

2026 OPEN ENTRY BOOKS

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Note: Copy of the State Fair Grievance/Appeal Form can be found at the back of this book.

Exhibitor Information



Entry Opens: May 18, 2026
Entry Deadline: July 1, 2026

(Late Entries accepted in most departments. See individual department for more information.)

State Fair Online Entries: <https://entry.indianastatefair.com/>

Exhibitor Admission & Parking Passes

Complementary Exhibitor Credentials

All Exhibitors will receive 2 complimentary Exhibitor Credentials good for admission for each week an entry is made, not by species:

Market Friday, August 7 - Sunday, August 9
Breeding Tuesday, August 11 - Sunday, August 16
Open Tuesday, August 18 - Sunday, August 23

Individual Week Credentials for Purchase

Provides admission to the Indiana State Fair. A **\$18.00** admission will be charged for each person, each time, each day without a badge. Badges may be purchased and used by parents. Credentials are valid for admission for each week an entry is made:

Market (\$45) Friday, August 7 - Sunday, August 9
Breeding (\$55) Tuesday, August 11 - Sunday, August 16
Open (\$55) Tuesday, August 18 - Sunday, August 23

Full Fair Exhibitor Credential:

Everyday (\$100) Friday August 7 - Sunday August 23

Exhibitor Single Day Ticket - **\$13.00**

Provides admission to the Indiana State Fair.

Vehicle Parking Pass - **\$30.00**

Valid for the Exhibitor Parking Lot (South of 38th St.) or overflow lot(s) as directed by State Fair Management. Enter and exit parking, without being charged for each entry.

Trailer Parking

Complimentary trailer parking is available at the 46th St. Parking Lot –
1209 E 46th St
Indianapolis, IN 46205.

The trailer parking lot is monitored by off-duty law enforcement 24/7. Shuttles run from the trailer parking lot to the Livestock barns 24/7.
The official release will be required to remove the trailer from the lot (see specific department for release times).

Campgrounds

The Indiana State Fairgrounds operates a campground with spots available on a first-come, first served basis at:

1209 E. 45th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205

Reservations for 2026 will open on May 18, 2026 at 9am. Spots fill very quickly!

Please visit: <https://www.indianastatefair.com/state-fair/camping-information/> for additional information and to reserve your spot.

All exhibitors should be familiar with and must abide by the terms and conditions of the Indiana State Fair. Failure to do so may result in loss of the privilege to exhibit at the State Fair and/or ejection from the Fairgrounds.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. By submitting an Indiana State Fair Entry Form or online entry, Open Exhibitors agree to all Terms & Conditions.
 - a. Exhibitors entered under one account are also responsible and held accountable to all Terms and Conditions.
2. In the interest of all exhibitors, the Indiana State Fair Board, the agriculture industry, and all breeders of livestock, the following general terms, conditions and listing of prohibited activities are presented to maintain, insure and present a wholesome, high quality educational program. As the showcase of Indiana, it is imperative to promote and allow only ethical behavior by exhibitors at the Indiana State Fair.
3. The Indiana State Fair Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret any and all terms and conditions, contained in any and all parts of the "Entry Book" List and to unilaterally settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incidental to the Indiana State Fair. They further reserve the right to resolve unforeseen matters not covered by general or Department terms and conditions published in the Handbook/Premium List, to amend or add to these terms and conditions as in its judgment it may determine, and to withdraw all premium offerings in all Departments should any emergency exist and circumstances demand.
4. Fraud, deception, any prohibited activities, or violations of general or Departmental terms and conditions, or any activity determined to be improper or unethical by the Board or Department Superintendent shall not be allowed. Any exhibitor found in violation is subject to sanction and/or disqualification.
5. **TAMPERING, ALTERING, AND/OR MISREPRESENTATION** relative to any exhibit is prohibited. This prohibited activity includes but is not limited to breeding, age, ownership, and/or method of preparation or completion.
 - a. (For example, with animal exhibits this includes, but is not limited to, coloring that alters or misrepresents breed characteristics, pumping, and filling).
6. **UNETHICAL FITTING OF ANIMAL EXHIBITS** is defined as the administration of any substance (to include, but not limited to, drugs, blood, oils, steroids, air, chemical substances) or performance of any surgical or nonsurgical procedure altering the animal's configuration or natural conformation of any part of the animal's body, or rendering its tissues unfit for human consumption and is prohibited. Exceptions that are allowed to rules 5 and/or 6 above include hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, castration, branding, tattooing, ear notching, docking of tails on sheep and swine and coloring or manipulation of normally attached hair that does not alter or misrepresent breed characteristics or the animals configuration or natural conformation.
7. No Exhibitor may take exception to the decisions of an official and/or judge in an unprofessional and/or public manner nor shall any exhibitor or person representing the exhibitor interfere with or show disrespect to any judge, show or Fair official.
8. Advertising - Commercial advertisement names or insignia, farm names and family names on 4-H exhibitors or exhibits while showing is prohibited. Distribution or posting of flyers, advertisements or posters are prohibited from being hung in the Coliseum, Youth Arena or any other building, except for those in preapproved areas.

Recognized Breed Participation Policy

9. **Recognized Breed Participation/ All Other Breeds:** Indiana State Fair recognized breeds (those listed in the current entry book) are required to have a minimum of 15 head total(market and/or breeding) in order to offer breed/gender classes. Regardless of the number of animals in the AOB class, premiums will be offered for AOB division. Champion of the AOB division would be eligible for overall champion.
10. **AOB Division:** The AOB Division will be offered in the Swine, Beef Cattle, and Sheep departments and shall be considered a recognized breed. The division will include all other registered breeds papered with a recognized breed association, not listed in the current department entry book.
 - a. Registration papers will be required in accordance to breeding animal registration requirements, where applicable.
 - b. **Minimum Number of head:**
 - Cattle: 5 head
 - Swine: 15 head
 - Sheep: 15 head

Establishing New Breeds In Competition

11. The Indiana State Fair must approve a state-affiliate breed association application for a breed show. The breed must also have a minimum number of head exhibited in either proposed breed/gender classification (ie. rams, ewes, market lambs) over a two-year period prior to the recognition of the new breed. This rule does not apply to any Poultry or Rabbit Exhibits
 - a. Breed association letters are to be sent to the Exhibitor Livestock Manager at livestock@indianastatefair.com.
12. To place an established breed of livestock on probation the following shall apply:
 - a. The first year that a breed does not meet a minimum number of head, it shall be considered on its first probation.
 - b. At the **end** of the second consecutive year of probation, if the breed does not meet the minimum head, that breed will then exhibit as Exhibition Only the following year, if the minimum head is not reached, the breed will be removed and eligible for exhibition in AOB
 - c. The same entry fees shall be paid by all livestock exhibitors regardless of show classification
 - d. **Minimum Number of head:**
 - Cattle: 5 head
 - Swine: 15 head
 - Sheep: 15 head

PREMISES ID

13. The Indiana State Fair requires all Indiana Exhibitors to provide the Indiana State Board of Animal Health required Premises ID number on all entry forms for beef and dairy cattle, goats, swine and sheep. Indiana exhibitors of horses, poultry, llamas and alpacas as well as out of state exhibitors will be requested to voluntarily provide Premises ID numbers. To obtain a Premises ID#, please contact the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at 877-747-3038. Information can be found on the Indiana State Board of Animal Health website at www.in.gov/boah.

DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

14. The Executive Director or his/her designee to the Department where a violation of any term or condition established for the Indiana State Fair is reported to have occurred prior to, during or after judging shall make an initial determination as to whether a violation has occurred upon determining a violation has occurred, the Executive Director or their designee shall make a determination as to the appropriate penalty to impose upon the violating person(s). The Executive Director or their designee may choose to impose one, all, or a combination of the following penalties.

PENALTIES

15. The exhibitor in question is disqualified and forfeits all entry and other fees and all premiums, trophies, and awards from the Department.
16. Any or all State Fair premiums, trophies and awards won by an exhibitor in any and all State Fair Departments shall be withdrawn and required to be returned to the State Fair. All entry and other fees are forfeited.
17. The exhibitor and/or his/her immediate family shall be barred from State Fair competition for a period determined by the Executive Director or his/her designee that may include up to a lifetime.
18. The Executive Director or his/her designee may impose any other penalty deemed appropriate.

DUE PROCESS

19. The following due process rights and right of appeal shall be utilized.
20. The Executive Director or his/her designee shall notify the exhibitor in writing of the violation and penalty imposed within 15 days of the determination of a violation.
 - a. Within 15 days of receipt of written notification, the exhibitor may appeal the decision in writing to the Indiana State Fair Board. The written appeal must be delivered to the office of the Entry Office within the 15 days.
 - b. Within 15 days of receipt of the written appeal, the Executive Director or his/her designee may rescind his/her initial determination. No further determination as to the reported violation may be subsequently made by the Superintendent. The exhibitor shall have no further remedy available upon the rescission of the initial determination.
21. Should the Executive Director or his/her designee take no action on the appeal within 15 days from the date of receipt in the office of the Fair Board, the exhibitor may request an appeal hearing no later than 18 days of the initial violation determination. Requests for an appeal hearing must be sent to the State of Indiana Office of Administrative Law Proceedings (OALP) by submitting a petition for review. To submit a request, go online to <https://www.in.gov/oalp/>, select that you are an individual filing for a petition for review. Then:
 - a. Fill out the online form via the link at the bottom of the page (you will be asked to upload a copy of the violation determination);
 - b. Download a paper copy of the request form and mail it to OALP; or
 - c. Personally appear at OALP's office located at 100 N. Senate Avenue N802, Indianapolis, IN 46204
22. OALP shall appoint an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to conduct an appeal hearing. The ALJ shall issue an order to parties setting a date for the appeal hearing.
23. OALP's assigned ALJ shall issue a final order concluding the Administrative Review.
24. Either party wishing to appeal the ALJ's final order may file for judicial review of the order. Any judicial review shall take place in a competent court situated in Marion County, Indiana.

GRIEVANCE

25. Within twenty-four (24) hours of judging of the competition any suspected infraction, Exhibitors competing in an Open Class competition shall personally present a Grievance Form (found at www.indianastatefair.com) to the Entry Office. No other persons have standing to present a Grievance Form. In all cases of grievance affecting an exhibitor, the statement must be verified. In the event a grievance is presented after judging has begun on the item or activity in question, the judging will proceed and the grievance will be handled as if the grievance were presented following the judging.
26. A grievance must be presented in writing, verified and accompanied by a \$500 cash or money order made out to the Indiana State Fair. The grievance must state the name of the exhibitor, the exhibit and class in question, the specific reason for ineligibility and the terms and conditions that govern the case.
27. The \$500 will be returned if the grievance is upheld. The \$500 will be forfeited if the grievance is not sustained.
28. The Executive Director or his/her designee shall notify, in writing and within 15 days of receiving the grievance, the person(s) submitting the grievance as to his/her determination of the validity of the grievance and the actions taken as a result of upholding the grievance. If the grievance is denied, the notifications shall state the reason(s) for denial.
29. The person(s) submitting the grievance shall have the due process rights set forth in the Due Process section of this Entry Book.

JUDGES AND JUDGING

30. The awards will be made by judges who are hired by the Livestock Director.
31. The time at which the judges will pass upon the different classes is determined by the Livestock Director or their designee. All exhibition times are subject to change without announcement.
32. Once a judge had completed judging on a class their decision is final and cannot be changed even at the judges request once a judge moves on to evaluate a different class
33. Any exhibit not presented promptly when called may be disqualified.
34. The judge, must, if any attempt be made by an exhibitor or his agent to interfere with or influence his decision, report the fact immediately to the Superintendent or his/her designee.
35. An exhibitor who insults the judge, shall forfeit all premiums, and be excluded from exhibiting, and the Fair Board may impose any additional penalty it so desires.
36. Judges shall not award prizes to unworthy exhibits, whether there is competition or not, nor shall they award premiums on articles incorrectly entered or incorrectly named.

APPEALS FROM DECISIONS OF JUDGES

37. The right of an exhibitor to appeal the decision of a judge will exist only when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of the terms and conditions governing the exhibit, or when it is charged that the decision of the judges has been influenced or interfered with by another person.
38. The appellant must give verbal notice to the Executive Director or their designee in which the judging occurred within 2 hours of the judging. The written appeal as described above must be received within 24 hours of the verbal notice. The written appeal must be delivered to the Entry Office.
39. Appeals from the decision of a judge must be made in writing and must contain at least one specific charge, stating at length the facts relied upon and the term and condition violated, and naming witnesses and their addresses by whom proof is to be made.
40. The Executive Director or their designee shall notify the exhibitor in writing within 15 days of receipt of the appeal as to their findings and actions resulting therein.
41. The exhibitor shall have the due process rights forth in the Due Process section of the Handbook/Premium List. Entry Revisions, Cancellations & Refunds
42. Entries may be revised in advance of check-in. Additional fees may apply.
43. Entry Fees are non-refundable and will not be waived under any circumstances.

PREMIUMS

44. Premium checks will be mailed in October for all departments.
45. Premiums will be paid according to official judging result sheets.
46. To expedite delivery of premiums, any exhibitor receiving \$600.00 or more in monetary awards will be required to provide the Indiana State Fair with a completed IRS Form W-9 (W-8BEN for foreign exhibitors) providing a taxpayer identification number. Failure to provide this information will result in the forfeiture of all premium monies. Forms may be picked up at the Barn Offices, at the Entry Office in the Communications Building, or found on the IRS website www.irs.gov.
47. Regardless of the number of entries in each class by one exhibitor, only two premiums will be paid in any of the single classes and only one premium in any of the group classes.
48. Questions and/or discrepancies noted in issued premium checks must be addressed to the Indiana State Fair Entry Department prior to December 1, 2025 for resolution. Premium records will be considered closed on December 1, 2025 --and any exhibitor right of protest or re-issue is thereafter relinquished. A \$35.00 handling charge will be subtracted from a replacement check if check is lost, shredded, not cashed timely etc. Premium checks must be cashed within 90 days of receipt.

NONAMBULATORY DECEASED ANIMAL POLICY

49. The Indiana State Fair will not unload animals that are nonambulatory) or unable to walk off the vehicle under their own power. If an animal becomes nonambulatory after arrival at the Indiana State Fairgrounds
 - a. the owner shall immediately notify the superintendent in charge of that department.
 - b. Livestock that becomes nonambulatory after arriving at the Indiana State Fairgrounds must be removed within 12 hours of discovering or receiving notice of the animal's condition. If the animal is treatable and the above committee agrees, the owner must remove that animal from the fairgrounds (at the owner's expense) within the 12 hour period.
50. In the event of an animal dying while at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, the Indiana State Fair Commission will remove and dispose of the animal at the owner's expense. The owner must contact species superintendent, who will then be responsible for communicating with ISF staff for removal.

STALLS, PENS, AND TIES

51. ALL STALL, TIE, PER HEAD, PEN AND PARKING FEES MUST BE PAID AT TIME OF ENTRY. Any adjustments on pen or stall rentals will be made at the discretion of the Department Superintendent.
52. Pens or stalls are assigned only to animals shown in competition.
53. Stalls will be assigned only to bona fide exhibitors and animals actually entered for exhibition and show at the Fair. Failure to exhibit an animal will result in forfeiture of the stall. No stock will be released, nor premiums paid until all bills are paid. Further, no refunds will be made in the livestock Department.
54. Exhibits will be assigned stalls or space by Department Superintendent or assistant.
55. Whenever possible when assigning stalls, animals of the same breed or class will be placed in the same building or section of building.
56. All livestock exhibits, when assigned stalls or space, are subject to the control and discretion of the Department Superintendent, except that they must be fed and cared for by the exhibitor or his/her agent.
57. Parties reserving stalls and not occupying the same shall be subject to reassignment. In case of unavoidable detention and failure to attend the Fair, notice of such inability should be given to the Department Superintendent.
58. All stalls and pens shall be kept clean and well bedded. Failure by the exhibitor to carry out this rule permits the Department Superintendent to have this service performed and charged to the exhibitor.
59. Alteration or removal of stall or pen structures: Exhibitor is required to notify and obtain approval from show personnel to alter any stall(s) or pen structure(s), or any part thereof. If the Exhibitor does not seek and obtain such approval, Exhibitor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Indiana State Fair Board and the Indiana State Fair Commission for any damage to person or property that results from such alteration or removal.

FEEDING AND BEDDING

60. Feed and bedding may be available to exhibitors by the Feed Concessionaire.
61. Selling of feed, grain, hay and bedding by anyone other than the Feed Concessionaire is strictly prohibited.
62. Exhibitors will be permitted to bring feed, grain, hay and bedding for their own use.
63. Dumping of feed or bedding material into drains is prohibited.

REMOVAL OF BEDDING

64. No litter is to be placed in aisle at any time. Wheelbarrows will be available and all litter is to be placed at a designated point for removal.
65. Exhibitors will be required to keep the space near their stalls clear of waste and rubbish of any kind.

STATE FAIR VETERINARY SERVICE

66. A fee will be charged by the veterinarian.
67. When requested to do so, the State Fair Veterinarian or his/her Deputy, will attend all livestock shows and will act in conjunction with the judge.
68. An authorized representative of the State Veterinarian's office will be on duty to check health certificates at all times, in so far as is practicable and necessary to do so.

LOSS OR DAMAGE WAIVER

69. It is mutually agreed that the Indiana State Fair assumes no liability for any loss of property or any claim for personal injury, including death. The exhibitor herein agrees to release, discharge and indemnify the Indiana State Fair Commission, its component members, and their successors from liability by reason of injury to property and/or persons, including death, which may occur within or upon the premises herein described in any manner connected with use thereof by exhibitor.

All emergencies, safety concerns and suspicious activity should be reported immediately to the Indiana State Fair Operations Center at (317) 927-7520.

Prohibited Items

1. No alcoholic beverages may be brought on to the Fairgrounds during the annual Indiana State Fair.
2. No person in possession of a deadly weapon shall be permitted onto or be permitted to remain on the Fairgrounds, unless that person can demonstrate that the deadly weapon is intended for sale or trade at an event that is taking place on the Fairgrounds (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2(b)).
 - a. The definition of a deadly weapon includes firearms, knives or sharp bladed items (regardless of blade length), or any object carried or possessed with the intent to be used as a deadly weapon.
 - b. Exhibitors will be permitted to carry and use knives and other tools necessary for the proper care of their animals, tack, and equipment. However, these items may only be carried within the confines of the barn in which the animal(s) is housed. Knives and other tools carried outside of the barn are subject to confiscation under the deadly weapon rules found in the Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2.
3. Any deadly weapon found in the possession of a person while on the Fairgrounds is subject to immediate confiscation by persons authorized to provide security protection services as well as city, county, and state police agencies. Federal, state, or local law enforcement officers or those employed or authorized by the Indiana State Fair Commission are excepted from this rule (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2 (a), (c), and Section 11-2-3 CI) and (2)).
4. Any person properly licensed to carry a firearm must secure the firearm in a locked compartment of his/her vehicle and it shall not be visible to passersby (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2(d)).
5. No generators (not attached to a working/in transit RV/trailer/living quarters) or animal scales are permitted on the Fairgrounds except those furnished by the State Fair.

Animal Policies & Procedures

6. The only animals permitted on the Fairgrounds during the Indiana State Fair are animals registered, boarded or entered for exhibition, show or other competition; animals that will be used in a scheduled performance or to perform work at the Fair; law enforcement animals and service animals. Household and family pets, whether domestic or wild, and service animals not recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Section 36.104 are not permitted on the Fairgrounds during the Indiana State Fair. No person in possession of or having control over an unauthorized animal shall be permitted onto or be permitted to remain on the Fairgrounds (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-4).
7. Animals entered for exhibition, show or competition and animals scheduled to perform must remain in approved areas at all times. Violation may be disqualifiable offenses. See individual department terms and conditions for more specific information.

General Safety Policies & Procedures

8. Smoking is not permitted inside barns and buildings. Smoking is only permitted in designated areas on the Fairgrounds.
9. Cameras are located throughout the Fairgrounds for security and promotional purposes.
10. Motorized vehicles, including golf carts, are not permitted in any barns or buildings (IFC 313.1). This does not apply to personal mobility devices. A valid State issued driver's license is required to operate a motorized vehicle including a golf cart on the Fairgrounds.
11. Fans are permitted, so long as they have safety-approved shrouds. See individual department requirements pertaining to size, allowable number, and placement of fans.

Tents, Canopies, & Stall Coverings

- Any tent, canopy, or stall covering in a building must be made of a material to allow for or not block water distribution as well as meet or exceed NFPA Standard 701.
- A portable fire extinguisher must be located under each tent, canopy, or covering. Fire extinguishers mounted in the building by the ISFC do not apply. Exhibitors must have their own fire extinguisher under each tent, canopy, or covering.

Fire Safety

- The Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office conducts regular inspections of all barns and buildings during the Indiana State Fair to identify any potential fire hazards or threats to life safety. The decisions of the fire marshal are final and will be enforced.
- Fire extinguishers are located throughout every barn and building. They may be used for approved purposes only. Do not use a fire extinguisher if you are not trained on its proper use.
- Most buildings and barns are equipped with fire alarm and/or fire suppression systems. In the event of a fire, these systems should be activated.
- Emergency exits are clearly marked in all barns and buildings. In the event of an emergency, calmly evacuate through the nearest accessible emergency exit.
- Do not store tack/supplies in primary aisles, in front of exit doors, or in/under stairwells.

Severe Weather

- In the event of severe weather impacting the Fairgrounds, be it a severe thunderstorm or tornado, you may receive instructions over the barn or building public address system. If the barn or building is not equipped with a public-address system, State Fair staff will notify people in person.
- During a severe weather situation, you will be asked to remain inside, away from windows and doors whenever possible. Staff may be instructed to close all doors and windows, including overhead doors.
- Larger barns and buildings will be used for shelter-in-place (points of refuge) to allow Fairgoers to seek shelter. This may cause an influx of people into livestock areas and result in the postponement of a show or exhibition. Exhibitors should be mindful of this, keep aisles and walkways clear, and tend to their animals accordingly.

Food Preparation/Cooking Policies & Procedures

- Cooking inside and adjacent to barns and buildings is not advised. The Indiana State Fair Biosecurity plan recommends that food be excluded from animal areas. If cooking and/or food preparation is necessary, the following policies and procedures must be followed:
 - All grills and flat-top cook surfaces that are powered by gas, charcoal, or other fuel are prohibited on the Fairgrounds. Only electric-powered cooking devices are allowed. **Any cooking device with an open flame is prohibited.**
 - Approved cooking devices are limited to crockpots, or similar slow cookers, and microwave ovens. Cooking devices must have a cover approved for use with the device and comply with all applicable electrical and fire codes. Cooking devices are also required to be powered by approved cords that are not frayed or malfunctioning in any way.
 - Exhibitors cooking in the barns and buildings do so at their own risk and assume all liability for their actions concerning food contamination from pathogens that may be present in or near a livestock area.

Extension Cords

- Extension Cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring. IFC 2012 (605.4.1) Extension Cords shall not be affixed to structures. IFC 2012 (605.5)
- Extension Cords shall not extend through walls, ceilings, doorways, or floors. IFC 2012 (605.5) Extension Cords shall not be buried under carpet or animal bedding.

Multi-plug Adapter/Power Strip

- Multi-plug adapter(s) are prohibited. IFC 2012 (605.4)
- Power strip(s) shall be grounded and be equipped with overcurrent protection. IFC 2012 (605.4.1) Power strip shall be directly connected to an electrical outlet (no piggy-backing). IFC 2012 (605.4.2) Power strip cords shall not extend through walls, ceilings, doorways, or floors. IFC 2012 (605.4.3)

Animal Wellness & Care

The Animal Wellness & Care Plan (AWAC) was established to reinforce the Indiana State Fair's commitment and belief in the proper treatment of all animals in exhibition. The Indiana State Fair holds exhibitors of the various species of animals being exhibited to the highest standards in wellness, care and ethics of exhibition. The AWAC is responsible for ensuring the most up to date standards as well as to be a source for the public to seek answers to their questions relating to the health and safety of the animals involved in the Indiana State Fair. Failure or refusal by an exhibitor or fairgoer to comply with the Animal Wellness & Care Plan can result in penalties up to and including but not limited to removal and a ban from the Fairgrounds for the duration of the event.

Biosecurity

The Indiana State Fair Biosecurity Plan was developed to prevent the outbreak of diseases carried by both animals and humans that spread pathogens that can be transmitted to and from farm animals, as well as through the food supply. Many diseases and pathogens can be prevented through maintaining the cleanliness of facilities and encouraging good hygiene. The Biosecurity Plan will be enforced during the Indiana State Fair and all exhibitors are expected to carryout and preform basic biosecurity and hygienic task including:

- Hand Washing/sanitizing following exposure to animals and always before consuming food or drinks
- Excluding human food and food preparation from animal areas
- Maintaining general cleanliness of animals and animal areas
- Properly disposing of animal waste/soiled bedding in properly identified/designated areas
- Cleaning-up after your animal if it soils/has a biological event in a building/Fair common space
- Reporting the appearance or evidence of animal/human sickness or distress to Fair officials

Failure or refusal to comply with the above can result in penalties up to and including but not limited to removal and a ban from the Fairgrounds for the duration of the event.

The Indiana State Fair is committed to providing opportunities for all 4-H participants to show their animals as part of the State Fair. The State Fair also wants to ensure the integrity of its 4-H competitions as is evidenced by the various terms and conditions set forth in this Entry Book, including its policy with respect to testing for unauthorized substances in certain animals that are entered into these competitions and the penalties associated with positive results. By entering into these competitions, you agree to these terms and conditions and as such, we strongly recommend that you read this information carefully prior to submitting your entry.

Terms and Conditions for Open Dairy Cattle



David Trotter
Nathan Schleman
Indiana State Fair Board

Superintendents:
Merv Leffler – 765-661-5903
Marty Matlock – 317-538-1498

1. Indiana State Fair General Terms and Conditions- By entering exhibits at the Indiana State Fair, you agree to the Indiana State Fair General Terms and Conditions.
2. All guidelines will be in accordance with THE PUREBRED DAIRY CATTLE ASSOCIATION SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS (<https://ansc.umd.edu/sites/ansc.umd.edu/files/files/documents/Extension/Show-Ring-Code-of-Ethics.pdf>)
3. The Breed Association along with the Indiana State Fair will check all papers on ownership, age, and classification upon entry and/or showing.
4. Breed association representatives will check entry form information, registration papers and will assemble the classes. A program for each breed will be printed listing animals to be shown during show.
5. Animal Official ID Requirements- ALL Dairy Cattle (4-H and Open) must have an 840-RFID tag.
6. No pressure washers.
7. NO BUTT FANS OR MISTERS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS.
8. No watering tanks in aisles of the barn.
9. Water hoses will not be permitted to lay on public walk aisles.
10. Whomever exhibits animal will receive exhibitor points.
11. Stall Assignments- Stall assignments to be made on animals delivered to fair not on animals entered. Enter only the animals you plan to bring or substitute. Entering extra animals will only result in the loss of entry fee charges for those you do not bring. Stall allotments will be based on the breed and age of the cattle listed on the entry form. You can check with Merv Leffler, (765) 661-5903, two weeks prior to arrival to check about stalling.
 - a. Tack and booth space will be limited to one (1) total section per string of five (5) head or less, and three (3) total sections for strings of six (6) head or more if space is available regardless the number of exhibitors in the string. **One section is defined as one (1) gate panel. Cost to be \$50.00 per section reserved, with a maximum of three (3) sections per string (single exhibitor or combined exhibitor stalling).**
 - b. Paid sections do not guarantee those sections if space is an issue.
 - c. No refunds will be given for sections purchased but not allocated.
 - d. Hay and straw storage: 1 large bale of hay and 1 large bale of straw allowed in barn after initial bedding. If exhibitor is using small square bales they may be stacked no higher than six (6) feet. All excess hay and bedding must be stored outside in designated area at exhibitors' risk or at truck lot.
12. In the event of conflict between general and departmental terms and conditions the latter will govern.
13. The exhibitor or representative is to be at stalls with registration papers for registration paper & visual check.
14. All Dairy stalls and tack in the West & South Pavilion must be ADA compliant, all barn aisles between stalls/tack must be no less than 36 inches wide with open floor space that is wheel-chair accessible.

Entry Information

1. All entries must be made in accordance with the terms and conditions.
2. Online Entry - To enter the Indiana State Fair, please go to <https://exhibitorscorner.indianastatefair.com> and enter online. Each exhibitor is required to pay an entry fee at the time of entry. An exhibitor will not be considered entered into the Indiana State Fair until payment is made in full. Payment can be made online with a valid credit card. Entries will not be accepted over the phone.
3. Two (2) exhibitor badges will be given per exhibitor for each week an entry is made into the Indiana State Fair (not by species). Purchasing of Parking Passes are optional and are sold separately through Exhibitor's Corner.
4. Entry Deadlines and Fees –

Enter between
May 18, 2026 - July 1, 2026
Per Head Entry Fee: \$22.00

Enter Between
July 2, 2026 - July 31, 2026
Per Head Entry Fee: \$82.00

Enter Between
August 1, 2026-August 2, 2026
Per Head Entry Fee: \$97.00

5. Confirmation of Entry- A confirmation email will be sent to the email address used to sign in for the account once entries have been paid in full.
6. Exhibitor Badges- Exhibitors will have the option to view arrival information on their exhibitor dashboard located on the entry system. All exhibitor badges will be picked up on-site at the Indiana State Fair Entry Office located in the Youth Arena. **NO BADGE PACKETS WILL BE MAILED.** Exhibitors are asked to use their unloading pass to access the fairgrounds before acquiring exhibitor badge packets. To reduce congestion Only one representative per family or group should collect badges. A signature and printed name will be required from the individual picking up the badges. To avoid delays, we recommend picking up badges during Tack Drop-Off or Animal Unloading / Check-In.
7. Note: Be sure to enter number of animals you intend to show. Also, list dept/section/class for group classes. If you bring more than original number entered, or add a breed, all late fees and deadlines will apply. Exhibitors of dairy cattle will be required to fill out the complete back side of the entry form.
8. Substitution cards (3 per exhibitor) and group class entries must be turned in either at the cattle barn office prior to entry check or brought to the foyer at entry check in. No substitutions will be allowed once paper check in has closed.
9. Any additional substitutions will require a late fee. Five-digit exhibitor number can be found on your entry receipt and must be included on the substitution card.
10. Animals purchased after entry deadline must have registration paper, transfer and transfer fee furnished to breed manager and make late entry with late fees prior to show time.
11. Regardless of the number of entries in each class by one exhibitor, only two premiums will be paid in any single classes and only one premium in any group classes.
 - a. One Tack Section (equal to four stalls) Must Be Purchased Unless Tied In Another Exhibitor's Purchased Tack Section. Maximum Tack Sections Limited To Two Per Exhibitor Or Combined Exhibitors.
 - b. Entries Without Tack Stalls Will Be Returned Without Refunds Unless Noted With Others.
12. Open Exhibitors who are eligible to compete in 4-H classes must enter online under the 4-H class department, pay all 4-H class fees, and meet 4-H class deadlines as listed in 4-H class Entry Book.

Arrival and Release Procedure

1. All arrival information can be found on your exhibitor dashboard and will be emailed to exhibitors prior to arrival.
2. NO LIVESTOCK TRUCKS OR TRAILERS FOR LIVESTOCK HAULING WILL BE PERMITTED TO PARK AT THE SOUTH END OF THE CATTLE BARN UNTIL BEING DIRECTED THROUGH A STAGING AREA TO ADVANCE AS OTHERS MOVE OUT.

Open Dairy Cattle Entry Information



Schedule

Date	Time	Description	Location
Thursday, August 13	6:00pm	Tack and supplies only may arrive (no cattle) No trucks in the barn after 8am on Friday August 14.	West Pavilion
Friday, August 14	8:00am	4-H and Open class dairy cattle may arrive	West Pavilion
Saturday, August 15	8:00am	4-H Dairy Animals must be stalled	West Pavilion
	9:00am-12:00pm	4-H Dairy Entry Check-in	Front Foyer
	10:00am	Outstanding 4-H Dairy Producer Competition	North end of Cattle Barn
	11:00am-4:00pm	4-H Dairy Skill-a-thon	West Pavilion
	1:00pm	Breed Manager Meeting	Admin Building Conference room
	2:00pm	Begin checking ALL registration papers and confirming entries of 4-H Dairy Cattle at Exhibitor Stalls (Papers and visual inspection of animals). The exhibitor or representative is to be at stalls with registration papers at this time.	West Pavilion
	7:00pm	4-H Dairy Exhibitors Meeting 10 year and Rookie Awards	
	8:15pm	Dairy Exhibitor Ice Cream Social – EXHIBITORS ONLY	
Sunday, August 16	7:30am	Begin judging 4-H Dairy Cattle Show	Corteva Coliseum
	1:30pm	Showmanship to be at the conclusion of each breed show	Corteva Coliseum
		Supreme showmanship to follow at the end of the dairy show.	Youth Arena
		4-H Dairy Cattle released after showing	West Pavilion
Jr. Champions and Grand Champions from each breed are required to stay for the Supreme Drive on Sunday.			
Monday, August 17	8:00am	All Open Class cattle must be stalled	
	9:00am-11:00am	Open Entries confirmed and substitutions (3 per exhibitor) and group classes entered.	
Tuesday, August 18	8:00am	Begin Judging Open Dairy Show. Guernsey alternating with Ayrshire, Milking Shorthorn alternating with Brown Swiss, Holsteins alternating with Red and White's Jerseys to be in their own ring.	Corteva Coliseum
	9:00am	Begin Judging Open Jersey Show	Corteva Coliseum
	At conclusion of last breed show	Supreme Champion Heifer and Cow to be selected Open Cattle released after showing	

HERD UNIT

1. Any partnership animal entered as HERD UNIT and does not qualify for HERD UNIT will have to pay department fee and entry fees to be considered entered.
2. HERD UNIT CONDITION: If a herd is registered in a farm name, family name, or names of the immediate family members, or: farm name, family name, names of the immediate family members and an outside partnership, these persons may combine their entries as a "herd unit" as long as the name of the farm, family name, or immediate family member is on the registration paper. THIS CONDITION MUST BE CLEARLY STATED ON THE ENTRY FORM!
3. Animals owned in a partnership outside the family that does not have matching farm, family, or immediate family member name on both the entry and registration paper will require a separate entry form and fees and will not be included in the herd unit. All premiums will be paid to the herd unit, not the individual.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRODUCTION AND HANDLING OF MILK

1. Cows' udders shall be washed with sanitizing solution prior to milking and the udder dried with a clean cloth or cow towel.
2. Milk will NOT be sold at the 2026 Indiana State Fair. The milk will be disposed by the Indiana State Fair.
3. Cow(s) may be milked in the designated area provided near the milking parlor.
4. Show management will use technologies for testing bodily fluids like milk or blood or other examination techniques at any time while the animals are on the grounds to detect any unethical procedures. By making an entry: (1) Exhibitor consents to the collection of materials such as milk, blood, etc., photographic or direct examination of the animal; and (2) owner, Exhibitor and/or any individuals handling or fitting Exhibitor's animal agree to produce proper animal and personal identification when requested by show management.

DAIRY AGE DEFINITIONS

Bull Calf, born September 1, 2025 or later (at least 4 months old)

Spring Heifer Calf, born after March 1, 2026

Winter Heifer Calf, born December 1, 2025- February 28, 2026

Fall Heifer Calf, born September 1, 2025 - November 30, 2025

Summer Yearling Heifer, born June 1, 2025 -August 31, 2025

Spring Yearling Heifer, born March 1, 2025 - May 31, 2025

Winter Yearling Heifer, born December 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025

Fall Yearling Heifer, born September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024

Yearling Heifer In Milk, born September 1, 2024 -June 1, 2024

Summer Yearling in Milk, born June 1, 2024 -August 31, 2024

Junior Two-Year-Old Cow, born March 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024

Senior Two-Year-Old Cow, born September 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024

Junior Three-Year-Old Cow, born March 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023

Senior Three-Year-Old Cow, born September 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023

Four-Year-Old Cow, born September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022

Five-Year-Old Cow, born September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021

Aged Cow Six Years And Older, born prior to September 1, 2020

Dry Cow, born prior to September 1, 2019 (Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, and Holstein).

Dry Cow, any milking age (Guernsey and Milking Shorthorn).

* Rosettes to designated first and second place utedered at discretion of the judge

Ayrshire Division

Breed Manager- Adam Bales (765) 524-9907 & Samantha Bales (765) 524-8150

Category: Females

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
1	Spring heifer calf		Sliding Scale
2	Winter heifer calf		Sliding Scale
3	Fall heifer calf		Sliding Scale
4	Summer yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
5	Spring yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
6	Winter yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
7	Fall yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Champion Junior Female	Small Banner	
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Junior Female	Rosette	
8	Junior Best 3		Sliding Scale
9	Summer Yearling in Milk		Sliding Scale
10	Junior 2-year-old*		Sliding Scale
11	Senior 2-year-old*		Sliding Scale
12	Junior 3-year-old*		Sliding Scale
13	Senior 3-year-old*		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Champion Intermediate Female	Small Banner	
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Intermediate Female	Rosette	
14	4-year-old*		Sliding Scale
15	5-year-old*		Sliding Scale
16	Aged cow*		Sliding Scale
*Rosette to be awarded in the 8 milking classes for Best & Reserve Best Udder at the judges discretion			
17	Dry cow, 3-year-old and over		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Champion Senior Female	Small Banner	
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Senior Female	Rosette	
Do not enter	Grand Champion Female	Large Banner	\$55
Do not enter	Reserve Grand Champion Female	Medium Banner	\$30
18	Exhibitor's Herd, 5 females to consist of 2, any age, which have calved; 2 born on or after September 1, 2020, which have not calved; 1 any age. 3 of these females must be bred by exhibitor. All must be owned by exhibitor		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Premier Breeder	Large Banner	
Do not enter	Premier Exhibitor	Large Banner	

Brown Swiss Division

Breed Manager- Katie Teeters (317) 878-4594; Nila Armstrong (317) 441-6638

1. Brown Swiss exhibitors will be required to wear a show harness.

Category: Females

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
1	Spring heifer calf		Sliding Scale
2	Winter heifer calf		Sliding Scale
3	Fall heifer calf		Sliding Scale
4	Summer yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
5	Spring yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
6	Winter yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
7	Fall yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Champion Junior Female	Small Banner	
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Junior Female	Rosette	
8	Best 3 females (junior), 3 bred and 2 owned by exhibitor		Sliding Scale
9	Fall Yearling in milk		Sliding Scale
10	Summer Yearling in Milk		Sliding Scale
11	Junior 2 yr. old cow*		Sliding Scale
12	Senior 2 yr. old cow*		Sliding Scale
13	Junior 3 yr. old cow*		Sliding Scale
14	Senior 3 yr. old cow*		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Champion Intermediate Female	Small Banner	
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Intermediate Female	Rosette	
15	4-year-old*		Sliding Scale
16	5-year-old*		Sliding Scale
17	Aged cow*		Sliding Scale
*Rosette to be awarded in the 8 milking classes for Best & Reserve Best Udder at the judges discretion			
18	COMPONENT MERIT COW**	Sash for 1 st place	Sliding Scale
19	Dry cow		
Do not enter	Champion Senior Female	Small Banner	
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Senior Female	Rosette	
Do not enter	Grand Champion Female	Large Banner	\$55
Do not enter	Reserve Grand Champion Female	Medium Banner	\$30

Category: Group Classes

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
20	Best 3 Females (senior), any age, all bred and 2 owned by exhibitor		Sliding Scale
21	Produce of dam, to consist of 2 animals, either sex, any age, the produce of 1 cow. Animals need not both be owned by exhibitor		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Premier Breeder	Large Banner	
Do not enter	Premier Exhibitor	Large Banner	

Component Merit Class

The cow must have a lifetime production of at least 7500 pounds of combined fat and protein, be shown in milking form and be in her third or higher lactation. No more than two entries in this class can be used for Premier Breeder or Premier Exhibitor points. Animals must be entered in this class at time of original entry. Animals cannot be transferred or substituted into or out of the Component Merit Class at the show check-in. Official DHI record MUST be submitted at the time of show check-in)

Guernsey Division

Breed Manager- Jeff Crandall (765) 524-6660 & Margaret Crandall (765) 524-6660

1. Animals with Provisional Register (PR) minimum 88% Guernsey and above will be eligible to show.

Category: Females

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
1	Spring heifer calf		Sliding Scale
2	Winter heifer calf		Sliding Scale
3	Fall heifer calf		Sliding Scale
4	Summer yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
5	Spring yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
6	Winter yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
7	Fall yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Champion Junior Female	Small Banner	
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Junior Female		
8	Junior best 3 females, (Group to consist of three females born on or after September 1, 2023 which have not yet calved. Each must have been bred, all or in part, by exhibitor and at least two must be owned, all or in part, by exhibitor)		Sliding Scale
9	Summer Yearling in Milk		Sliding Scale
10	Junior 2-year-old cow (in milk) *		Sliding Scale
11	Senior 2-year-old cow (in milk) *		Sliding Scale
12	Junior 3-year-old cow*		Sliding Scale
13	Senior 3-year-old cow*		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Champion Intermediate Female	Small Banner	
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Intermediate Female		
14	4-year-old*		Sliding Scale
15	5-year-old*		Sliding Scale
16	Aged cow*		Sliding Scale
*Rosette to be awarded in the 9 milking classes for Best & Reserve Best Udder at the judges discretion			
17	Dry cow		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Champion Senior Female	Small Banner	
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Senior Female	Rosette	
Do not enter	Grand Champion Female	Large Banner	\$55
Do not enter	Reserve Grand Champion Female	Medium Banner	\$30

Category: Group Classes

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
18	Senior best 3 females, (Group to consist of three females, two milking age, one any age, all to have been bred, all or in part, by their exhibitor and at least two must be owned, all or in part, by their exhibitor).		Sliding Scale
19	Exhibitor's Herd (Group of five females to consist of two of any age that have calved at least once; two born on or after September 1, 2023 which have not yet calved; and one of any age. Three of these females must have been bred, all or in part, by the exhibitor.		Sliding Scale
20	<u>Dam & Daughter</u> , a cow and her daughter		Sliding Scale
21	Produce of Dam (Group to consist of two females, any age, that are maternal sisters.)		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Best bred and owned by exhibitor, If the Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion cows are not Indiana Bred by exhibitor, a lead-out class of Indiana Bred animals will be open to all exhibitors.	Small plaque	
Do not enter	Premier Breeder	Large Banner	
Do not enter	Premier Exhibitor	Banner	

Holstein Division

Breed Manager- Lindsay Lafollette (812) 212-5637 & Brian Engleking (260) 438-9509

1. Animals must be 87% Holstein or greater as indicated by registration certificate

Category: Females

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
1	Spring heifer calf		Sliding Scale
2	Winter heifer calf		Sliding Scale
3	Fall heifer calf		Sliding Scale
4	Summer yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
5	Spring yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
6	Winter yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
7	Fall yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Champion Junior Female	Small Banner	
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Junior Female	Rosette	
8	Junior best 3 females, bred by exhibitor		Sliding Scale
9	Summer Yearling in Milk		Sliding Scale
10	Junior 2-year-old cow*		Sliding Scale
11	Senior 2-year-old cow*		Sliding Scale
12	Junior 3-year-old cow*		Sliding Scale
13	Senior 3-year-old cow*		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Champion Intermediate Female	Small Banner	
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Intermediate Female	Rosette	
14	4-year-old cow*		Sliding Scale
15	5-year-old cow*		Sliding Scale
16	Aged cow*		Sliding Scale
17	Production Cow 150,000 Lifetime and over		Sliding Scale
*Rosette to be awarded in the 9 milking classes for Best & Reserve Best Udder at the judges discretion			
18	Dry Cow 3 years and over		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Champion Senior Female	Small Banner	
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Senior Female	Rosette	
Do not enter	Grand Champion Female	Large Banner	\$55
Do not enter	Reserve Grand Champion Female	Medium Banner	\$30

Category: Group Classes

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
19	Senior best 3 females, all 3 bred and 1 owned by the exhibitor		Sliding Scale
20	Dairy herd, to consist of 4 cows over 2 years old that have freshened and all owned by exhibitor. Each exhibitor limited to 1 entry		Sliding Scale
21	Breeder's herd, 3 milk cows and 2 heifers, 4 of 5 must carry Breeder's Prefix		Sliding Scale
22	Produce-of-dam, to consist of 2 animals, either sex, any age, the produce of 1 cow. Animals need not both be owned by exhibitor		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Indiana state champion cow-Indiana Bred by Exhibitor- If Grand Champion is not an Indiana Bred animal, the highest placed Indiana Bred animal will be eligible		
Do not enter	Premier Breeder	Large Banner	
Do not enter	Premier Exhibitor	Large Banner	

Red and White Holstein Division

Breed Manager- Doug Wicker (765) 561-4186

1. The RWDCA will accept registration papers and/or a certificate of identification (CID) from Holstein Association USA. Other registration papers accepted will be from RWDCA, Holstein Association USA showing the suffix "RED" and Holstein Canada showing the suffix "RED".
2. All owners shown on registration paper must be a member in good standing of RWDCA.
3. Animals must be Red and White in color.
4. Animals with a questionable hair coat color will be referred to a representative of RWDCA staff and/or Board of Director to determine eligibility.
5. In order to enter/exhibit at any national and/or approved shows, Red & White animals must carry 87% dairy bloodlines as designated by RWDCA guidelines. Dairy bloodlines include: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein (Black & White and Red & White), Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, Angler, Swedish Red, Aussie Red, Lineback and Rouge Flammande.
6. RWDCA will assist show management determining membership status with a list of entries one week prior to show.
7. Following the show, show management must provide RWDCA with a report that lists all placings, champions, etc.
8. After RWDCA receives the national show report, with individual class placings and champion information, the results will be entered into the animal's permanent record.
9. All requirements listed above must be met 24 hours before the start of the show.
10. Exhibitor of double-registered Red & Whites must show in only one breed show.
11. Red & White Holsteins are eligible to enter both Red & White show and the Holstein Show, exhibitors of these cattle must designate at check-in which show their animal will be shown in. No change will be permitted after a breed is designated.

Category: Females

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
1	Spring heifer calf		Sliding Scale
2	Winter heifer calf		Sliding Scale
3	Fall heifer calf		Sliding Scale
4	Summer yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
5	Spring yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
6	Winter yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
7	Fall yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Champion Junior Female	Small Banner	
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Junior Female	Rosette	
8	Junior best 3 females, bred by exhibitor		Sliding Scale
9	Summer Yearling in Milk		Sliding Scale
10	Junior 2-year-old cow*		Sliding Scale
11	Senior 2-year-old cow*		Sliding Scale
12	Junior 3-year-old cow*		Sliding Scale
13	Senior 3-year-old cow*		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Champion Intermediate Female	Small Banner	
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Intermediate Female	Rosette	
14	4-year-old cow*		Sliding Scale
15	5-year-old cow*		Sliding Scale
16	Aged cow*		Sliding Scale
17	Production Cow 150,000 Lifetime and over		Sliding Scale
*Rosette to be awarded in the 9 milking classes for Best & Reserve Best Udder at the judges discretion			
18	Dry Cow 3 years and over		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Champion Senior Female	Small Banner	
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Senior Female	Rosette	
Do not enter	Grand Champion Female	Large Banner	\$55
Do not enter	Reserve Grand Champion Female	Medium Banner	\$30

Red and White Holstein Division (Cont.)

Category: Group Classes

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
19	<u>Senior best 3 females</u> , all 3 bred and 1 owned by the exhibitor		Sliding Scale
20	<u>Dairy herd</u> , to consist of 4 cows over 2 years old that have freshened and all owned by exhibitor. Each exhibitor limited to 1 entry		Sliding Scale
21	<u>Breeder's herd</u> , 3 milk cows and 2 heifers, 4 of 5 must carry Breeder's Prefix		Sliding Scale
22	<u>Produce-of-dam</u> , to consist of 2 animals, either sex, any age, the produce of 1 cow. Animals need not both be owned by exhibitor		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Indiana state champion cow-Indiana <u>Bred by Exhibitor</u> - If Grand Champion is not an Indiana Bred animal, the highest placed Indiana Bred animal will be eligible		
Do not enter	Premier Breeder	Large Banner	
Do not enter	Premier Exhibitor	Large Banner	

Jersey Division

Breed Manager- Carrie Jo Bollenbacher (812) 253-1099 & Danny Messmer (317) 446-2669

Category: Females

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
1	Spring heifer calf		Sliding Scale
2	Winter heifer calf		Sliding Scale
3	Fall heifer calf		Sliding Scale
4	Summer yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
5	Spring yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
6	Winter yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
7	Fall yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Champion Junior Heifer	Small Banner	
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Junior Heifer	Rosette	
8	Fall yearling in milk*		Sliding Scale
9	Summer Yearling in Milk		Sliding Scale
10	Junior 2-year-old cow*		Sliding Scale
11	Senior 2-year-old cow*		Sliding Scale
12	Junior 3-year-old cow*		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Champion Intermediate Female	Small Banner	
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Intermediate Female	Rosette	
13	Senior cow, 3 years and under 4*		Sliding Scale
14	Cow 4 year and under 5*		Sliding Scale
15	Cow 5 year and under 6*		Sliding Scale
16	Aged cow*		Sliding Scale
*Rosette to be awarded in the 9 milking classes for Best & Reserve Best Udder at the judges discretion			
Do not enter	Champion Senior Female	Small Banner	
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Senior Female	Rosette	
Do not enter	Indiana state champion cow, bred and owned in Indiana		
Do not enter	Grand Champion Female	Large Banner	\$55
Do not enter	Reserve Grand Champion Female	Medium Banner	\$30

Category: Group Classes

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
17	<u>Produce-of-Dam</u> , to consist of 2 animals, either sex, any age, the produce of 1 cow. Animals need not both be owned by exhibitor		Sliding Scale
18	<u>Dairy Herd</u> , to consist of 4 cows over 2 years old that have freshened and all owned by exhibitor. Each exhibitor limited to 1 entry		Sliding Scale
19	<u>Breeders Herd</u> , consists of 5 females; 2 under 2 years, not in milk, 2 over 2 years, 1 other female. All animals in breeder's herd must be bred and owned by the exhibitor		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Premier Breeder	Large Banner	
Do not enter	Premier Exhibitor	Large Banner	

Milking Shorthorn Division

Breed Manager- Terry Sargent (317) 277-4280 & Ryan Benter (812) 525-0909

- Milking Shorthorn cattle must have full herdbook six-digit Milking Shorthorn Registration Certificates with the exception of "37000" numbered bulls. Tattoo numbers must correspond with the registration certificate. All individual class winners may be blood typed. Milking Shorthorn entry with any black hair will be disqualified and cannot show.

Category: Bulls

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
1	Bull calf		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Grand Champion Bull	Large Banner	\$55
Do not enter	Reserve Grand Champion Bull	Medium Banner	\$30

Category: Females

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
2	Spring heifer calf		Sliding Scale
3	Winter heifer calf		Sliding Scale
4	Fall heifer calf		Sliding Scale
5	Summer yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
6	Spring yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
7	Winter yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
8	Fall yearling heifer		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Champion Junior Female	Small Banner	
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Junior Female	Rosette	
9	Junior best 3 females, 3 bred and 2 owned by exhibitor		Sliding Scale
10	Fall yearling in milk		Sliding Scale
11	Summer Yearling in Milk		Sliding Scale
12	Junior 2-year-old cow		Sliding Scale
13	Senior 2-year-old cow		Sliding Scale
14	Junior 3-year-old cow		Sliding Scale
15	Senior 3-year-old-cow		Sliding Scale
16	4-year-old cow		Sliding Scale
17	Five-year-old cow		Sliding Scale
18	Aged cow		Sliding Scale
19	Dry cow		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Champion Best Uddered Cow in Milk	Small Banner	
Do not enter	Champion Senior Female	Small Banner	
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Senior Female	Rosette	
Do not enter	Grand Champion Female	Large Banner	\$55
Do not enter	Reserve Grand Champion Female	Medium Banner	\$30

Category: Group Classes

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
20	<u>Dairy herd</u> - (each exhibitor limited to one entry), to consist of 4 cows over 2 years old that have freshened and all owned by exhibitor.		Sliding Scale
21	<u>Exhibitor's herd</u> - (each exhibitor limited to 1 entry), 5 females to consist of 2, any age, which have calved; 2 born on or after September 1, 2020, which have not calved; 1 any age. 3 of these females must be bred by exhibitor. All must be owned by exhibitor		Sliding Scale
Do not enter	Premier Breeder	Large Banner	
Do not enter	Premier Exhibitor	Large Banner	

Category: Supreme Champion

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
Do Not Enter	Supreme Champion Dairy Heifer	Banner	\$550
Do Not Enter	Reserve Supreme Champion Dairy Heifer	Banner	\$275
Do Not Enter	Supreme Champion Dairy Cow	Banner	\$550
Do Not Enter	Reserve Supreme Champion Dairy Cow	Banner	\$275

Awards and Overall Dairy Cow

GRAND CHAMPION contest limited to winners in champion classes.

PREMIER EXHIBITOR AWARD - banner - the exhibitor accumulating the most points shall be designated premier exhibitor. Points may be accumulated on a maximum of 6 animals shown in open single classes. Animals must be owned and shown by exhibitor. Exhibitor showing partnership animals will collect all exhibitor points. Therefore, points will not be divided.

PREMIER BREEDER AWARD - banner - the breeder accumulating the most points shall be designated the premier breeder. Points may be accumulated on a maximum of 6 animals shown in open single classes. Animals may be shown by the breeder or other exhibitors. The point system for determining premier exhibitor and premier breeder as follows:

Milking females - 20-18-16-14-12-10-8-6-4-2

Bulls and junior females -10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

HOLSTEIN ONLY:

Milking females - 20-18-16-14-12-10-8-6-4-2

Heifers (junior females), & Dry Cows -10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

If point totaled present identical scores for Premier Exhibitor and/or Premier Breeder the winner will be decided by calculating the number of first places, second places, etc. The calculation will start with mature classes down through the heifer classes. The exhibitor with the highest placings will receive the award.

HERDSMAN AWARD

Three exhibitors will be selected from all Open Class exhibitors for the Herdsman Award. Criteria for judging: 1.) Neatness and attractiveness of exhibit, bedding, signs, etc., 2.) Appearance of animals at all times, 3.) Cleanliness of aisle behind cattle, 4.) Exhibitor's behavior while at show, 5.) Friendliness towards other exhibitors and fair guests Champion - large banner; Reserve Champion - medium banner; Honorable Mention - small banner

LYLE WHITEHEAD MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is based on cleanliness of animals and stalls during the duration of the fair. A private donor will award \$1000 to the Champion and \$500 to the reserve champion.

Grand Champion Cow and Jr Champion Heifer of each of the 7 breeds will compete for Supreme Champion Cow and Supreme Champion Heifer immediately following the completion of the dairy show. The Supreme Champion Cow and Heifer will be selected after the remaining Dairy breeds show are complete. The Grand Champion Dairy Cows of breeds selected must be presented for participation of Supreme Champion.

1. Supreme Champion Dairy Cow - Large Banner
2. Supreme Reserve Champion Dairy Cow - Medium Banner
3. Supreme Champion Dairy Heifer - Large Banner
4. Supreme Reserve Champion Dairy Heifer - Medium Banner

Open Dairy Cattle Premium Schedule



Number in class	Placings											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
20	\$107	67	52	37	34	30	28	26	24	22	15	14
18-19	\$107	67	52	37	34	30	28	26	24	22	15	
16-17	\$107	67	52	37	34	30	28	26	24	22		
14-15	\$107	67	52	37	34	30	28	26	24			
13	\$107	67	52	37	34	30	28	26				
11-12	\$107	67	52	37	34	30	28					
10	\$107	67	52	37	34	30						
8-9	\$107	67	52	37	34							
6-7	\$107	67	52	37								
5	\$107	67	52									
3-4	\$107	67										
1-2	\$107											

ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS IN INDIANA 2026

This document describes the Indiana State Board of Animal Health's (BOAH) requirements for all animal exhibitions in the state. Indiana State 4-H has imposed additional requirements as a condition of exhibition. These additional conditions are denoted with an "***" throughout this document.

Please call the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center – Entry Department at (317) 927-7515 with questions concerning exhibition requirements in Indiana.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES

A. Limitations on Exhibition

This section describes limitations on exhibiting animals in Indiana. Other exhibition limitations may be described in the species-specific requirements that follow.

1. Failure to meet all animal health requirements will result in removal of animals from the exhibition premises.
2. The following animals are not eligible for exhibition in Indiana:
 - a. Animals that originate from a herd that is under quarantine.
 - b. An animal prohibited from exhibition under any law or order.
 - c. Any animal classified as a brucellosis "suspect".
 - d. Animals showing signs of any infectious or communicable disease or that are a health hazard to people or other animals.
 - e. Any animal that does not meet state animal health requirements.
3. Any animal that develops or shows signs of any infectious or communicable disease during exhibition must be removed from the premises, including the surrounding exhibition grounds. An owner who is disputing the exclusion of his/her animal(s) from exhibition may not exhibit the animal in question pending any appeal.
4. The State Veterinarian is authorized to make the final determination as to an animal's eligibility for exhibition. The State Veterinarian may order removal of any animal from the exhibition grounds.
5. Exhibition organizers may impose health requirements in addition to those prescribed by BOAH. Added requirements may not contradict requirements imposed by BOAH.
6. Exhibition organizers may have a licensed and accredited veterinarian review animals and animal health documentation during the exhibition.

B. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection

1. **For animals located within Indiana**, a certificate of veterinary inspection (commonly known as a "health paper") is not required by the Indiana State 4-H Office or BOAH for exhibition.
2. **For animals located outside of Indiana**, the exhibitor must have a properly completed CVI for all animals prior to entry. This requirement applies to all domestic animals (except fish and poultry).
 - a. CVIs must be completed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian who has personally inspected the animals.
 - b. A CVI for any animal is valid for 30 days from the date it is issued by a licensed and accredited veterinarian. NOTE: Animal(s) must be inspected by a licensed and accredited veterinarian no more than ten days prior to the date in which the CVI is issued.
 - c. CVIs must clearly include a description of each animal including the age, sex, and breed of the animal, and the official individual identification.
 - d. CVIs must accompany the animal while on the exhibition premises.
 - i. CVI's can be made available in their original format (i.e., digital, or physical copy).
3. SEE SPECIES SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ANIMALS INTENDED FOR SALE.

C. Pre-Entry Movement Permit (REVISED)

Effective January 1, 2022:

1. **For swine and cattle located within Indiana**, a pre-entry movement permit is not required.
2. **For swine and cattle located outside of Indiana**, a pre-entry movement permit is not required when an electronic certificate of veterinary inspection is issued.
3. **For swine and cattle located outside of Indiana**, a pre-entry movement permit is required when a paper certificate of veterinary inspection is issued.
 - a. The 2026 Indiana State Fair pre-entry movement permit number is "INSF26" and must be noted on all paper certificates of veterinary inspection.

D. Indiana State Fairgrounds

1. The Federal Premises Identification Number for the Indiana State Fairgrounds that should be recorded on all associated CVIs is: **00C6T69**
2. The physical address for the Indiana State Fairgrounds that should be recorded on all associated CVIs is: **1202 E 38th St, Indianapolis, IN 46205**

E. Official Identification

All exhibition animals must be permanently and individually identified unless otherwise noted. Official ear tags are tags approved by the USDA that bear the US shield. All official identification and any additional identification devices should be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

F. Testing

1. All tests required for exhibition must be conducted at the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL) at Purdue University, a laboratory approved by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health, or a state or federal-approved laboratory.
2. All animals, including Indiana animals, that are to be offered for sale to out of state buyers should have the necessary testing completed prior to the sale date. The destination state should be contacted to ensure all pre-entry movement requirements are met prior to the planned movement. www.in.gov/boah/movements-out-of-indiana/

DAIRY CATTLE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

A. SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES

B. Identification*

1. 840 RFID tag (15 digits, beginning with "840," with US shield)

C. Testing

1. **Dairy Cattle located within Indiana** do not need a brucellosis test, tuberculosis test, or Influenza A for exhibition in Indiana.
2. **Dairy Cattle located outside of Indiana** do not need a brucellosis test or a tuberculosis test for exhibition in Indiana, as long as the state of origin is classified as brucellosis and tuberculosis free by the USDA.
3. **Lactating Dairy Cattle located outside of Indiana** are required to have a negative Influenza A virus test (H5N1) within 7 days prior to interstate movement. Results are required to be documented on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).

D. Vaccination

1. No vaccinations are required for exhibition of Dairy Cattle at the Indiana State Fair.

INDIANA STATE FAIR GRIEVANCE/APPEAL FORM



INDIANA STATE FAIR

WARNING: You must read and initial this section before proceeding to complete this document.

_____ 1. I understand and agree that filing a grievance that alleges
a. facts that are not true, or
b. facts that I know are not true, or
c. facts I should know are not true:
will be considered a violation of the 4-H behavioral expectations.

_____ 2. I understand and agree that all statements made herein by me are subject to the pains and penalties of perjury and I hereby affirm that my statements herein are true.

_____ 3. I understand that perjury is a crime in Indiana.

I, the undersigned, allege that the following term(s) and condition(s) have been violated:

The facts which support this allegation are set out as follows:
(If needed, additional sheets may be attached.)

I swear or affirm under the penalties of perjury⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ that I have read, understand, and accept the above statements to be true, accurate, and complete

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print your name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

- (1) Perjury - knowingly making false material statements under oath or affirmation. In Indiana, person who commits perjury commits a Class D felony⁽³⁾, which may be punishable by imprisonment, fine or restitution (Indiana Code 35-44-2-1 and 35-50-2-7)
- (2) Prosecution for violations of Indiana law will be referred to the proper authorities.
- (3) Felony - a crime of graver or more serious nature than those designated as misdemeanors.

Form received by signed: _____ Date: _____