006

Milking Doe 4 years and older

007

*The following awards will be given in the Junior Champion Doe & Reserve Junior Champion Doe, Senior Champion Doe & Reserve Senior Champion Doe, Grand Champion Doe & Reserve Grand Champion Doe*

**Division 0905 – Toggenburg****Class Description****Junior Class**

Jr. Kid born on or after April 1, 2026

001

Intermediate Kid born between Mar. 1 and 31, 2026

002

Senior Kid born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2026

003

Dry Yearling 1 year and under 2 not in milk

004

Milking Yearling 1 year and under 2

005

Milking Doe 2 years and under 4 years

006

Milking Doe 4 years and older

007

*The following awards will be given in the Junior Champion Doe & Reserve Junior Champion Doe, Senior Champion Doe & Reserve Senior Champion Doe, Grand Champion Doe & Reserve Grand Champion Doe*

**Division 0906 – All Other Breeds (AOB)****Class Description****Junior Class**

Jr. Kid born on or after April 1, 2026

001

Intermediate Kid born between Mar. 1 and 31, 2026

002

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Senior Kid born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2026                                                                                                                                                           | 003 |
| Dry Yearling 1 year and under 2 not in milk                                                                                                                                                                        | 004 |
| Milking Yearling 1 year and under 2                                                                                                                                                                                | 005 |
| Milking Doe 2 years and under 4 years                                                                                                                                                                              | 006 |
| Milking Doe 4 years and older                                                                                                                                                                                      | 007 |
| <i>The following awards will be given in the Junior Champion Doe &amp; Reserve Junior Champion Doe, Senior Champion Doe &amp; Reserve Senior Champion Doe, Grand Champion Doe &amp; Reserve Grand Champion Doe</i> |     |

## JUNIOR DAIRY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

### **Division 0907 – Showmanship**

#### **Class Description**

#### **Junior Class**

|                                             |     |
|---------------------------------------------|-----|
| Junior Showmanship 8-12 years of age        | 001 |
| Intermediate Showmanship 13-16 years of age | 002 |
| Senior Showmanship 17-21 years of age       | 003 |

### **GORGEOUS GOAT CONTEST**

**Saturday, Sept 5, 2026**

Open air barns next to horse arena – 12:00 p

*Sponsored by: First National Bank in Pinckneyville, IL*

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Do you think you have the cutest goat?

Prove it to everyone!

Contestants will dress up their goat and they will be judged on the following category listed below:

- Creativity
- Costume
- Originality

The top 3 winners will be picked in each category

Join the fun! Registration will begin at 11:00 A.M

**Prizes will be awarded to the winners.**

**\*END OF DEPARTMENT 09 – JUNIOR DAIRY GOATS\***

# DEPARTMENT 10

## DAIRY GOATS

### OPEN GOAT SHOW

Superintendent: Travis Cockburn (618) 303-193

The Du Quoin State Fair Dairy Goat Show is sanctioned by the American Dairy Goat Association and ADGA rules will govern the show. The Jr. Doe Show and Sr. Doe Show are not separately sanctioned.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PREMIUMS

Total Premiums Offered in Junior Show . . . . . \$1,900.00  
Total Premiums Offered in Open Show . . . . . \$1,900.00  
Premiums will be pro-rated according to participation and pay up to four (4) places.

## INFORMATION

### Entries

Required fees include \$10.00/ per head (entry fee). Entries in all classes shall be made through the online fair entry system at the Du Quoin State Fair website. Payment must be made via credit card at the time of entry. No other type of entry will be accepted. Assistance with entries is available at the Competitive Events Office, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All entries must be submitted online on or before **August 3, 2026**. Late entries will be accepted with a late fee of \$50.00 per head until 11:59 pm on **August 8, 2026**.

**Absolutely no entries will be accepted after August 8, 2026.**

Additionally, each Livestock Exhibitor must purchase a \$30.00 Exhibitor's Pass. Additional passes may be purchased for helpers, fitters, groomers, etc. for \$30.00 each.

**Special Note: There will be no refunds of Entry Fees or Exhibitor Passes under any circumstances**

### Deadlines and Check-in

Pens Available . . . . . 12:00 noon, Fri. Sept 3  
Animals Must Be in Place No Later Than . . . . . 8:00 pm, Fri. Sept. 3  
Animal Check-in . . . . . begins at 3:00 pm, Fri., Sept.3

### Animals Released:

Junior Show Only Animals . . . . . After Junior Show, Sat., Sept. 4  
Open Show Animals . . . . . After Open Show, Sun., Sept. 5

**NOTE: Show order is *not* subject to change.**

# CLASSES

## **Division 1001 – Alpine**

### **Class Description**

### **Open Class**

Jr Kid born on or after Apr. 1, 2026

001

Intermediate Kid born between Mar. 1 and 31, 2026

002

Senior Kid born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2026

003

Dry Yearling 1 year and under 2 not in milk

004

Milking Yearling 1 year and under 2

005

Milking Doe 2 years and under 4 years

006

Milking Doe 4 years and older

007

*The following awards will be given in the Junior Champion Doe & Reserve Junior Champion Doe, Senior Champion Doe & Reserve Senior Champion Doe, Grand Champion Doe & Reserve Grand Champion Doe*

## **Division 1002 – Nigerian Dwarf**

### **Class Description**

### **Open Class**

Jr Kid born on or after Apr. 1, 2026

001

Intermediate Kid born between Mar. 1 and 31, 2026

002

Senior Kid born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2026

003

Dry Yearling 1 year and under 2 not in milk

004

Milking Yearling 1 year and under 2

005

Milking Doe 2 years and under 4 years

006

Milking Doe 4 years and older

007

*The following awards will be given in the Junior Champion Doe & Reserve Junior Champion Doe, Senior Champion Doe & Reserve Senior Champion Doe, Grand Champion Doe & Reserve Grand Champion Doe*

## **Division 1003 – Recorded Grades**

### **Class Description**

### **Open Class**

Jr Kid born on or after Apr. 1, 2026

001

Intermediate Kid born between Mar. 1 and 31, 2026

002

Senior Kid born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2026

003

Dry Yearling 1 year and under 2 not in milk

004

Milking Yearling 1 year and under 2

005

Milking Doe 2 years and under 4 years

006

Milking Doe 4 years and older

007

*The following awards will be given in the Junior Champion Doe & Reserve Junior Champion Doe, Senior Champion Doe & Reserve Senior Champion Doe, Grand Champion Doe & Reserve Grand Champion Doe*

## **Division 1004 – Saanen**

### **Class Description**

### **Open Class**

Jr Kid born on or after Apr. 1, 2026

001

Intermediate Kid born between Mar. 1 and 31, 2026

002

Senior Kid born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2026

003

Dry Yearling 1 year and under 2 not in milk

004

Milking Yearling 1 year and under 2

005

Milking Doe 2 years and under 4 years

006

Milking Doe 4 years and older

007

*The following awards will be given in the Junior Champion Doe & Reserve Junior Champion Doe, Senior Champion Doe & Reserve Senior Champion Doe, Grand Champion Doe & Reserve Grand Champion Doe*

**Division 1005 – Toggenburg****Class Description****Open Class**

Jr Kid born on or after Apr. 1, 2026

001

Intermediate Kid born between Mar. 1 and 31, 2026

002

Senior Kid born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2026

003

Dry Yearling 1 year and under 2 not in milk

004

Milking Yearling 1 year and under 2

005

Milking Doe 2 years and under 4 years

006

Milking Doe 4 years and older

007

*The following awards will be given in the Junior Champion Doe & Reserve Junior Champion Doe, Senior Champion Doe & Reserve Senior Champion Doe, Grand Champion Doe & Reserve Grand Champion Doe*

**Division 1006 – All Other Breeds (AOB)****Class Description****Open Class**

Jr Kid born on or after Apr. 1, 2026

001

Intermediate Kid born between Mar. 1 and 31, 2026

002

Senior Kid born between Jan. 1 and last day of Feb. 2026

003

Dry Yearling 1 year and under 2 not in milk

004

Milking Yearling 1 year and under 2

005

Milking Doe 2 years and under 4 years

006

Milking Doe 4 years and older

007

*The following awards will be given in the Junior Champion Doe & Reserve Junior Champion Doe, Senior Champion Doe & Reserve Senior Champion Doe, Grand Champion Doe & Reserve Grand Champion Doe*

**GORGEOUS GOAT CONTEST****Saturday, Sept 5, 2026**

Open air barns next to horse arena – 12:00 p

*Sponsored by: First National Bank in Pinckneyville, IL***GENERAL INFORMATION**

Do you think you have the cutest goat?

Prove it to everyone!

Contestants will dress up their goat and they will be judged on the following category listed below:

- Creativity
- Costume
- Originality

The top 3 winners will be picked in each category

Join the fun! Registration will begin at 11:00 A.M

**Prizes will be awarded to the winners.****\*END OF DEPARTMENT 10 – OPEN DAIRY GOATS\***

# DEPARTMENT 11

## MEAT GOATS

### JUNIOR MEAT GOAT SHOW

Superintendent: Dennis Beckmier (217)-820-5132

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PREMIUMS

Total Premiums Offered in Junior Show . . . . . \$2,000.00  
Premiums will be pro-rated according to participation and pay up to four (4) places.

#### INFORMATION

##### Entries

Required fees include \$5.00/per head (entry fee). Entries in all classes shall be made through the online fair entry system at the Du Quoin State Fair website. Payment must be made via credit card at the time of entry. No other type of entry will be accepted. Assistance with entries is available at the Competitive Events Office, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All entries must be submitted online on or before **August 3, 2026**. Late entries will be accepted with a late fee of \$50.00 per head until 11:59 pm on **August 8, 2026**. **Absolutely no entries will be accepted after August 8, 2026.**

Additionally, each Livestock Exhibitor must purchase a \$30.00 Exhibitor's Pass. Additional passes may be purchased for helpers, fitters, groomers, etc. for \$30.00 each.

**Special Note: There will be no refunds of Entry Fees or Exhibitor Passes under any circumstances**

##### SPECIAL AWARDS

GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION MEAT GOAT DOE: The Du Quoin State Fair will present a banner to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Meat Goat Doe of the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair. Further, the State Fair will provide an additional premium award of \$100 to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Meat Goat Doe and \$50 to the exhibitor of the Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat Doe of the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair.

CHAMPION MEAT GOAT WETHER AND MARKET DOE: The Du Quoin State Fair will present a banner to the exhibitors of the Champion Meat Goat Wether and Champion Market Doe of the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair. Further, the State Fair will provide an additional premium award of \$100 to each exhibitor of the Champion Meat Goat Wether and Champion Market Doe, as well as an additional \$50 premium award to the exhibitors of the Reserve Champion Wether and Market Doe.

##### DEADLINE AND CHECK-IN

Pens Available . . . . . 12:00 noon, Fri. August.28  
Animals Must be in Plate no Later Than . . . . . 8:00 am, Sat. August. 29  
Animal Check-in and Weighing . . . . . begins at 9:00 am, Sat. August. 29  
Show . . . . . begins at 2:00 pm, Sat. August. 29  
Animals Released . . . . . after show, Sat. August.29

## **DEPARTMENT RULES**

1. Each exhibitor must comply with the Illinois Exhibition Health Requirements; Animal Care, Drug, Testing and Welfare Policies; and General Rules of the Livestock Division as previously stated.
2. Pens will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.
3. Commercial Doe classes will be divided by age and weight. Class breaks will be made at the sole discretion of the Department Superintendent.
4. Wethers and Market Does *must* have been born after October 1, 2025, *must* still have their milk teeth and *must* be physically sound at check-in and show time.
5. Wethers and Market Does will be shown by weight classes. Animals will be placed into weight divisions and classes based upon weights taken at check-in. All class breaks will be at the discretion of the Superintendent. Exhibitors must check posted class assignments and be at the showing with his/her animal when the assigned class is called.
6. Do *not* enter Championship Classes.

## **COMMERCIAL MEAT GOAT DOES**

The purpose of the Commercial Doe Show is to exhibit commercial breeding stock. Commercial Doe classes *do not* require registration papers. However, they must have a scrapie tag. The following additional rules apply for the Commercial Show:

- i. Divisions are based on age and determined by teeth.
- ii. Classes will be broken down by weight. The number of classes in each division will be determined by the number of entries per division.
- iii. The top two (2) animals from each class will move forward to the division Champion Drive and first and second place doe from each division will move into the Grand Champion Drive.
- iv. Fitting is allowed and is at the discretion of the showman. However, adding 'hair' by use of foreign material will not be allowed and will disqualify the animal.
- v. If the animal's tooth is missing, the animal will be moved to the next division.

## **CLASSES**

### **Division 1101 - COMMERCIAL MEAT GOAT DOES**

#### **Class Description**

#### **Junior Class**

**Classes will be broken by weight and teeth**

**A**

*The following awards will be given in this Division: Grand Champion Meat Goat Doe & Reserve Champion Meat Goat Doe*

### **Division 1102 – Full Blooded Boer Bucks**

#### **Class Description**

#### **Junior Class**

Under 3 months

001

3 months and under 6 months

002

*The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Champion Buck*

### **Division 1103- Full Blooded Boer Goat**

#### **Class Description**

#### **Junior Class**

Baby Doe, kid under 3 months

001

Junior Doe kid 3 months and under 6 months

002

Intermediate Doe kid 6 months and under 9 months

003

Senior Doe kid 9 months and under 12 months

004

Junior Yearling Doe 12 months and under 16 months

005

Intermediate yearling Doe 16 months and under 20 months

006

Senior Yearling Doe 20 months and under 24 months

007

Senior Yearling Doe 24 months and under 36 months

008

Senior Yearling Doe 36 months and over

009

2-year-old Doe 24 months and under 36 months

010

3-year-old Doe 36 months and older

011

*The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion Junior Doe & Reserve Champion Junior Doe, Champion Yearling Doe & Reserve Champion Yearling Doe, Champion Senior Doe & Reserve Champion Senior Doe*

**Division 1104 - MEAT GOAT MARKET DOES****Class Description****Junior Class**

Classes will be broken by weigh

A

*The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Champion Meat Goat Market Doe*

**Division 1105 – Percentage Boer****Class Description****Junior Class**

Baby Doe, kid under 3 months

001

Jr. Doe kid 3 months and under 6 months

002

Intermediate Doe kid 6 months and under 9 months

003

Sr. Doe kid 9 months and under 12 months

004

Jr. Yearling Doe 12 months and under 16 months

005

Intermediate yearling Doe 16 months and under 20 months

006

Sr. Yearling Doe 20 months and under 24 months

007

Sr. Yearling Doe 24 months and under 36 months

008

Sr. Yearling Doe 36 months and over

009

2-year-old Doe 24 months and under 36 months

010

3-year-old Doe 36 months and older

011

*The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion Junior Doe & Reserve Champion Junior Doe, Champion Yearling & Reserve Champion Yearling Doe, Champion Senior Doe & Reserve Champion Senior Doe*

**Division 1106 - MEAT GOAT WETHER****Class Description****Junior Class**

Classes will be broken by weigh

A

*The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Champion Meat Goat Market Doe*

**Division 1107 -MEAT GOAT SHOWMANSHIP****Class Description****Junior Class**

Junior Showmanship, exhibitors ages 8-12

001

Intermediate Showmanship, exhibitors ages 13-17

002

Senior Showmanship, exhibitors ages 18 and older

003

**\*END OF DEPARTMENT 11 – JUNIOR MEAT GOATS\***

# *Thank you!*

## **Du Quoin State Fair Thanks Our Generous Donors**

### **WAYNE & JAMIE KELLER - BUY-A-FARM AWARDS...**

**\$1,000 to the Grand Champion Female of the Junior Beef Show**

**\$500 to the Reserve Grand Champion Female of the Junior Beef Show**

**\$500 to the Supreme Champion Female of the Junior Dairy Cattle Show**

**\$250 to the Reserve Supreme Female of the Junior Dairy Cattle Show**

**\$400 to the Grand Champion Gilt and \$200 to the Reserve Grand Champion Gilt of the Junior Swine Show**

**\$400 to the Grand Champion Market Lamb and \$200 to the Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb of the Junior Sheep Show**

---

### **THE ILLINOIS BEEF ASSOCIATION Awards...**

**\$500 to the Reserve Grand Champion Steer of the Junior Beef Cattle Show**

#### **Z BAR H CLUB CALVES Awards...**

**\$300 to Third Overall Steer**

**\$200 to Fourth Overall Steer**

**\$100 to Fifth Overall Steer**

#### **BRAMLET SIMMENTALS Awards...**

**\$500 to the Supreme Showmanship Champion of the Junior Beef Cattle Show**

#### **THE FRANK BIGHAM FAMILY Awards...**

**\$200 to the Overall Showmanship Champion of the Junior Dairy Cattle Show**

#### **FRIENDS OF ED THOMPSON Award...**

**\$400 to the Grand Champion Barrow of the Junior Swine Show**

#### **SEED LIFE/BRIAN PITTMAN Awards...**

**\$250 to the Reserve Grand Champion Barrow of the Junior Swine Show**