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Also, the many, many volunteers that, without their help. We could not have the fairgrounds to use year around.
And of course, the Mercer County Fair Board for their dedication and many hours they put in for the betterment of the fair.

2026 MERCER COUNTY FAIR
www.mercercountyfair.org

Livestock Judging & Program Schedule

TUESDAY, JULY 7

Dept J-Gardening & Dept L Floriculture Check In.....	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Floral Hall Check In.....	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Rabbit Show.....	11:00 a.m.
Carnival Rides.....	5:00 p.m.
Little Miss, Junior Miss, and Miss Mercer County Fair Queen Pageant.....	6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

Junior Sheep Show.....	9:00 a.m.
Carnival Rides.....	12:00 p.m.
Kids Day \$30/person, wristband & bike drawing).....	12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Open Beef Show/Open Market Beef Show to follow.....	5:00 p.m.
RPM Flat Track Motorcycle Racing.....	6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

Democrat Day	
Senior Citizen's Day	All Seniors get in the gate for \$2.00 Until 2:00
Junior Beef Show.....	9:00 a.m.
Junior Heifer Show.....	Follows Junior Beef Show
Junior Goat Show.....	Immediately following the 4-H Goat Show 2:00
Open Sheep Show.....	11:00
Hearing/Vision Screening (sponsored by Eliza Lions Club.....	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Election of Directors at Front Gate.....	11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Open Sheep show	11:00 a.m.
Mercer County Senior Center Traveling Bingo at Shelter (all ages welcome).....	1st game 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
.....	2 nd game 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Open Market Lamb Show	6:00 p.m.
Carnival Rides.....	5:00 p.m.
Night of Destruction/Trailer Races.....	7:00p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

Republican Day	
Open Barrow and Market Gilt Show.....	9:00 a.m.
Open Dairy Show.....	9:00 a.m.
Dairy Show.....	9:00 a.m.
Carnival Rides.....	5:00 p.m.
4-H Auction.....	6:00 p.m.
Backroad Truck and Tractor Pullers.....	6:30 p.m.
Far Out 283 in Beer Garden.....	8:00 pm – 12:00 am

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Junior Swine Show.....	9:00 a.m.
Carnival Rides.....	1:00 p.m.
Wristband Carnival Rides (\$25/person/wristband).....	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Mercer County Baby Contest.....	2:00 p.m.
Decorated Diaper Contest.....	immediately following baby contest
Baby Crawl.....	immediately following baby contest
Talent Contest.....	3:00 p.m.
Demolition Derby	6:30 p.m.
Vital Signs in the Beer Garden.....	8:00 pm – 12:00 am

The Merchant's Building is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Exposition Hall is open Wednesday through Saturday 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Check in occurs on Tuesday in the Pumpkin House. Judging occurs on Wednesday in the Exposition Hall.

Pumpkin House is open 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday

11:00a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday; 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Thursday - Saturday

2026 Mercer County 4-H Fair Schedule



July 6 – July 11

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
Sunday, July 5 th	Set-up Merchant's Building & Exhibition Hall for General Projects Show and Judging	2:00 p.m.
Monday, July 6 th	General Project Show Judging, Merchant's Building & Set-up 4-H Project Displays, Exhibition Hall	8:30 – 11 a.m.
Tuesday, July 7 th	Poultry Show, Swine Barn	8:00 a.m.
	Rabbit Show, Show Ring	10:00 a.m.
	Sheep Check-in & Weigh-in	2:30 – 3:00 p.m.
	Sheep Show, Sheep Barn	4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 8 th	4-H only Beef Check-in & Weigh-in	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
	Swine Check-in & Weigh-in, Swine Barn	10 a.m. – Noon
Thursday, July 9 th	Swine Show, Swine Barn	9:00 a.m.
	Goat Check-in & Weigh-in, Sheep Barn	1:00 p.m.
	Goat Show, Sheep Barn, 4-H first	2:00 p.m.
	Jr. & Sr. Master Showmanship Contest, Show Ring	3:00 p.m.
Friday, July 10 th	Dairy Show/Beef Show, Show Ring	9:00 a.m.
	Set-up for Youth Livestock Auction	3:00 p.m.
	Mercer County Youth Livestock Auction	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 11 th	4-H Dog Obedience & Showmanship, Pavilion East of Secretary's office	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, July 12 th	General Projects checkout & Clean-up/ Tear-down displays, Exhibition Hall	12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 18 th	Horse Show Check-in	8 - 8:30 a.m.
	4-H Horse Show at 4K Plus Arena, 2492 75th Ave. Viola, IL	9:00 a.m.

All exhibits are open to the public!

Brief Fair History

The first Mercer County Fair was held in October, 1853 in Millersburg. No fair was held in 1862 due to the Civil War, in 1938 due to financial difficulties, or in 2020 due to COVID. The fair was moved to the current Aledo Fairgrounds in 1869.

2026 OFFICERS
MERCER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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Zeke Deglman

GENERAL INFORMATION

Exhibitor Ticket.....	\$11.00
Season Ticket.....	\$17.00
Free Grandstand Admission	
July 7(Tuesday) before 4:00 p.m.....	Free
After 4:00 P.M.	\$6.00
July 8 (Wednesday) before 2:00 p.m.....	Free
After 2:00 p.m.....	\$6.00
July 9, 10, and 11.....	\$6.00
July 10 Seniors before 2:00.....	\$2.00
Children Ages 7-12	\$2.00

Season tickets and exhibitor tickets will be honored at the admission gate July 7-11

Fair Office Business Phone.....	582-2350
Fair Office will be open as follows:	
June 22 – 26.....	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
June 27 – June 28.....	CLOSED
June 29 – July 3.....	Noon – 4:00 p.m.
July 4 - 5.....	CLOSED
July 6.....	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
July 7 -11.....	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
July 12.....	Noon – 2:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT RULES FOR 2026

NEW – Premium waiver Statement

The Department of Agriculture shall use its best efforts to secure sufficient appropriations to fund premiums in any year for which the General Assembly of the State of Illinois fails to make an appropriation sufficient to pay such premiums, premium amounts may not be accurately reflected in the premium book. Mercer County Fair Premiums are contingent upon state funding.

Entries in classes J & L will be accepted 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2026.

Entries in all departments except J & L must be postmarked by June 26, 2025 or entered at the fair office by July 3. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. All entries must be made on an official entry blank found on the Fair website (www.mercercountyfair.org). Only one person per entry blank. FEES FOR ALL ENTRIES, TICKETS, AND STALLS OR PENS MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY. (This is a Department of Agriculture ruling).

All livestock to be exhibited are subject to spot checks of tags and registration papers by the department superintendent. Entries in Junior Show will follow the same rules as the Open Show, including entry fee, stalls, etc. If you enter the Open Show, no stall fee will be charged for the Junior Show.

From the State:

Junior Age Requirements (effective January 2006). Junior classes are eligible for premium State aid only if they are open to boys and girls who are 8 years of age or in third grade, and not yet 19 years of age on or before September 1 of the year previous to the fair. All animals (i.e. individual, herd or flock classes) shown in junior classes must be the property of the boys and girls showing them. If the same animals are shown in both the open classes and junior classes, they shall be shown under the same exhibitor's name (for example, the father is not permitted to show an animal in the open class and the son or daughter to show the same animal in the junior classes).

72-Hour Rule: Exhibits and livestock are required to be in place for exhibition on the fairgrounds for a minimum of three days, except for exhibits and livestock in 4-H club shows, junior shows, one-day shows, and in Departments C, D, E, Q, R, S, T, V, and Z. The county fair board may require specified exhibits and livestock to stay beyond the minimum 72-hour exhibition time.

NO PAPER BEDDING. NO ALCOHOL IN LIVESTOCK BARNES.

Exhibits and premium checks for departments J – P1 may be picked up between Noon and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 12, 2026

Exhibitors in all other departments MUST sign for and pick up checks before July 12 at 2:00 p.m. or bring a self-addressed, stamped envelope and sign a waiver.

The Secretary's Office will not be open AFTER July 12, 2026.

For those exhibitors who need to record the movement of their livestock, the Mercer County Fairgrounds. Premise Identification Number is 006JSYL

EXHIBITOR'S TICKET

Before any exhibitor can make entries in any department, he must first purchase an exhibitor or season ticket. This ticket will allow the Purchaser to make entries in any department, and free admission of self to the grounds during the week of the Fair. On e additional exhibitor ticket per livestock exhibitor may be purchased when entries are made. Additional exhibitor tickets cannot be purchased after entries have been made without approval of department superintendent.

Price of this ticket.....\$11.00

CONCESSIONS PLEASE NOTE:

All concessions are regulated by the superintendent of concessions. He shall have control of the concessions and privileges and collect all the rent.

CAMPING AT THE MERCER COUNTY FAIR

RV campsites are limited at the fair.

They will be assigned on a first reserved basis.

Cost - \$35/night

10 sites are available at the campground behind the grandstand with 30amp hook-up.

The carnival campers are on the east side of chain-link fence. All other campers are west of the fence.

Water hydrants are nearby.

The RV dump station is located at the southwest end of the fairgrounds.

Camping is NOT allowed in any other area of the fairgrounds.

Contact: Gary Unsworth, 309/221-4698

GOLF CARTS OR ATVS

Golf carts or ATVs will **NOT** be allowed on the fairgrounds.

Exceptions will be for: FAIR BOARD MEMBERS, CONCESSIONAIRE VENDORS, AND CARNIVAL ASSOCIATES ONLY.

NOTICE
Regulations and General Arrangements
This exhibition will be open on July 7 - 11, 2026

All entries except Dept J & L must be mailed to the Secretary, Mercer County Fair, PO Box 141, Aledo, IL, and postmarked no later than June 26, 2026.

ENTRIES FOR PREMIUMS

1. All persons may compete for premiums unless otherwise specifically designated, whether residents of Mercer County or not. All exhibitors are required to purchase an Exhibitor's Ticket. This ticket will allow the purchaser to make entries in any department and free admission of self to the grounds during the week of the Fair. Also, all entry fees and stall fees must be paid before exhibit will be judged.
2. All animals and articles exhibited for premiums must be entered in the superintendent's book in the proper departments and number mentioned in the Premium List. Entries having been made will not be changed by the Secretary unless an error has been made by him and entries of animals or articles in wrong classes will debar them from competition unless corrected before the entries close.
3. No exhibitor will be allowed personally to have access to the books of the secretary during the Fair but may on application have such explanations as necessary made by the Secretary.
4. Products of mechanical, artistic, or scientific skill must be entered by the manufacturers, artists, contrivers, or by their legally authorized agents. The Secretary may require proof of the above by exacting an affidavit. Products of the soil must be entered by the producer or agent. Animals by their owners or agents. Secretary may require proof of the ownership affidavit.
5. Any animal may be entered singly as one of a herd or pair in speed ring and in sweepstakes, but otherwise, no animal or article can be entered more than once or drawn more than once premium except in Department H.
6. Any person making an entry of an animal or article, misrepresenting the same in any way, will forfeit the premium and be excluded from competition.
7. No superintendent will be permitted to enter or exhibit in any department to which he or she is superintendent.

PREMIUM PAYMENTS

For the benefit of all exhibitors, the Fair Board has authorized that all entry fees and state appropriation monies will be kept separate. The Secretary and Treasurer will pay these amounts to the exhibitors. Required by state law that exhibitors must secure their premium money and sign receipt for the same before exhibits will be released. All premium money not called for within 30 days from the last day of the fair shall be forfeited to the Association.

AWARDING PREMIUMS

1. The Superintendent shall annually appoint an expert judge or judges for their department and report to the Secretary.
2. Judges shall report themselves to the department Superintendent at the designated hour set by the Superintendent.
3. The Judge will examine the animals or articles entered under each number in their departments in numerical order and mark the blanks in the award books to which they awarded the premium. The Judge and Superintendent will then sign the report and return it to the Secretary.
4. When doubts arise, the department may require evidence that any animal or article belonging property to the department and number in which it is entered and if they become satisfied that a wrong entry has been made, they will award no premium.
5. Exhibitors are expected to promptly obey the Superintendent in producing their stock and failing to do so and failing to have them in time and place, they will be ruled out of competition.
6. Superintendents may require exhibitors of thoroughbreds or standard bred stock to furnish affidavit that are the same as thoroughbred or standard stock.
7. The Superintendent may recommend discretionary premiums, but the amount thereof shall be determined by the Executive Board.
8. No premiums shall be awarded or any articles to which a premium has previously been awarded by the Society, and the Superintendent may require an affidavit that the article has never taken a premium before.
9. Any exhibitor who shall interfere or attempt to influence the Judge while making awards shall be excluded from competition.
10. All stock drawing premiums shall be exhibited to the audience in front of the amphitheater when called for by the Superintendent.
11. All animals entered for exhibition shall be subject to the inspection of a competent veterinarian and those diseased will be refused admittance to the grounds.
12. No exhibitor may collect more than 2 premiums in any one class.
13. Any exhibitor found to be abusing an exhibit will be ordered from the fairgrounds, and shall forfeit all entry fees, passes, and any premium for which they are entitled.

PROTESTS

Protests designed to affect an award must be made by an interested party and notice given to the Superintendent of the department before the examination of the protested animal, or article is concluded and a written statement verified by affidavit setting for the reason for protesting must be filed with the Secretary on the day the animal or article is exhibited. A failure to fulfill this requirement will be considered as a waiver of all such objections by party protesting.

PAYMENTS OF PREMIUMS

The Fair Association reserves the right to pay the premiums pro-rata if the net proceeds of the Fair Association are not sufficient to pay the premium in full.

EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE

Due to conditions of the State Aid and the per-ratio of premium State Aid Fund by the department under the new law, the Mercer County

Agricultural Society Board reserves the right to pay premiums herein listed on the basis of the published amounts.

Further, the Mercer County Agricultural Society Board reserves to itself the final and absolute right to reduce the amount of money offered in any classification in any department herein to conform to the anticipated state aid receipts.

Should it be necessary for this reduction to be made, it will be done prior to the day of the show. In paying premiums, no evidence of award will be recognized except the Judges Book properly signed by the judge and superintendent and not from ribbons or cards that may be attached to exhibits. Ribbons and cards sometimes become misplaced.

Persons applying for orders shall return empty tag, showing the exhibitor's number, department list number and entry number.

The post office address of the exhibitor must be given to the clerk when entries are made. No premiums will be paid on animals or articles removed from the grounds before the close of the Fair without the written permission of the Executive Board. Owners of premium stock refusing to exhibit same at the time indicated in the program forfeit the premium awarded.

ALL EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO USE DESIGNATED AREAS FOR TRAILER PARKING AND LIVESTOCK TIE OUT.

USE OF LARGE ROUND BALES FOR HAY OR BEDDING IS PROHIBITED.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS

The Fair Board has implicit confidence in its Superintendents in all departments. Should a question arise in any department, the Superintendent of the department is the sole judge as to such questions, and his or her decisions are final.

Superintendents will not leave their departments without placing a proper person in charge to watch the property.

....While the Board assumes no responsibility whatsoever for loss or damage by theft or otherwise, the Board requests the Superintendents

Use their judgment in looking after exhibitor's interests to the best possible advantage.

No property is to be removed from the appointed time on the last day of the Fair unless otherwise designated by the Superintendent.

No Superintendent will be permitted to enter or exhibit in any department to which he or she is Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT OF CONCESSIONS

All concessions are regulated by the superintendent of concessions. He shall have control of the concessions and privileges and collect all the rent.

OVERCHARGING NOT ALLOWED

All concessions must be charged a reasonable price for the goods they are selling regardless of its character.

Overcharging will be a violation of the Society's Rules and Regulations and any person violating this rule will be closed up and all payments that have been made will be forfeited to the society.

The Superintendent shall be the judge as to what constitutes an overcharge. This rule applies to all privileges sold on the fairgrounds.

PRIVILEGES

Any person buying a privilege, and not taking possession of the same themselves, or their agents, by Tuesday noon, of the week of the Fair, forfeits their privilege to the Society and all money heretofore paid on the same. The Superintendent shall reserve the right of cancellation at any time for reasons satisfactory to him on all contracts with concessionaires.

Each concessionaire must confine himself to the place assigned. Failure to do so will subject him to forfeiture of his privilege without reimbursement. Under no circumstances will any person or firm be allowed to place any advertising matter upon buildings, trees or any place on the grounds, nor will it be permitted to drive nails in any building, trees, or fence belonging to the Association. Not advertising matter can be distributed except under the supervision of the Superintendent.

Positively no concessions or shows will be allowed that do not comply with the State Sanitary Regulations or the Illinois Department of Agriculture of Springfield regulations with regard to gambling, confidence games, etc. All such will be excluded from the grounds. This Fair is in full cooperation with the Departments in Springfield in running a clean fair and will not tolerate anything of this nature.

CO-SUPERINTENDENTS OF GROUNDS

The Co-Superintendents shall, with the advice and other control of the Executive Board have charge of the Fairgrounds during week of the Fair. They shall assign to the departments their places.

1. The General Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Marshal, Gatekeepers, and Policemen shall be sworn-in conservators of the peace, and it shall be their duty to arrest and take before a magistrate anyone creating disorder or violating the rules of the Society or the laws of the State.
2. All possible care will be taken of stock or articles for exhibitors or otherwise brought upon the grounds, but the Society will not be responsible for loss or damage.
3. In case the days of the Fair are stormy, the program for the day may be postponed or omitted and the Fair continued and the discretion of the Executive Committee.
4. No sleeping tents allowed on the grounds except under the direction of the General Superintendent.
5. Riding or driving on the track by any person or persons during exhibition, except when competing for premiums, is strictly forbidden. The Society will not be responsible for any damage to persons or property resulting from their being on the track. The general public is hereby warned that the track is dangerous territory during the exhibition hours and all other times.
6. The officers of the Society will take all practical care of all stock and other articles after arrival and arrangements on the grounds but will not be responsible for any losses or damage that may occur to any person, animal or article. Exhibitors must see that articles for exhibition in the Floral Hall are delivered to the Superintendents. The Society cannot in any way provide transportation or be subject to any expenses either in the delivery or return from the grounds. The Superintendent will use diligent care to secure the safety of articles after arriving and arrangements in the building but will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.

REMOVAL OF OBJECTIONABLE EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS

The management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal, concession or show that may be falsely entered to be unsuitable or objectionable or to remove any sign, banner, or advertising matter of any kind which may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable to them, without assigning a reason thereof, and if necessary to return any money already paid for space or stalls, which shall exonerate them from any claim whatsoever on the part of the exhibitor or purchase.

CLAIM FOR INJURY

No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted nor suit instituted or maintained against the Mercer County Agricultural Society, its officers or their agents, by or on behalf of any person, firm or corporation or their agents, representatives, servants, or employees having license or privilege to exhibit on the Fairgrounds or occupy any space thereon.

If any damage, loss or injury to person or property shall be proximately caused by reason of neglect or willful act of any persons, firms or corporation or their agents, representatives, servants or employees having license or privilege to exhibit on said Fairgrounds, or occupying space thereon the Mercer County Agricultural Society shall in no matter be responsible therefore and in case it is subjected to any expense or liability all persons causing same are liable, therefore shall indemnify the said Mercer County Agricultural Society of Aledo, Illinois.

Nor will any officers or employees of the Fair be permitted to negotiate assurance or to make any guarantee whatsoever regarding same. Property owners desiring insurance against fire or other protection must make their own arrangements, therefore. No officers or employees have any authority to suspend or change this rule.

For Health Requirement Information:
Illinois Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare
State Fairgrounds P.O. Box 19281
Springfield, IL 62794-9281
Phone (217)782-4944
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County Fairs

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 shall require an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available by calling the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (217)782-4944. Permits may also be obtained online at <http://www.agr.state.il.us/AnimalHW/animalregistry/login.php>.
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. CVI means a legible record made on an official form from the state of origin which has been issued, signed and dated by an accredited veterinarian and which shows the name and address of the animal's owner or exhibitor and the results of all required tests or vaccinations. A CVI shall list only one animal identification per line; shall be presented on the form on which it was initially issued; and shall not be corrected, changed or altered in any manner.
3. All animals shall be officially identified. The animal(s) official identification shall be recorded on the CVI.
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. CVI for out-of-state livestock shall be voided thirty (30) days after issuance.
6. CVI for Illinois original livestock shall be voided ninety (90) days after issuance.
7. All livestock shall be subject to examination upon entry to any Illini 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. Any livestock infected with scabies, mange, active lesions of ringworm, sore mouth, 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 gaseous lymphadenitis evidenced by draining abscesses shall not be exhibited and are subject to immediate quarantine or removal from the fairgrounds.
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. New 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 any 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, carvidae, or goats being exhibited in non-accredited free states must be isolated for 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 either a fully healed and legible tattoo, approved official ear tag, registration number (can only be used if the tattoo is recorded on the registration certificate or for breeds where pictures are acceptable) or individual brands, if brand is recorded on the registration certificate.

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 and Illinois steers 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 by calling the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (217)782-4922. Permits may also be obtained only at <http://www.agr.state.il.us/AnimalHW/animalregistry/login.php>.

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. Animals 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.

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 of origin within 30 days) must be isolated and retested for TB 60/120 days from the last official TB test date.

SWINE

Illinois Swine Identification

1. Swine shall be identified by an official ear tag, tattoo or recognized breed ear notch.
2. Ear notch identification is acceptable for all barrows, crossbred gifts and breeding swine. (Note: Ear notch identification of crossbred swine does not satisfy USDA identification requirements for interstate movement of official testing.)

Brucellosis

Brucellosis testing is not required for Illinois swine.

Pseudorabies

Pseudorabies testing is not required for Illinois swine.

Out-of-State Swine

All out-of-state swine are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available by calling the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (217)782-4944. Permits may also be obtained online at: http://www.agr.state.il.us/Animal_HW/animalregistry/login.php.

1. Individually identified by an official ear tag, tattoo or recognized breed ear notch.
2. Ear notch identification is not acceptable for crossbred animals.

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 originated from a Pseudorabies Stage 1V 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 originated 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 of APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database.

Market Lambs

All market lambs must be slick shorn (show ring ready) before weigh-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. For any animal born after 1/1/2002, 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 by calling the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (217)782-4944. Permits may also be obtained online at <http://www.agr.state.il.us/AnimalHW/animalregistry/login.php>.

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. For any animal born after 1/1/2002, the CVI must include the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

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. 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. 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. For any animal born after 1/1/2002, 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 by calling the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (217)782-4944. Permits may also be obtained online at <http://www.agr.state.il.us/AnimalHW/animalregistry/login.php>.

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. For any animal born after 1/1/2002, 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 equine are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available by calling the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (217)782-4944. Permits may also be obtained online at: <http://www.agr.state.il.us/AnimalHW/animalregistry/login.php>.

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 infections 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.
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POULTRY

1. All entries (except waterfowl, i.e. domesticated fowl that normally swim, such as ducks and geese) in a show or exhibition shall have originated from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or equivalent hatchery or flock OR have a negative pullorium-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition. Exhibitor shall show proper information as to name and address of owner or exhibitor, name and address of the authorized testing agent, date of the testing and the number, breed, and species of those tested.
2. Prior to being used to transport poultry to a show, all crates, boxes, containers and vehicles shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.
3. Any poultry vaccinations must be performed at least 4 weeks prior to delivery to the show.
4. Upon admission to a show, all entries shall be examined by the official county fair veterinarian or qualified state personnel who shall also receive and examine all certificates necessary for admission of birds to a show. Birds not in show condition will be excused from exhibition and removed from the premises. Any fowl showing signs of illness during the fair will be removed from the exhibition grounds.
5. All out-of-state turkeys must originate from flocks that are officially classified as U.S. Mycoplasma Gallisepticum Clean in accordance with the provisions of the National Poultry Improvement Plan or be negative to a test for Mycoplasma gallisepticum within 30 days prior to entry.
6. A permit is also required for out-of-state poultry. A permit may be obtained by calling (217)782-4944. Please note: These poultry exhibition requirements do not apply to 4-H and FFA 1-day poultry shows where the entries are taken to the show and returned home the same day. However, a permit is required for out-of-state poultry.

CERVIDAE

(Deer, Elk, Reindeer, Caribou, Moose, Red Deer, and other Related Species)

Identification

All animals shall be individually identified with an approved tag, microchip or tattoo. Elk are required to have two official/approved unique identifiers.

Illinois Cervidae

Chronic Wasting Disease

For cervidae changing ownership or moving within the State, the owner must obtain a permit issued by the Department prior to movement and the cervid must originate from a herd that is enrolled in the Certified Monitored Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Program or the Contained Monitored Chronic Wasting Disease Program. The permit shall be obtained no more than 72 hours in advance of the movement of the cervids by providing the following information:

- A. Name and complete mailing address of person exhibiting the cervids;
- B. Certified Monitored Chronic Wasting Disease or Contained Monitored Chronic Wasting Disease Herd number;
- C. Name and complete mailing address of location where the animals will be exhibited;
- D. Number of animals and unique identification of the animals.

Tuberculosis

Illinois is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Illinois cervidae.

Out-of-State Cervidae
Chronic Wasting Disease

1. All cervidae entering Illinois must be in compliance with the Illinois Wildlife Code (520 ILCS 5). For more information, contact the Illinois Department of Natural Resources at (217)782-6384.
2. All cervidae entering Illinois must be accompanied by permit from the Department and a certificate of Veterinary Inspection that
 - a. Has been issued by an accredited veterinarian of the state of origin or a veterinarian in the employ of the United States Department of Agriculture;
 - b. Is approved by the Animal Health Official of the state of origin;
 - c. Shows that the cervidae are free from visible evidence of any contagious infectious or communicable disease or exposure thereto, do not originate from a CWD endemic area (any county and surrounding counties where CWD has been diagnosed in the past five years);
 - d. Number and unique identification of cervidae in shipment.

Brucellosis

Cervidae six (6) months of age and older must have a negative brucellosis card or PCFIA test within sixty (60) days prior to entry.

Tuberculosis

1. Accredited Tuberculosis Free States
All cervidae twelve (12) months of age and over shall be negative to two (2) single cervical tests for bovine TB no less than ninety (90) days apart with the second test conducted within ninety (90) days prior to entry. These animals shall be isolated from all other members of the herd during the testing period unless they originate from an accredited, qualified or monitored herd.
 - A. Cervidae from an accredited herd may be moved into Illinois without further TB testing provided that a certificate stating that such cervids originated from an accredited herd accompanies them.
 - B. Cervidae originating from qualified or monitored herds may enter with a negative test within ninety (90) days prior to entry and a certificate stating that the animals originate from a monitored herd.
2. Non-Accredited Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)
 - A. All cervidae shall 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 two (2) additional tuberculin tests conducted within 180 and 30 days prior to entry or exhibition.

RATITES

(Ostriches, Emus, Rheas, Cassowaries, and Kiwis)

Illinois Ratites

There are no requirements governing the movement of ratites within Illinois.

Out-of-State Ratites

1. Must be accompanied by a CVI and permit number. Entry permits are available by calling the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (217)782-4944.
2. Individually identified by leg band or microchip.
3. Negative test for Avian Influenza within 10 days prior to entry.

PIGEONS

There are no requirements governing the movements of pigeons within or into Illinois.

RABBITS

There are no requirements governing the movements of rabbits within or into Illinois.

LLAMAS

There are no requirements governing the movement of llamas within Illinois. A permit and health certificate is required for out-of-state llamas. Entry permit numbers are available by calling the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (217)782-4944.

Permits may also be obtained online at <http://www.agr.state.il.us/AnimalHW/animalregistry/login.php>.

Dept. A – Beef Cattle
5:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 8, 2026
Offering \$6530
Carson Hank, Superintendent, 309-525-4857

Entry Fee.....\$8.50, Steers \$12.50
Stall Fee (Stall size will be based on amount of available space)..... \$6.00 per head
Exhibitor Ticket.....\$11.00

NOTE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY June 26, 2026 or entered at the fair office by July 3.

1. Competition in this department varies according to the rules governing the various shows.
2. All purebreds must be registered in their respective breed association in the exhibitor's name. Exhibitors must have original registration papers for the Superintendent to inspect. Angus – Purebred, Hereford – Purebred, Shorthorn – 15/16 or greater, Simmental – $\frac{3}{4}$ or greater.
3. All breeding cattle entered must be registered and names and registry number will be required when entry is made. Certificates of transfer to exhibitor will also be required in cases where animal has not been bred by those making entry.
4. Before entries can be made in this department for any show, an exhibitor ticket of \$11.00 must be purchased.
5. Exhibitors may make reservations for stalls in writing on their entry form.
6. All cattle must be checked in from 10:00 a.m. – 1200 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8th. Cattle may leave after junior show.
7. All animals must have been examined by competent veterinarians and health certificates complying with state regulations governing such exhibitors presented at time of entry.
8. Entry fee to non-winners will NOT be returned in this department.
9. In making of entries to the superintendent of this department, their decisions shall be final and exhibitors are requested to cooperate with them to promote a good show and harmonious feeling throughout the Fair.
10. Only cattle kept for breeding purposes will be accepted for entry in the breeding classes and affidavits certifying to this effect may be demanded at the discretion of the Superintendent.
11. All entries in pair or group classes must be registered in the same exhibitor's name. This is a State rule.
12. Must be 10 or more heifers in a class before optional class will be used. This is the up to the discrepancy of the Superintendent. Please include birthdate of heifers on entry blank.
13. Commercial heifers will be shown by weight and must weigh in on Wednesday, July 8, 2026

NOTICE

1. Five entries are required in each class of breeding cattle unless approved by Superintendent.
2. In class where there are less than five, the Superintendent may substitute another age group of breed.
3. Animals shown in herd and group classes must have been entered and shown in classes for single animals.
4. All livestock trucks must be parked where designated. All livestock trailers must be parked at the west end of the fairgrounds. Beyond the grandstand
5. All tie outs in designated area. 6. Awards for Top 5 steers

Angus Category 1	Hereford Category 2	Shorthorn Category 3	Simmental Category 4	All Other Breeds Category 5	Commercial (90% Angus) Enter in Class 620 Category 6					
	201	301	401	501		Bulls calved after September 1, 2024	25	20		
103	203	303	403	503		Champion Bull	50			
104	204	304	404	504		Reserve Champion Bull	25			
				505		Pee Wee Bucket Calf less than 1 yr of age	Ch Rossette	Res Rossette		
106	206	306	406	506	606 Lt	Heifer Calves Calved after Jan. 1, 2025	40	35	30	25
107	207	307	407	507	607 Med	Heifer Calves born between Sept 1 - Dec. 31, 2024	40	35	30	25
108	208	308	408	508	608 Med Hwt	Summer Yearling - Late July 1 - Aug 31, 2024	40	35	30	25
109	209	309	409	509	609 Hvy	Summer Yearling - Early May 1 - June 30, 2024	40	35	30	25
110	210	310	410	510		Spring Yearling Heifer March 1 - April 30, 2024	40	35	30	25
111	211	311	411	511		Jr. Yearling Heifer Jan 1, - Feb 28, 2024	40	35	30	25
112	212	312	412	512		Sr. Yearling Sept 1 - Dec 31, 2023	40	35	30	25
113	213	313	413	513		Cow/Calf pair	25	20		
114	214	314	414	514	614	Champion Heifer	40			
115	215	315	415	515	615	Reserve Champion Heifer	40			
						616- GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER	40 & trophy			
						617 - RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER	40 & trophy			
						618 CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR	\$50			
						619 RESERVE COW/CALF PAIR	25			

Dept. B – Dairy Cattle
Judging 9:00 a.m. Friday, July 10, 2026
Offering \$5,465.00
Cliff Nesbitt, Superintendent
Phone 309-299-8816

Entry Fee.....	\$6.00 each
Staff Fee.....	\$6.00 each
Exhibitor Ticket.....	\$11.00

NOTE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY June 26, 2026 or entered at the fair office by July 3.

1. No exhibitor will be allowed more than two premiums in each class. Unless there is more than 1 exhibitor in group classes, only 1 premium will be paid.
2. All animals to be entitled to a premium must be entered in their class and must be purebred.
3. Only first place winners will be eligible to show in the Champion class.
4. All animals over three years of age must give satisfactory evidence to the Judge of being breeders, or be expelled from competition. Superintendent will strictly enforce this rule.
5. The dates of computing ages of Dairy Cattle are given in the class description.
6. All animals over four months of age to be registered and certificates to be available for superintendent. In each class where more than one animal is shown, all animals must be owned by one exhibitor.
7. Cattle must be on the grounds by 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2026
8. Cattle will be released Friday, July 10 after the 4-H Auction has completed.
9. Group classes will be as follows:
 - A. JUNIOR GET-OF-SIRE: Group to consist of 4 animals, under 2 years of age, none of which has freshened, either sex, the get of one sire, not more than two bulls. SIRE MUST BE NAMED.
 - B. BEST THREE JUNIOR FEMALES: All animals bred and owned by exhibitor. Animals must be less than two years of age.
 - C. DAIRY HERD: Group to consist of 4 cows that have been freshened. All to be owned by exhibitor.
 - D. BEST THREE SENIOR FEMALES: Any age, all three bred and owned by exhibitor. At least one must be 2 years old or over.
 - E. DAM AND DAUGHTER: Both females must be entered and shown in respective classes. May be owned by more than ONE EXHIBITOR.
 - F. GET-OF-SIRE: Group to consist of 4 animals, either sex, the get of one sire at least one to be two years of age or older. Not more than two can be bulls. SIRE MUST BE NAMED. Animals need not all be owned by one exhibitor. Group entry limited to one entry per exhibitor.
 - G. PRODUCER OF DAM: Group to consist of 2 animals, any age, either sex, the produce of one cow. THE DAM MUST BE NAMED. Animals need not be owned by exhibitor. Group entry limited to one entry per exhibitor.
 - H. An animal can only be used in one entry per class.
10. Should any exhibitor exhibit a heifer under 24 months of age in milk same must be entered in cow class of two years old and under three.
11. Use of large round bales for hay for bedding is PROHIBITED.
12. All purebreds must be registered in their respective breed association in the exhibitor's name. Exhibitors must have a photocopy of registration papers to turn into the Superintendent.
13. All livestock trailers must be parked at the west end of the fairgrounds beyond the grandstand.

Junior	Senior Junior	Senior	Heifer	Yearling	Yearling 2023				
	744		828	873		Junior Heifer call from after March 1, 2024	22	16	11
700		784				Intermediate Heifer call December 1, 2023 & after	22	16	11
	745		830	874		Intermediate Heifer call December 1, 2023-February 28, 2024	22	16	11
702	748	786	832	876		Senior Heifer call September 1, 2023-November 30, 2023	22	16	11
704	748	788		878		Summer Yearling Heifer June 1, 2023-August 31, 2023	22	16	11
706	750	790		880		Junior Yearling Heifer March 1, 2023-May 31, 2023	22	16	11
			884			Junior Yearling Heifer March 1, 2022-August 31, 2022	22	16	11
708	752	792	886	890		Intermediate Yearling Heifer December 1, 2022-February 28, 2023	22	16	11
710	754	794	838	900		Senior Yearling Heifer September 1, 2022-November 30, 2022	22	16	11
712	755	796	840	902		Junior Champion Female	RIBBON		
714	756	798	842	904		Junior Get of Sire	22	16	11
716	758	800	844	906		Junior Best three females	22	16	11
718		802	846			Cow Junior 2 Yr Old March 1, 2022-August 31, 2022	22	16	11
720		804	848			Cow Senior 2 Yr Old September 1, 2021-February 28, 2022	22	16	11
	760			508		Cow 2 Yr Old September 1, 2021-August 31, 2022	22	16	11
722	762	808	850	910		Cow 3 Yr Old September 1, 2020-August 31, 2021	22	16	11
724	764	808	852	912		Aged Cow born before September 1, 2020	22	16	11
726	765	810	854	914		Dry Cow 3 Yrs Old & Over	22	16	11
728	768	812	856	916		Senior Champion Female	RIBBON		
730	770	814	858	918		Grand Champion Female	510 & RIBBON		
732	772	816	860	920		Best Udder Cow Any Age in milk	22	16	11
734	774	818	862	922		Dairy Hero	22	16	11
736	776	820	864	924		Senior Best Three Females	22	16	11
738	778	822	866	926		Dam & Daughter	22	16	11
740	780	824	870	928		Get of Sire	22	16	11
742	782	826	872	930		Produce of Dam	22	16	11
			940			Supreme Champion Over All Breeds	TROPHY		

Dept. F – Sheep
Open Breeding 11:00 a.m., Thursday, July 9, 2026
Offering \$.4,016
Sam Tromblee, Superintendent, 309-221-2945
Britany Tromblee Assistant Superintendent, 309-221-3899

Entry Fee..... \$6.00 each
Pens..... \$5.00 each
Exhibitor's Ticket..... \$11.00 each

NOTE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY June 26, 2026 or entered at the fair office by July 3

1. No exhibitor to receive more than two prizes in one class. No exhibitor may exhibit more than three breeds, regardless of ownership.
2. All sheep to be entitled to a premium must be entered in their class and must be registered in their respective breed association in the name of the exhibitor.
3. BE SURE TO OBSERVE HEALTH RULES OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.
4. Teeth shall designate age of sheep. Lambs – baby or milk teeth, Yearlings – 2 permanent teeth, Aged – 4 or more permanent teeth.
5. No entry fees or pen fees returned. No more than three sheep to pen. Pens will be assigned to Exhibitors by Superintendents. No pens to be used as sleeping quarters.
6. All entries must be presented before the Judge in ring to receive prize. All entries must be on grounds by 1:00 p.m., Monday, July 6, 2026.
7. All sheep will be released by Superintendent on Thursday, July 9, 2026 or upon completion of open show.
8. All livestock trucks must be parked where designated.
9. All purebreds must be registered in their respective breed association in the exhibitor's name. Exhibitors must have original registration papers for Superintendent to inspect. All other breeds are purebreds and must be registered.
10. Flock shall consist of 1 ram (any age), 2 yearling ewes, and 2 ewe lambs.
11. Any lamb shown as a market lamb cannot be shown as a breeding animal and vice versa.
12. All livestock trailers must be parked at the west end of the fairgrounds beyond the grandstand.

Hampshire	Southdown	Shropshire	Suffolk	Oxford	Katahdin/Dorper	Corriedale/Columbia AOB	Crossbred Breeding Stock						
1002	1028	1054	1080	1132	1158	1184	1212	Sr Ram Lamb, September 1-December 31	20	15	13	11	8
1004	1030	1056	1082	1134	1160	1186	1214	Jr Ram Lamb, on or after January 1	20	15	13	11	8
1006	1032	1058	1084	1136	1162	1187	1216	Pr. Of Ram Lambs	20	15	13	11	8
1008	1034	1060	1086	1138	1164	1190	1218	Ewe, 1 year old and under 2	20	15	13	11	8
1012	1038	1064	1090	1142	1168	1194	1220	Sr. Ewe Lamb, September 1 -December 31	20	15	13	11	8
1014	1040	1066	1092	1144	1170	1196	1222	Jr. Ewe Lamb, on or after January 1	20	15	13	11	8
1016	1042	1068	1094	1146	1172	1198	1224	Pr. Of Ewe Lambs	20	15	13	11	8
1022	1048	1074	1100	1152	1178	1204	1232	Champion Ram	5				
1024	1050	1076	1102	1154	1180	1206	1234	Champion Ewe	5				
								1260 Supreme Ewe Over all Breeds					Trophy & \$92
								1262 Supreme Ram Over All Breeds					Trophy & \$92

Dept. F1 – Open Market Lamb Show
 6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026
 Offering \$1,120
 Sam Tromblee, Superintendent, 309-221-2945
 Britany Tromblee, Assistant Superintendent, 309-221-3899
 Jason Guthrie, Assistant Superintendent, 309-230-2726

Entry Fee	\$6.00 per entry
Pen Fee	\$5.00
Exhibitor Ticket	\$11.00 each

No exhibitor to receive more than 2 monies in one class, 5 classes will be shown. Open to all breeds and grades. NOTE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY June 26, 2026 or entered at the fair office by July 3. All exhibitors must conform to the rules of the State of Illinois. Market lambs must be on the grounds by 4:00 p.m., Thursday, July 9, 2026, and will be released as soon as checks are available. All market lambs must be penned on natural bedding. When market lambs are being judged, they must have all four feet on the ground. No lifting of the animal. Slapping will not be tolerated. Artificial coloring will not be allowed. NO muzzles will be allowed on the market lambs and the management requests that all animals are fed and watered while on exhibition. Health papers must be presented At weigh ins.

F-1270 AOB.....	.25	20	15	10	5	
F-1271 AOB Champion.....						Rosette & \$20
F-1272 AOB Reserve Champion.....						Rosette & \$10
F-1273 Dorset.....	.25	20	15	10	5	
F-1274 Dorset Champion.....						Rosette & \$20
F-1275 Dorset Reserve Champion.....						Rosette & \$10
F-1276 Hampshire.....	.25	20	15	10	5	
F-1277 Hampshire Champion.....						Rosette & \$20
F-1278 Hampshire Reserve Champion.....						Rosette & \$10
F-1279 Natural.....	.25	20	15	10	5	
F-1280 Natural Champion.....						Rosette & \$20
F-1281 Natural Reserve Champion.....						Rosette & \$10
F-1282 Oxford.....	.25	20	15	10	5	
F-1283 Oxford Champion.....						Rosette & \$20
F-1284 Oxford Reserve Champion.....						Rosette & \$10
F-1285 Shropshire.....	.25	20	15	10	5	
F-1286 Shropshire Champion.....						Rosette & \$20
F-1287 Shropshire Reserve Champion.....						Rosette & \$10
F-1288 Southdown.....	.25	20	15	10	5	
F-1289 Southdown Champion.....						Rosette & \$20
F-1290 Southdown Reserve Champion.....						Rosette & \$10
F-1291 White Face Cross.....	.25	20	15	10	5	
F-1292 White Face Cross Champion.....						Rosette & \$20
F-1293 White Face Cross Reserve Champion.....						Rosette & \$10
F-1294 Black Face Cross Heavy.....	.25	20	15	10	5	
F-1295 Black Face Cross Light.....	.25	20	15	10	5	
F-1296 Black Face Cross Champion.....						Rosette & \$20
F-1297 Black Face Cross Reserve Champion.....						Rosette & \$10

ADDED SPONSORSHIP MONEY FOR TOP 5

F-1298 Champion Market Lamb.....TROPHY & \$50
Plus \$500 SPONSORSHIP MONEY

F- 1299 Reserve Champion Market Lamb.....TROPHY & \$50
Plus \$400 SPONSORSHIP MONEY

3rd Overall Market LambTROPHY
Plus \$300 SPONSORSHIP MONEY

4th Overall Market LambTROPHY
Plus \$200 SPONSORSHIP MONEY

5th Overall Market LambTROPHY
Plus \$100 SP

Dept. G - Swine
Total Offering \$5,420
Blake Bull, Co-Superintendent, 309-537-3308
Jim Mayhew, Co-Superintendent, 309-371-3868
Luke Salmon, Assistant Superintendent 309-371-4604

2026 Judging Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

4-H Barrow and Gilt Weigh-In.....10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

4-H Market Gilts9:00 a.m.

4-H Barrow Show To follow 4-H Gilts

Open & Junior Swine Weigh-In..... 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

Market Gilt Show and Open Barrow9:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Junior Market Gilts9:00 a.m.

Junior Barrow Show To follow Junior Gilts

Market Gilt Show and Open Barrow

Entry Fee\$7.00

Exhibitor Ticket\$11.00 each

Pen Fee.....\$5.00 each

GENERAL RULES

NEW

Swine Exhibitors: Exhibitors must have the following at the scale or your animals will not be weighed:

- Health papers in exhibitor's name or family name
- Registration papers for purebreds
- 840 EID Tag in the ear

1. There are single barrow and single market gilt classes. Barrows and gilts WILL NOT show against each other.
2. All pigs must have been farrowed on or after December 1, 2025
3. All animals need to be pre-entered. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY June 26, 2026 or entered at the fair office by July 3. Entry fee non-refundable. Make entries in entry class number only.
4. Barrows and gilts must be on the grounds and weighed by 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2026.
5. Exhibitors are not limited to the number of entries, but may only collect two monies in any one class.
6. Weight classes will be determined after barrows and market gilts are weighed. There will be NO re-weigh.
7. Superintendent will select the open hog show judge.
8. All animals entered in Dept. G subject to examination by competent veterinarian.
9. Classes will be divided according to the Superintendent.
10. Open barrows and gilts not staying for the Junior Swine Show will be released at the conclusion of the Open Hog Show after checks are available.
11. In case of protest, the person making the protest must present same in writing, sworn and signed before a notary public.
12. Exhibitors are required to clean their pens at the conclusion of the show.
13. No loading out will be allowed between 4 p.m. to midnight Friday.
14. Wood chips only for bedding.
15. Pens are assigned by the Superintendent. One pig per pen. Tack pens are at the discrepancy of the Superintendent.
16. There will be a champion single barrow and a reserve champion single barrow. There will be a champion market gilt and reserve market gilt. Barrows and gilts will NOT show against each other.
17. Purebred barrow and gilt must be farrowed after Dec 1, 2025.
18. All livestock trailers must be parked at the west end of the fairgrounds beyond the grandstand.

Show Order:

Gilts will show first followed by barrows

Cross Gilts Cross Barrows

Pure Gilts Cross Gilts

Champion Gilt Champion Barrow

Dept.H – Junior Livestock
Total Offering \$11,596

Exhibitor Ticket.....\$11.00

NOTE: ALL EXHIBITORS IN THE JUNIOR SHOW MUST PAY AN ENTRY FEE. A STALL FEE WILL BE CHARGED IF NOT IN OPEN SHOW, NO EXCEPTIONS. Stalls and pen fees listed under classes.

Open to boys and girls who are 8 years of age or in third grade and not yet 19 years of age as of September 1 of the year previous to the fair. All animals (i.e. individual, herd, or flock classes) shown in junior classes must be the property of the boys and girls showing them. If the same animals are shown in both the open classes and junior classes, they shall be shown under the same exhibitor's name (for example, the father is not permitted to show an animal in the open class and the son or daughter to show the same animal in the junior classes).

JR. BEEF SHOW
Offering \$4,365
Drew Johnson, 309-337-5700

NOTICE: All livestock trucks must be parked where designated. All tie outs in designated areas. NOTE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY June 26, 2026 or entered at the fair office by July 3. Send with entry, Exhibitor Ticket- \$11.00 each, Stall Fee - \$6.00 each, Entry Fee - \$10.00.

1. All calves will be weighed on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at the Fairgrounds to determine the weight class between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. This includes the commercial heifers and market heifers.
2. The 1st and 2nd place calves of each breed division will show for guard champion and reserve champion.
3. All calves must have been dropped on or after January 1, 2026.
4. No exhibitors may show more than four steers or four heifers. These can be one or more of the following breeds: Angus, Shorthorn, Hereford, Simmental, AOB, or Mixed.
5. All Steers will be mouthed to determine if they are correctly classified.
6. All heifers must be checked in at scales Wednesday, July 7, 2026
7. 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tattoo must be correct. Registration papers will be checked at same time.
8. Heifer must show in class entered and be accompanied with the appropriate purebred registration in exhibitor's name. Shorthorn – registration (15/16 blood or greater), Simmental (3/4 blood or greater).
9. Livestock must be on the grounds by 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, 2025.
10. All purebred steers must have the appropriate registrations or certificate – Angus – registration. Hereford – certificate. Shorthorn – registration (15/16 blood or greater). Simmental – ASA Performance Pedigree (1/2 blood or greater). Steers without the appropriate papers and all other steers will show in crossbreds.
11. Exhibitors must have original registration paper for the Superintendent to inspect.
12. All livestock must have 840 tag and health paper.
13. All livestock trailers must be parked at the west end of the fairgrounds beyond the grandstand.

Dept. H1-Jr. Market Beef Show
 THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026
 9:00 a.m.
 Offering \$1,760

Entry Class	Angus	Hereford	Shorthorn	Simmental	AOB	Crossbred						
	1350	1360	1370	1380	1390	1400						
	1352	1362	1372	1382	1392	1402	Lightweight Market Animal	35	30	25	20	15
	1354	1364	1374	1384	1394	1404	Heavyweight Market Animal	35	30	25	20	15
	1356	1366	1376	1386	1396	1406	Champion	20				
	1358	1368	1378	1388	1398	1408	Reserve Champion	15				
						1410	Grand Champion Market Animal	100 & Trophy				
						1412	Reserve Grand Champion Market Animal	Trophy & 100				

5th paid in
 Crossbred
 steers only

Dept. H2 – Jr. Heifer Show
 THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026 – After Jr. Market Animal
 Show Offering - \$2,605

Entry Class	Angus	Hereford	Shorthorn	Simmental	All Other Breeds	Commercial (By Weight) Enter Class 1480						
	1420	1430	1440	1450	1460	1481	Lt wt	Heifer Calved after April 1, 2025	35	30	25	20
	1422	1432	1442	1452	1462	1482	Med wt	Heifer Feb 1, 2024-March 31, 2025	35	30	25	20
	1424	1434	1444	1454	1464	1484	Heavy wt	Heifer Sept 1, 2024-Jan 31, 2025	35	30	25	20
	1426	1436	1446	1456	1466	1486		Champion Heifer	10			
	1428	1438	1448	1458	1468	1482		Reserve Champion Heifer	5			
						1490		Grand Champion Heifer	100 & Trophy			
						1495		Reserve Grand Champion Heifer	75 & Trophy			
	1500	1510	1520	1530	1540	1550		Cow/Calf Pair	30			
						1560		Champion Cow/Calf Pair	100			
						1570		Reserve Champion Cow/Calf Pair	80			

Dept. H4
 Junior Swine & Barrow Show
 SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026
 9:00
 Offering \$2,785
 Co-Superintendent: JIM MAYHEW (309)371-3868
 Assistant Superintendent: LUKE FITCHNER
 BLAKE BULL (309)537-3308
 LANCE MAYHEW, (309)737-0058

Exhibitor's Ticket \$11.00 and Pen Fee - \$5.00 each Entry Fee \$6.00

RULES

NEW

Swine Exhibitors: Exhibitors must have the following at the scale or your animals will not be weighed:

- Health papers in exhibitor's name or family name
- Registration papers for purebreds
- 840 EID Tag in the ear

1. All animals need to be pre-entered. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY June 26, 2026 or entered at the fair office by July 3
2. All pigs must have been farrowed on or after Dec 1, 2025.
3. All barrows and market gilts must be on the grounds and weighed by 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 9, 2026
4. Each exhibitor may show only 4 single barrows and 4 single market gilts.
5. Only 2 monies can be collected in any 1 class.
6. Absolutely no gilts will be shown in the barrow classes.
7. Entries will not be released until the end of the show.
8. Exhibitors may use wood chip bedding only.
9. Pens are assigned by superintendent. One pig per pen. Tack pens are at the discretion of the superintendent.
10. All livestock trailers must be parked at the west end of the fairgrounds beyond the grandstand.

Show Order:

Gilts will show first, followed by barrows

Cross gilt	Cross barrow
Pure gilt	Pure barrow
Champion gilt	Champion barrow

H 1500 Market Gilt Entry Class

H 1502 Lightweight Market Gilt.....	35	30	25	20	18	15	12
H 1504 Medium Weight Market Gilt.....	35	30	25	20	18	15	12
H 1505 Light Heavy Weight Market Gilt.....	35	30	25	20	18	15	12
H1506 Heavyweight Market Gilt.....	35	30	25	20	18	15	12

H 1507 Purebred Market Gilt Entry Class

H1508LightWeightPurebred.....	35	30	25	20	18	15	12
H 1509 Medium Weight Purebred.....	35	30	25	20	18	15	12
H 1510 Heavy Weight Purebred	35	30	25	20	18	15	12
H 1511 Grand Champion							50, Trophy & Banner
H 1512 Reserve Grand Champion Market Gilt							25, Trophy & Banner
3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th Overall.....							Banner

H1514 Purebred Barrow Entry Clas

H 1516 Light Weight Purebred.....	35	30	25	20	18	15	12
H 1517 Light Medium Weight Purebred Barrow	35	30	25	20	18	15	12
H 1518 Medium Weight Purebred.....	35	30	25	20	18	15	12
H 1519 Heavy Weight Purebred.....	35	30	25	20	18	15	12

H 1520 Single Barrow Entry Class

H 1521 LightSingle	35	30	25	20	18	15	12
H 1522 LightMedimWeightCrossbred	35	30	25	20	18	15	12
H 1523 Light Heavy.....	35	30	25	20	18	15	12
H 1524 Medium Single.....	35	30	25	20	18	15	12
H 1525 Heavy Medium.....	35	30	25	20	18	15	12
H 1526 Heavy Single	35	30	25	20	18	15	12
H 1528 Grand Champion Single							50, Trophy & Banner
H 1529 Reserve Grand Champion Single							25, Trophy & Banner
3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th Overall Barrow.....							Banner

Dept H6 Junior Sheep Show
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8 2026

9:00

Offering \$2,998

Superintendent – Brittany Tromblee (309) 221-3899

Assistant Superintendent – Sam Tromblee, (309) 221-2945

Exhibitor's Ticket - \$11.00 Stall Rent - \$5.00 each Entry Fee - \$5.00

1. Exhibitor may enter in only one breed and only two in each class.
2. All lambs must be lambed on or after September 21, 2026, and registered in the exhibitor's name.
1. NOTE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY June 26, 2026 or entered at the fair office by July 3
3. All entries must be on grounds by 1:00 pm on Monday, July 6, 2026.
4. All entries will be released on Thursday by 1:00 p.m. by superintendent or upon completion of open sheep show and premium checks are signed for.
5. All market lamb entries must be weight Tuesday for weight split.
6. All market lambs must be penned on natural bedding, and when being judged, must have all four feet on the ground. No lifting, slapping, or artificial coloring of the animal.
7. NO MUZZLES will be allowed.
8. All purebreds must be registered in their respective breed association in their exhibitor's name. Exhibitors must have origin al registration papers for Superintendent to inspect. All other breeds are purebreds and must be registered.
9. Any lamb shown as a market lamb cannot be shown as a breeding animal and vice versa.
10. All livestock trailers must be parked at the west end of the fairgrounds beyond the grandstand.
11. Health papers must be presented at weigh ins.

Hampshire	Southdown/Cheviot	Shropshire	Suffolk	Oxford	Kalahadi/Dorper	Corriedale/Columbia/AOB	Crossbred Breeding Stock						
2101	2201	2401	2501	2701	2801	3001	3101	Ewe 1 Year & Over	12	10	9	8	7
2102	2202	2402	2502	2702	2802	3002	3102	Sr Ewe Lamb September 1-December 31	12	10	9	8	7
2103	2203	2403	2503	2703	2803	3003	3103	Jr Ewe Lamb January 1 & After	12	10	9	8	7
2104	2204	2404	2504	2704	2804	3004	3104	Ram 1 Year & Over	12	10	9	8	7
2105	2205	2405	2505	2705	2805	3005	3105	Sr Ram Lamb September 1-December 31	12	10	9	8	7
2106	2206	2406	2506	2706	2806	3006	3106	Jr Ram Lamb January 1 & After	12	10	9	8	7
2107	2207	2407	2507	2707	2807	3007	3107	Pair of Lambs (either sex)	12	10	9	8	7
2108	2208	2408	2508	2708	2808	3008	3108	Champion Ewe	RIBBON				
2109	2209	2409	2509	2709	2809	3009	3109	Champion Ram	RIBBON				
							21901	Champion Ewe Overall	\$25 & TROPHY				
							21902	Champion Ram Overall	\$25 & TROPHY				
							22000	Single Market Lamb Entry Class					
							22001	Light Market Lamb	12	10	9	8	7
							22002	Medium Market Lamb	12	10	9	8	7
							22003	Medium Heavy Market Lamb	12	10	9	8	7
							22004	Heavy Market Lamb	12	10	9	8	7
							22005	Market Lamb Pair Entry Class					
							22006	Light Market Lamb Pair	12	10	9	8	7
							22007	Medium Market Lamb Pair	12	10	9	8	7
							22008	Heavy Market Lamb Pair	12	10	9	8	7
							22010	Champion Market Lamb	\$25 & TROPHY				
							22011	Reserve Champion Market Lamb	RIBBON				
							22012	Champion Pair Market Lambs	\$25 & TROPHY				
							22013	Reserve Champion Pair Market Lambs	RIBBON				

Dept H8 Junior Dog Performance
 10:30 am Saturday, July 11, 2026
 Offering \$270.00
 Superintendent – LORRAINE KINSEY, (309)596-2542, (309)738-2295

Entry Fee.....	\$1.00
Exhibitor Ticket.....	\$11.00

NOTE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY June 26,2026or entered at the fair office by July 3. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED IN 2026.

1. Female dogs in season cannot participate in this show.
2. All dogs must be brought to the show on a six foot leash.
3. Exhibitors shall be limited to two entries in each class. The same dog cannot be shown in more than one class.
4. Beginner I class is for first year handler and first year dog.
5. Beginner II class is for second year or more handler and first year dog, or second year or more dog and first year handler.
6. Dogs do not have to have a qualifying score to receive premiums, ribbons, and trophy. AKC rules for judging will be used.
7. Special problems not covered by these rules will be covered by AKC rules and the Superintendent.
8. All dogs and participants must have attended previous training classes.

Non-State Fair Qualifying Classes

4000 Beginner 1 Class.....	10	8	6	4	2
4002 Beginner 2 Class.....	10	8	6	4	2

State Fair Qualifying Classes

4004 Beginner Novice I & II Class.....	10	8	6	4	2
4006 Preferred Novice Class.....	10	8	6	4	2
4008 Novice I Class.....	10	8	6	4	2
4010 Novice II Class.....	10	8	6	4	2
4012 Rally Novice Class.....	10	8	6	4	2
4014 Rally Intermediate Class.....	10	8	6	4	2
4016 Rally Advanced.....	10	8	6	4	2
4018 Grand Obedience Dog Award.....	TROPHY				
4020 Grand Rally Dog Award.....	TROPHY				

Dept H9 Junior Meat Goat Show
Immediately following the 4-H Goat Show (2:00 pm)
 Thursday, July 9, 2026
 Offering \$998
 Superintendent – Cliff Nesbitt (309)299-8816
 Co superintendent – Jason Guthrie (309) 230-2726

Entry Fee.....	\$6.00
Exhibitor Ticket.....	\$11.00
Pen Fee.....	\$5.00

NOTE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY June 26, 2026 or entered at the fair office by July 3 NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED IN 2026.

1. Weigh in will be 1:00 pm on Thursday, July 9, 2026
2. Entries will be released after show is over.
- 3. Goat show will be held in the Sheep- Barn**
4. All livestock trailers must be parked at the west end of the fairgrounds beyond the grandstand.

H 1700 Meat Goat Entry Class							
H 1701 Lightweight Wethers.....	.26	20	16	13	11	9	7
H 1702 Medium Weight Wethers .....	.26	20	16	13	11	9	7
H 1703 Heavyweight Wethers.....	.26	20	16	13	11	9	7
H 1704 Grand Champion Meat Goat Wether.....25 and Trophy							
H 1705 Res. Champion Meat Goat Wether.....15 and Trophy							
H 1709 Doe 0-4 Months.....	.26	20	16	13	11	9	7
H 1710 Doe 5-8.....	.26	20	16	13	11	9	7
H 1712 Doe 9-12.....	.26	20	16	13	11	9	7
H 1714 Doe 13-24.....	.26	20	16	13	11	9	7
H 1716 Doe 25 months and up .....	.26	20	16	13	11	9	7
H 1718 Dam/Daughter.....	.26	20	16	13	11	9	7
H 1720 Grand Champion Doe..... 25 and Trophy							
H 1722 Reserve Grand Champion Doe.....15 and Trophy							

Dept H10 Junior Rabbit Show
 Tuesday, July 7, 2026 11:00 am
 Offering \$180
 Superintendent – Tina Guthrie (309) 230-2725

Exhibitor Ticket.....\$11.00
 Entry Fee.....\$.50 per head, \$.75 per meat pen

ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY June 26, 2026 or entered at the fair office by July 3.

Rules:

1. Limited to 2 entries per class.
2. Fancy rabbits are non-meat breeds and commercial rabbits are meat breeds.
3. All rabbits tattooed, left ear, no 2 rabbits should have the same number owned by the same person.
4. Junior show only, Not (ARAB) sanctioned show.
5. Show is **not** limited to Mercer County residents only
6. No minimum age for participants but limited to 18 years old and under.

H 1800-Single Class

H 1802-Fancy Senior Buck (over 6 months).....	.5	4	3	2	1
H 1804-Fancy Senior Doe (over 6 months).....	.5	4	3	2	1
H 1806-Fancy Junior Buck (under 6 months).....	.5	4	3	2	1
H 1808-Fancy Junior Doe (under 6 months).....	.5	4	3	2	1
H 1810-Commercial Senior Buck (over 6 months).....	.5	4	3	2	1
H 1812-Commercial Senior Doe (over 6 months).....	.5	4	3	2	1
H 1814 Commercial 6-8 Month Old Buck.....	.5	4	3	2	1
H 1816 Commercial 6-8 Month Old Doe.....	.5	4	3	2	1
H 1818 Commercial Junior Buck (under 6 months).....	.5	4	3	2	1
H 1820 Commercial Junior Doe (under 6 months).....	.5	4	3	2	1
H 1822 Commercial Single Fryer.....	.5	4	3	2	1
H 1823 Best of Show.....					Trophy
H 1826 Commercial Meat Pen (3 rabbits max wt. 6 lbs per rabbit).....	.5	4	3	2	1
H 1828 Grand Champion Meat Pen.....					Trophy

All exhibits will be shown in the cattle show ring.

Dept J Gardening
Offering \$246
Co-Superintendent – LINDA WHITNEY (309) 582-5210
Co-Superintendent – BARB MANTHE (309) 582-2627
Co-Superintendent – KAY DOWNEY (309) 337-8787

Entry Fee..... \$.50 per entry
Exhibitor Ticket.....\$11.00

All exhibits are to be brought in on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Judging to commence at 3:00 pm. Entries may be removed from Noon to 2:00 pm, Sunday, July 12, 2026. Entries close 1 pm, Tuesday July 7, 2026. All items exhibited in Dept J must be owned and grown by the person exhibiting them and must be arranged on paper plates. Entries are limited to only 2 per class per exhibitor.

BEST OF SHOW

J 5020 Best of Show – Entries are not to be made in this class..... Trophy

VEGETABLES

J 5022 Green Beans (12 pods).....	3	2	1
J 5024 Yellow Beans (12 pods).....	3	2	1
J 5026 Banana Pepper (5).....	3	2	1
J 5028 Potted Herb Garden (5 to 8 varieties).....	3	2	1
J 5030 Onions, Green (12) without tops.....	3	2	1
J 5032 Peas (12 pods).....	3	2	1
J 5034 Sugar Snap Peas (12 pods).....	3	2	1
J 5036 Peppers, Small Fruited (12).....	3	2	1
J 5038 Tomatoes, Ripe (3) (Large Variety).....	3	2	1
J 5040 Beets (5) with 2-inch tops.....	3	2	1
J 5042 Carrots (5) with 2-inch tops.....	3	2	1
J 5044 Sweet Corn (5) (Husked).....	3	2	1
J 5046 Cucumbers, slicing (5).....	3	2	1
J 5048 Cucumbers, picking (5).....	3	2	1
J 5050 Kohirabi (3).....	3	2	1
J 5052 Onions, mature, with 2-inch tops (5) (brushed clean).....	3	2	1
J 5054 Bell Peppers (3).....	3	2	1
J 5056 Potato, Red (5) (Uniform in Size).....	3	2	1
J 5058 Potato, White (5) (Uniform in Size).....	3	2	1
J 5060 Rhubarb (3 stalks, no leaves).....	3	2	1
J 5062 Squash, summer (3).....	3	2	1
J 5064 Tomatoes, green (3) (Large Variety).....	3	2	1
J 5066 Turnips with 3-inch tops (5).....	3	2	1
J 5068 Cabbage (1).....	3	2	1
J 5070 Greens (1 plant).....	3	2	1
J 5072 Vegetable Basket (1 each of 10-12 specimens).....	3	2	1
J 5074 Lettuce, Head (1).....	3	2	1
J 5078 Broccoli (1 head).....	3	2	1
J 5080 Cauliflower (1 head).....	3	2	1
J 5082 Zucchini (3).....	3	2	1
J 5084 Odd shaped vegetables.....	3	2	1
J 5086 Potato, Largest 1 any variety (by weight).....	3	2	1
J 5088 Cabbage, Largest 1 any variety (by weight).....	3	2	1
J 5090 Longest stalk of Rhubarb.....	3	2	1

GRAINS

J 5092 Shelled Corn (1 quart glass jar).....	3	2	1
J 5094 Best Ear Corn (1).....	3	2	1
J 5096 Yellow Popcorn (1 quart glass jar).....	3	2	1
J 5098 White Popcorn (1 quart glass jar).....	3	2	1
J 5100 Oats (1 quart glass jar).....	3	2	1
J 5102 Soybeans (1 quart glass jar).....	3	2	1
J 5104 Wheat (1 quart glass jar).....	3	2	1
Dept J1 Corn Test Plot			

Superintendent – JEFF ATTIG (309) 371-7721

Rules: The corn will be planted on fair grounds in designated plots by department superintendent.

J1-10001 Variety			
1 st			Ribbon
2 nd			Ribbon
3 rd			Ribbon
4 th			Ribbon
5 th			Ribbon

Dept L Floriculture
 Offering \$516
 Co-Superintendent – LINDA WHITNEY (309)582-5210
 Co-Superintendent – BARB MANTHE (309)582-2627
 Co-Superintendent – KAY DOWNEY (309) 337-8787

Entry Fee..... \$.50 per entry
 Exhibitor Ticket.....\$11.00

All flowers are to be brought in on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 from 8 am to 1 pm. Judging to commence at 3 pm. Flowers may be removed from Noon to 2:00 pm on Sunday, July 12, 2026

1. Entries in this department close at 1 pm on Tuesday July 7, 2026
2. Children's class ages 10 & under, Youth class ages 11-17.
3. All flowers exhibited in Dept L must be owned and grown by the person exhibiting them and must be arranged in proper receptacles. Entries are limited to only 2 per class per exhibitor.
4. Plants must be owned and cared for by person exhibiting them for at least 3 months.
5. Commercial growers are invited to show for exhibition, but such exhibits are not to be judged.
6. A clear container is preferred for specimen or display classes.
7. Plants that have won premiums once may not be entered again.
8. Artificial flowers will not be accepted in any class.
9. Flowers will be judged on uniformity of color, size, and shape.
10. We are not responsible for containers.
11. Foliage from the flowers (if possible) should be included but not touching the water

BEST OF SHOW

L5110 Best of Show (Judge's Choice do not enter) Trophy

SPECIMEN CLASSES

A specimen shall be displayed in a plain container and the stem shall be long enough to compliment the flower. Remove all foliage that will be under water.

L5112 Best of Specimen/Judge's Choice Do not enter).....	5		
L5114 Miscellaneous	3	2	1
L5116 Dahlia, large – over 6 in. (1 bloom).....	3	2	1
L5118 Dahlia, medium – 4-6 in. (1 bloom).....	3	2	1
L5120 Dahlia, small – under 4 in. (1 bloom).....	3	2	1
L5122 Zinnia, large (1 bloom).....	3	2	1
L5124 Zinnia, small (1 bloom).....	3	2	1
L5126 Gladiolus (1 stem).....	3	2	1
L5128 Hybrid Tea Rose (1 bloom).....	3	2	1
L5130 Miniature Rose (1 bloom).....	3	2	1
L5132 Hydrangea (1 head).....	3	2	1
L5134 Hybrid Lily (whole stem).....	3	2	1
L5136 Hybrid Day Lily (not common) (whole stem).....	3	2	1
L5138 Geranium (1 stem).....	3	2	1
L5140 Sunflower (1 bloom).....	3	2	1

DISPLAY OF THREE

L5142 Best of Display of Three (Judge's Choice Do not enter).....	5		
L5144 Miscellaneous	3	2	1
L5146 Bachelor Button (3 blooms).....	3	2	1
L5148 Bells of Ireland (3 stems).....	3	2	1
L5150 Gloriosa Daisy (3 blooms).....	3	2	1
L5152 Calendula (3 blooms).....	3	2	1
L5154 Coreopsis (3 blooms).....	3	2	1
L5156 Cleomes (3 stems).....	3	2	1
L5158 Cosmos (3 blooms).....	3	2	1
L5160 Dahlia (3 blooms).....	3	2	1
L5162 Dianthus (3 blooms).....	3	2	1
L5164 Gaillardia (3 blooms).....	3	2	1
L5166 Geranium (3 stems).....	3	2	1
L5168 Gladiolus (3 stems).....	3	2	1
L5170 Cone Flowers (3 blooms).....	3	2	1
L5172 Lily (hybrid) (3 stems).....	3	2	1
L5173 Day Lily (hybrid) (3 stems).....	3	2	1
L5174 Marigolds, large (3 blooms).....	3	2	1
L5176 Marigolds, small (3 blooms).....	3	2	1
L5178 Nasturtiums (3 blooms).....	3	2	1
L5180 Pansy (3 blooms).....	3	2	1
L5182 Petunia, single (3 blooms).....	3	2	1
L5184 Petunia, ruffled (3 blooms).....	3	2	1
L5186 Petunia, double (3 blooms).....	3	2	1
L5188 Phlox (3 stems).....	3	2	1

L5190 Salvia (3 stems).....	3	2	1
L5191 Shasta Daisies (3 blooms).....	3	2	1
L5192 Snapdragons (3 stems).....	3	2	1
L5194 Sweet Peas (3 stems).....	3	2	1
L5196 Verbena (3 blooms).....	3	2	1
L5198 Zinnia, large (3 blooms).....	3	2	1
L5200 Zinnia, dwarf (3 blooms).....	3	2	1
L5202 Zinnia, novelty (3 blooms).....	3	2	1

PLANTS

L5204 Best of Plants (Judge's Choice- Do not enter).....	5		
L5206 Succulents.....	3	2	1
L5208 Vines.....	3	2	1
L5210 Fairy Garden.....	3	2	1
L5212 Dish Garden (3 or more kinds of plants).....	3	2	1
L5214 Flowering Plants.....	3	2	1
L5216 Foliage Plant.....	3	2	1

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

L5218 Best of Arrangements (Judge's Choice – Do Not Enter).....	5		
L5220 "Nature's All a Glow" (Arrangement of wild flowers).....	4	3	2
L5222 "I'm A Little Teapot" (Arrangement in small teapot).....	4	3	2
L5224 "John Deere Classic" (Green & Yellow Arrangement in a John Deere item).....	4	3	2
L5226 "Canning Time" (Arrangement in a Mason jar).....	4	3	2
L5228 "Christmas In July" (Red arrangement with a Christmas item).....	4	3	2
L5230 "USA – 250 Years" (Red, White & Blue Arrangement with a 250 year sign in the arrangement).....	4	3	2
L5232 "If the Show Fits" (Use a shoe or slipper for the container).....	4	3	2
L5234 "Raining Cats and Dogs" (Include a cat or dog in the arrangement).....	4	3	2
L5236 "Make Mine Milk" (Arrangement in glass or milk container).....	4	3	2
L5238 "Mary Had Marigolds (Arrangement of only marigolds).....	4	3	2
L5240 "From The Kitchen" (Arrangement in a kitchen container).....	4	3	2
L5242 "Farm Fresh" (Arrangement includes vegetable and flowers).....	4	3	2
L5244 "I Saw It At The Fair" (Arrangement with fair related item).....	4	3	2
L5246 "I Did It My Way" (Exhibitor's choice of flowers and container).....	4	3	2

CHILDREN'S CLASS
Ages 10 & Under

L5248 Best of Children's Entries (Judge's Choice-Do not enter).....	5		
L5250 Display of 3 Marigold blooms.....	3	2	1
L5252 Display of 3 Petunia blooms.....	3	2	1
L5254 Miscellaneous (1 kind of flower-3 blooms).....	3	2	1
L5256 "Disney or Monsters or Heroes" (Exhibitors choice).....	3	2	1

YOUTH CLASS Ages 11-17

L5258 Best of Youth Entries (Do not enter).....			
L5260 Display of 3 Marigold blooms.....	3	2	1
L5262 Display of 3 Petunia blooms.....	3	2	1
L5264 Miscellaneous (1 kind of flower-3 blooms).....	3	2	1
L5266 My Hero (Include a person or animal in the arrangement).....	3	2	1

Dept M Textile Fabrics
Offering \$630
Superintendent – Carol Guthrie, (309)582-4199

Exhibitor Ticket.....	\$11.00
Entry Fee.....	\$.50

NOTE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY June 26, 2026 or entered at the fair office by July 3.
 No article may have won a ribbon previously at the Mercer County Fair.
 Articles must be brought to the fair on Tuesday, July 7, 8 am – 4 pm
 All articles must be the work of the exhibitor and no limit on the number of entries.
 No duplicate entries. Cover any labels on items.
 Please attach entry tags to work.
 All pictures and wall hangings must be wired and ready to hang.
 All doll clothes must be removable.
 Articles released from Noon to 2:00 pm on Sunday, July 12, 2026

BEST OF SHOW

M5270 Judge's Choice.....	Trophy
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MERCERCOUNTY FAIR QUILT CHALLENGE
Mercer County Fair Quilt Challenge 2026

The Mercer County Fair Textile Department is announcing its 16th Annual Quilt Challenge for the 2026 Fair. This is a fundraiser to help support the fair since much of the state funding has been cut. Over the years, the fair has come a long way to what it is today. The goal is to continue to improve and maintain the fairgrounds that the volunteer directors devote many hours of hard work to so we can all enjoy the historic significance and the tradition of giving exhibitors an opportunity to showcase their hard work. The money raised from this challenge will be donated to the fair. The first annual Mercer County Quilt Challenge was started by Nancy Retherford for the fair of 2011. Any questions, please contact Carol Guthrie, (309)582-4199 or (309)582-5438.

1. Purchase a "fat quarter" of the designated fabric for \$5.00.
2. Use this fabric to make patriotic table runner.
3. You are encouraged to enter in the 2026 Mercer County Fair.
4. You may use any fabric to compliment the "fat quarter" that must be incorporated somewhere in the item you make.

M5272 Quilt Challenge	4	2.50	1
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RUGS

M5274 Rug, latch hooked.....	4	2.50	1
M5276 Rug, braided	4	2.50	1
M5278 Rug, crocheted.....	4	2.50	1
M5282 Rug, any other kind.....	4	2.50	1

QUILTS

M5284 Quilt, hand quilted-applique: size sofa throw or twin	4	2.50	1
M5286 Quilt, hand quilted-applique: size double or larger	4	2.50	1
M5288 Quilt, machine quilted-applique: size sofa throw or twin.....	4	2.50	1
M5290 Quilt, machine quilted-applique: size double or larger.....	4	2.50	1
M5291 Quilt, long arm quilted: size sofa or twin.....	4	2.50	1
M5292 Quilt, hand quilted-patchwork or pieced: size sofa throw or twin	4	2.50	1
M5293 Quilt, hand quilted-patchwork or pieced: size double or larger.....	4	2.50	1
M5294 Quilt, machine quilted-patchwork or pieced: size sofa throw or twin	4	2.50	1
M5296 Quilt, machine quilted-patchwork or pieced: size double or larger	4	2.50	1
M5297 Quilt, long arm quilted: size double or larger.....	4	2.50	1
M5298 Quilt, hand quilted-embroidered (includes cross stitch).....	4	2.50	1
M5300 Quilt, machine quilted-embroidered (includes cross stitch)	4	2.50	1
M5302 Quilt, whole cloth, any size, machine quilted.....	4	2.50	1
M5304 Quilt, comforter, any size	4	2.50	1
M5306 Quilt, baby-hand quilted, applique.....	4	2.50	1

M5308 Quilt, baby-hand quilted, pieced or patch work.....	4	2.50	1
M5310 Quilt, baby-machine quilted, applique.....	4	2.50	1
M5312 Quilt, baby-machine quilted, pieced or patch work.....	4	2.50	1
M5314 Wall Hanging, machine quilted-pierced or patch work.....	4	2.50	1
M5316 Wall hanging, machine quilted-applique.....	4	2.50	1
M5318 Wall hanging, hand quilted-pieced or patch work.....	4	2.50	1
M5320 Wall Hanging, hand-quilted-applique.....	4	2.50	1

AFGHANS

M5322 Afghan, knitted.....	4	2.50	1
M5324 Afghan, crocheted.....	4	2.50	1
M5326 Afghan, knitted child.....	4	2.50	1
M5328 Afghan, crocheted child.....	4	2.50	1

LINENS

M5330 Pillow Slips, Set of 2.....	4	2.50	1
M5332 Dresser Scarf.....	4	2.50	1
M5334 Guest Towels, Set of 2.....	4	2.50	1
M5336 Tea Towels, Set of 2 (not terry cloth).....	4	2.50	1
M5338 Place Mats, Quilted, Set of 4.....	4	2.50	1
M5340 Place Mats, Other, Set of 4.....	4	2.50	1
M5342 Napkins, Set of 4.....	4	2.50	1
M5344 Tablecloth.....	4	2.50	1
M5346 Table Runner, Quilted.....	4	2.50	1
M5348 Table Runner, Any other kind.....	4	2.50	1
M5350 Apron.....	4	2.50	1
M5352 Pot Holder, Set of 4.....	4	2.50	1

NEEDLEWORK

M5354 Cross Stitch Picture.....	4	2.50	1
M5356 Cross Stitch Pillow.....	4	2.50	1
M5358 Cross Stitch on Finished Article.....	4	2.50	1
M5360 Needlework Picture.....	4	2.50	1
M5362 Needlework Pillow.....	4	2.50	1
M5364 Tatted Article.....	4	2.50	1
M5368 Embroidered Picture.....	4	2.50	1
M5370 Embroidered Pillow.....	4	2.50	1
M5372 Embroidery on Garment.....	4	2.50	1
M5374 Embroidery on Finished Article.....	4	2.50	1
M5378 Crochet Garment, Adult.....	4	2.50	1
M5380 Crochet Garment, Child.....	4	2.50	1
M5382 Crochet Garment, Baby.....	4	2.50	1
M5383 Crochet Dolly.....	4	2.50	1
M5384 Crochet Tablecloth.....	4	2.50	1
M5385 Crochet on Finished Items.....	4	2.50	1
M5386 Knitted or Crochet Pillow.....	4	2.50	1
M5387 Knitted Garment, Adult.....	4	2.50	1
M5388 Knitted Garment, Child (ages 2 and up).....	4	2.50	1
M5390 Knitted Garment, Baby (ages 0 to 2).....	4	2.50	1
M5392 Wall Hanging Latch Hook.....	4	2.50	1
M5394 Wall Hanging, Any kind.....	4	2.50	1
M5396 Women's Wearing Apparel.....	4	2.50	1
M5400 Child's Wearing Apparel (ages 2 and up).....	4	2.50	1
M5402 Baby Wearing Apparel (ages 0 to 2).....	4	2.50	1
M5404 Wearable Art, Quilted.....	4	2.50	1
M5406 Wearable Art, Any Kind.....	4	2.50	1
M5408 Wearing Apparel, Christmas.....	4	2.50	1
M5410 Wearing Apparel, Holiday, Other than Christmas.....	4	2.50	1
M5411 Wool Felting.....	4	2.50	1
M5412 Any piece of Swedish weaving.....	4	2.50	1

MISCELLANEOUS

M5414 Punch needle Embroidery, Picture or Clothing.....	4	2.50	1
M5416 Any Textile Hand Held, Bag, Tote, or Purse.....	4	2.50	1
M5418 Textile Painting on Finished Article.....	4	2.50	1
M5420 Machine Embroidery on Finished Article.....	4	2.50	1
M5432 Dolls.....	4	2.50	1
M5434 Toys.....	4	2.50	1

M5438 No Sew Tied Blanket.....	4	2.50	1
M5440 Christmas Decoration.....	4	2.50	1
M5442 Christmas Ornaments, Set of 4.....	4	2.50	1
M5446 Holiday Decoration, Other than Christmas.....	4	2.50	1

Dept M1 Art
Offering \$221
Superintendent - Megan Icenogle (319) 457-2711

Exhibitor Ticket\$11.00
Entry Fee\$.50 per item

NOTE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY June 26, 2026 or entered at the fair office by July 3
 Entries in this department must be brought on Tuesday, July 7 between 8 am and 4pm.
 Each article must be the work of the exhibitor and must not have previously won a ribbon at Mercer County Fair.
 ONLY AMATEURS are allowed to compete in the fair.
 They may be picked up from Noon - 2:00 pm on Sunday, July 12, 2026
ALL ENTRIES MUST BE FRAMED AND READY TO HANG WITH STURDY WIRE.
 Items (not pictures) should be free standing.
 Ribbons will be awarded to first, second and third prize winners.
 No limit on number of entries per class.

M1 5450 Best of Show				Trophy
M1 5452 Illustration of Mercer County	7	4	2	
M1 5454 Sculpture	7	4	2	
M1 5456 Pencil	7	4	2	
M1 5458 Pen and Ink	7	4	2	
M1 5460 Watercolor	7	4	2	
M1 5462 Charcoal	7	4	2	
M1 5464 Oil	7	4	2	
M1 5466 Chalk	7	4	2	
M1 5468 Glassworks	7	4	2	
M1 5470 Senior Arts (50 years and older).....	7	4	2	
M1 5472 Multimedia (Mixed) Miscellaneous	7	4	2	
M1 5474 Acrylic	7	4	2	
M1 5476 Computer Generated Art	7	4	2	
M1 5477 Pastels	7	4	2	
M1 5478 Illustrations of Past Mercer County Fairs	7	4	2	
M1 5479 Youth Class (ages 8-12 years old) Any Medium	7	4	2	
M1 5480 Youth Class (ages 13-16 years old) Any Medium	7	4	2	

Dept N Antiques
Offering \$180.00

Superintendent – SHEILA PRESSLEY (309)482-5549

Entry Fee.....	\$50
Exhibitor Ticket.....	\$11.00

1. NOTE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY June 26, 2026 or entered at the fair office by July 3
2. All articles must be brought to the fair on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
3. Each entry must not have previously won a premium.
4. Collections should not exceed 10 items. (Mounted items count as one) or take up more than 30 inches of space.
5. Articles displayed on own rack. Articles should be at least 50 years old, unless otherwise stated.
6. Only one entry per category by an exhibitor.
7. Entries may be removed from Noon to 2:00 pm on Sunday, July 12, 2026.

BEST OF SHOW

N 5510 Best of Show	Trophy
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MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES

N 5512 Display of Old Postcards	6	3	1
N 5514 Display of Old Quilts (Limit 2).....	6	3	1
N 5516 Collection of Antique Cups and Saucers (Limit - 4 sets).....	6	3	1
N 5518 Display of Antique Pictures (Snap, Magazine, Etc.).....	6	3	1
N 5520 Display of Antique Jewelry (Includes watch fobs) (Limit - 8 pieces).....	6	3	1
N 5522 Old Linen or Fancy Work (Embroidery, Crochet, Etc. NO CLOTHING).....	6	3	1
N 5524 Display of Antique Toys.....	6	3	1
N 5526 Display of Old Valentines	6	3	1
N 5528 Collection of Ladies' Old Hats (Limit - 4).....	6	3	1
N 5530 Display of Old Books	6	3	1
N 5532 Art Pottery (Weller, Roseville)	6	3	1
N 5534 Display of Antique Silverware (Knives, spoons, forks) (Limit – 12 Pieces).....	6	3	1
N 5540 Antique Metal (Copper, Tin, Ect).....	6	3	1
N 5544 General Collection	6	3	1
N 5546 Display of Dolls or Paperdolls.....	6	3	1
N 5548 Old and Most Interesting Before 1920.....	6	3	1
N 5550 Display of Small Plates (Limit – 4).....	6	3	1
N 5552 Collection of Small Baby Clothes (Shoes, bonnet, dress, etc.).....	6	3	1

Dept N1 Hobbies
 Offering \$276
 Superintendent – NANCY KORESKO, Aledo (309) 582-7643
 Superintendent – JINNIE JOHNSON, Aledo (309)236-4893

Exhibitor Ticket.....\$11.00
 Entry Fee.....\$.50

NOTE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY June 26, 2026 or entered at the fair office by July 3.
 All articles must be brought to the fair on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.
 Articles displayed at own risk.
 Each entry must not have previously won a ribbon.
 Articles will be released from Noon – 2:00 pm, Sunday, July 12, 2026.
 One entry per class.
 All entries should include a note explaining some details about their exhibits

BEST OF SHOW

N1 5560 Judge's Choice – Entries are not to be made in this class..... Trophy

COLLECTIONS

NO MORE than 15 items or 8 pairs in each class & no less than 5 items per collection.

N1 5566 Tea or Chocolate Set (No more than 8 pieces)	6	4	2
N1 5572 Sport Related Collection.....	6	4	2
N1 5576 Christmas Ornaments Collection	6	4	2
N1 5578 Shell or Rock Collection	6	4	2
N1 5580 Car or Truck or Tractor Collection	6	4	2
N1 5584 Doll Collection	6	4	2
N1 5590 Animal Collection.....	6	4	2
N1 5594 Vacation Souvenir Collection.....	6	4	2
N1 5596 Misc. Not listed above (Under 20 years old).....	6	4	2
N1 5598 Misc. Not listed above (21 to 50 years old).....	6	4	2
N1 5604 Misc. Not listed above (51-67 years old).....	6	4	2
N1 5606 Misc. Not listed above (68 years old and above).....	6	4	2

BEST OF SHOW

N1 5607 Judges Choice – Entries are not to be made in this class..... Trophy

HANDICRAFTS (MUST BE THE WORK OF EXHIBITOR- NO TEXTILES OR KITS)

Handicraft collections must be 5 items or 5 pairs, singles can be one item or one related pair.

N1 5608 Misc. Handicraft Collection	6	4	2
N1 5610 Misc. Handicraft Single	6	4	2
N1 5612 Diamond Art (single).....	6	4	2
N1 5614 Reclaimed wood art (Single Item).....	6	4	2
N1 5615 Recycled Art Single.....	6	4	2
N1 5617 Scrapbook – Themed Event.....	6	4	2
N1 5618 Scrapbook Page – 2 Page Spread (Wedding or birthday).....	6	4	2
N1 5619 Scrapbook - Introduction page.....	6	4	2
N1 5620 Scrapbook Page – Miscellaneous 2 page spread.....	6	4	2
N1 5621 Embellishment Page.....	6	4	2

Dept N2 Photography
Offering \$348
Superintendent – Joan Luxmore, Joy (309) 584-4526

Entry Fee.....	\$.50
Exhibitor Ticket.....	\$11.00

NOTE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY June 26, 2026 or entered at the fair office by July 3.
 All photos must be brought to the fair on Tuesday, July 7, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.
 Entries may be removed from Noon – 2:00 pm on Sunday, July 12, 2026.
 Entries must be the work of the exhibitor. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per category. Photo size 5 X 7, 8 X 10, or 8 X 12.
 NO FRAME. Entry tags must be attached to the back of the photo with string. No hooks needed.
 Each entry must not have previously won a ribbon. Superintendent has the right to reject any exhibit.
 Only amateur photographers may enter classes 5620 – 5670. Professional class is 5671 only.

N2 5620 Best of Show (No entries to be made in this class).....					Trophy
N2 5624 Nature.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5626 Landscape.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5628 Flowers.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5630 Sunrise and Sunsets.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5632 Family.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5634 Scenes in Mercer County.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5636 Pets.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5638 Single Bloom.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5640 Wildlife.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5642 Action.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5644 People.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5646 Scenes Across the USA.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5648 Children.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5650 Architecture.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5652 Historical/Patriotic.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5654 Blooms in my Garden.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5656 Humorous.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5658 Photos of Children 6 & Under.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5660 Scenic View.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5662 Reflections.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5663 On Vacation.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5664 Still Life.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5665 Bams.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5666 Birds.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5667 Animals.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5668 Water, Water Everywhere.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5669 Farm Scenes.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5670 Miscellaneous.....	5	4	2	1	
N2 5671 Professional (Not included in Best of Show).....	5	4	2	1	

Dept O Culinary
 Superintendent- Paula Smith, Aledo (309) 582-4162
 Offering \$486.25

Entry Fee.....	\$.50
Exhibitor Ticket.....	\$11.00

NOTE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY June 26, 2026 or entered at the fair office by July 3
 All entries must be brought to the fairgrounds on Tuesday, July 7 2026.
 Articles in this department can be removed from Noon – 2:00 pm on Sunday, July 12, 2026.
 Please bring full size cake, pie, and full size loaf of bread.
 ON WEDNESDAY FROM NOON UNTIL 3:00 PM, YOU MAY PICKUP ¾ OF THE CAKE, PIE, AND BREAD. ANY CAKE NOT PICKED UP ON WEDNESDAY DURING THESE TIMES WILL NOT BE RELEASED UNTIL SUNDAY AT Noon. ALL BREADS MUST BE PUT IN PLASTIC BAGS OR ZIPLOCK BAGS.
 One entry from one individual in each class.
NO glass may be used for displaying items.

BEST OF SHOW

O 1 5672 Judge's Choice – Entries are not to be made in this class.....	Trophy
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QUICK BREADS

O 1 5674 Gingerbread.....	3	1.75	1
O 5676 Pumpkin Break.....	3	1.75	1
O 5678 Quick Coffee Cake.....	3	1.75	1
O 5680 Banana Bread.....	3	1.75	1
O 5682 Baking Powder Biscuits (3 on 6-inch plate).....	3	1.75	1

YEAST BREADS

O 5686 Loaf of White Bread.....	4	2.50	2
O 5688 Loaf of Rye Bread.....	4	2.50	2
O 5690 Loaf of Whole Wheat Bread.....	4	2.50	2
O 5692 Loaf of Raisin Bread.....	4	2.50	2
O 5694 Loaf of Yeast Bread Other than Named.....	4	2.50	2

ROLLS

O 5696 White Dinner Rolls (3 on 6-inch plate).....	4	2	1.50
O 5698 Parker House Rolls (3 on 6-inch plate).....	4	2	1.50
O 5700 Any Sweet Rolls (3 on 6-inch plate).....	4	2	1.50
O 5702 Pecan Rolls (3 on 6-inch plate).....	4	2	1.50
O 5704 Swedish Tea Ring.....	4	2	1.50
O 5706 Cinnamon Rolls (at least 3 on a 6-inch plate).....	4	2	1.50

CAKES

(No Box Mixes)

O 5708 White Angel Cake.....	6	3	1.50
O 5710 Chocolate Angel Cake.....	6	3	1.50
O 5712 Chiffon Cake.....	6	3	1.50
O 5714 Applesauce Cake - Layer.....	6	3	1.50
O 5716 Marble Cake - Layer.....	6	3	1.50
O 5718 White Layer Cake.....	6	3	1.50
O 5720 Coconut Cake - Layer.....	6	3	1.50
O 5722 Carrot Cake - Layer.....	6	3	1.50
O 5724 Pound Cake.....	6	3	1.50
O 5726 Bumt Sugar Cake - Layer.....	6	3	1.50
O 5728 Pineapple Upside Down Cake.....	6	3	1.50
O 5730 Jelly Roll – 6 inches in length.....	6	3	1.50
O 5732 Chocolate Layer Cake.....	6	3	1.50
O 5734 German Sweet Chocolate Cake - Layer.....	6	3	1.50
O 5736 Spice Cake - Spice.....	6	3	1.50
O 5737 Fruit Cake.....	6	3	1.50
O 5738 Novelty Cake Original Design (Large).....	7.50	5	2.50
O 5740 Decorated Cake.....	7.50	5	2.50

***No Styrofoam, cake must be edible for judge to taste**

COOKIES

3 on 6-inch Plate Only

O 5742 Sugar Cookies.....	3	1.50	1
O 5744 Frosted Creams.....	3	1.50	1
O 5746 Pineapple Cookies.....	3	1.50	1
O 5748 Brownies.....	3	1.50	1
O 5750 Any Bar Cookies.....	3	1.50	1
O 5752 Tea Cookies – Fancy.....	3	1.50	1
O 5754 Oatmeal Cookies.....	3	1.50	1
O 5756 Chocolate Chip Cookies.....	3	1.50	1
O 5758 Gingersnaps.....	3	1.50	1
O 5760 Peanut Butter Cookies.....	3	1.50	1

O 5762 Presidents Cookie Jar (2 cookies each of 7 varieties place in a one quart wide mouth fruit jar, may be decorated as desire. Winner will be presented to the president of fair).....8 4 2

CANDY

O 5764 ½ Dozen Divinity4 2 1
 O 5766 ½ Dozen White Chocolate Fudge.....4 2 1
 O 5768 ½ Dozen Chocolate Fudge.....4 2 1
 O 5770 ½ Dozen Peanut Butter Fudge.....4 2 1
 O 5772 ½ Dozen Peanut Clusters4 2 1
 O 5774 ½ Dozen Candy, Other than Named4 2 1
 O 5776 ½ Dozen Marshmallow Cream Fudge.....4 2 1
 O 5778 ½ Dozen Toffee.....4 2 1
 O 5780 ½ Dozen Caramels.....4 2 1
 O 5781 6 Pieces Peanut Brittle (Additional trophy will be awarded for the best peanut brittle).....4 2 1
 And your name will be added to a permanent plaque

2 CRUST PIES
 (Whole Pie 8 or 9 Inch)

O 5782 Apple.....3 1.50 1
 O 5784 Cherry3 1.50 1
 O 5786 Peach3 1.50 1
 O 5788 Raspberry.....3 1.50 1
 O 5790 Strawberry Rhubarb or Rhubarb3 1.50 1
 O 5792 Any other Two Crust Pie3 1.50 1

RELISHES
One-Pint Jar

01 5882 Chow Chow	3	2.50	1.50
01 5884 Beet Relish	3	2.50	1.50
01 5886 Zucchini Relish	3	2.50	1.50
01 5888 Pickle Relish	3	2.50	1.50
01 5890 Corn Relish	3	2.50	1.50

SPICED FRUIT
One-Pint Jar

01 5892 Peaches	3	2.50	1.50
01 5894 Pears	3	2.50	1.50
01 5898 Apples	3	2.50	1.50
01 5900 Watermelon	3	2.50	1.50

PICKLES
One Pint Jars or Regulation Half-Pint Glasses or Jars

01 5902 Sweet Cucumber	3	2.50	1.50
01 5904 Tomato	3	2.50	1.50
01 5906 Dill	3	2.50	1.50
01 5908 Onion	3	2.50	1.50
01 5910 Beet	3	2.50	1.50
01 5914 Mixed Pickles	3	2.50	1.50
01 5916 Bread and Butter Pickles	3	2.50	1.50
01 5918 Pickled Carrots	3	2.50	1.50
01 920 Miscellaneous pickles, other than listed	3	2.50	1.50

HONEY
One Pint Jars

01 5926 1-Pound Comb	3	2.50	
01 5928 1-Pint Jar	3	2.50	

No 3rd place

CANNED FRUIT
One Pint Jars

01 5930 Peaches	3	2.50	1.50
01 5932 Pears	3	2.50	1.50
01 5934 Plum	3	2.50	1.50
01 5936 Cherries, Early	3	2.50	1.50
01 5938 Apricots	3	2.50	1.50
01 5940 Gooseberries	3	2.50	1.50
01 5942 Raspberries, Red	3	2.50	1.50
01 4 Strawberries	3	2.50	1.50
01 5946 Blackberries	3	2.50	1.50
01 5948 Raspberries, Black	3	2.50	1.50
01 5950 Pineapple	3	2.50	1.50
01 5952 Applesauce	3	2.50	1.50
01 5954 Bing Cherries	3	2.50	1.50

CATSUP
One Pint Jars

01 5958 Tomatoes.....	3	2.50	1.50
01 5960 Chili Sauce.....	3	2.50	1.50
01 5961 Spaghetti Sauce.....	3	2.50	1.50
01 5962 Salsa.....	3	2.50	1.50

CANNED VEGETABLES
One Pint Jars

01 5964 Carrots.....	3	2.50	1.50
01 5966 Asparagus.....	3	2.50	1.50
01 5968 Cauliflower.....	3	2.50	1.50
01 5970 Peas.....	3	2.50	1.50
01 5972 String Beans.....	3	2.50	1.50
01 5974 Lima Beans.....	3	2.50	1.50
01 5976 Tomatoes.....	3	2.50	1.50
01 5978 Corn.....	3	2.50	1.50
01 5980 Canned Beets.....	3	2.50	1.50
01 5982 Sauerkraut.....	3	2.50	1.50
01 5986 Mixed Vegetables for Soup.....	3	2.50	1.50

Dept. P-Junior Department
Offering 930.00
Sharon Mayhew-Superintendent-309-373-2800
Brian Cirks-Superintendent-309-224-7072

Exhibitor Ticket.....\$11.00
Entry Fee.....Free

Entry Forms can be found at <https://mercercountyfair.org/daily-schedule/#>

NOTE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY June 26, 2026 or entered at the fair office by July 3.

All entered exhibits must be brought to the Fairgrounds Tuesday, July 7 between 8a.m. and 4p.m.

Articles may be removed from Fairgrounds on Sunday, July 12 between Noon and 2 p.m.

All artwork must either be framed or mounted so it can be either hung or displayed in a standing position.

All entries must be the work of the exhibitor and must have been made in the current year.

All food exhibits must be accompanied with the recipe on the 3"x 5" card.

Exhibitors are encouraged to package food entries in plastic bags (that can be sealed).

Collections may contain no more than 15 items and take up no more than 18 inches of counter space.

Two entries allowed per class

The Mercer County Fair will donate \$50 to the Mercer County 4-H Club with the most entries in Dept P.

P 6001 **Clover buds, Age 5-7**.....Receive Participation Ribbon Only

**Boy or Girl – Age 8-18
FOODS AND NUTRITION**

P 6002 Loaf of white bread.....	5	3	2
P 6004 Quick Break, whole loaf.....	5	3	2
P 6006 White Cake, whole cake.....	5	3	2
P 6008 Chocolate Cake, whole cake.....	5	3	2
P 6010 Angel Food Cake, whole cake.....	5	3	2
P 6012 Brownies, 3.....	5	3	2
P 6014 Dinner rolls, ½ dozen.....	5	3	2
P 6016 Corn Bread, whole loaf.....	5	3	2
P 6018 Sweet Rolls, ½ dozen.....	5	3	2
P 6020 Coffee Cake, whole cake.....	5	3	2
P 6022 Muffins, 3.....	5	3	2
P 6024 Chocolate Fudge, 6 pieces.....	5	3	2
P 6026 Divinity, 6 pieces.....	5	3	2
P 6028 Drop Cookies, 6.....	5	3	2
P 6030 Bar Cookies, 6.....	5	3	2
P 6032 Rolled or Shaped Cookies, 6.....	5	3	2
P 6034 Cereal marshmallow Bars, 3.....	5	3	2
P 6036 Outdoor & Camp Meals (Nutritional Display).....	5	3	2
P 6038 Nutritional Educational Display.....	5	3	2
P 6040 Food Preservation, Canning.....	5	3	2
P 6042 Freezing, Nutritional Display.....	5	3	2
P 6044 Drying, 2 different dried foods.....	5	3	2
P 6046 Pickles and/or Relishes, 2 pint jars.....	5	3	2
P 6048 Jams, Jellies or Preserves, 2 half-pint jars.....	5	3	2
P 6050 Food Science.....	5	3	2

SEWN ITEMS

P 6052 Sewn Non-Clothing Exhibit.....	5	3	2
P 6054 Sewn clothing Exhibit.....	5	3	2
P 6056 Quilting.....	5	3	2
P 6058 Knitted or Crocheted Article.....	5	3	2
P 6060 Counted Cross Stitch.....	5	3	2

VISUAL ARTS

P 6062 Computer Generated Art, One Entry.....	5	3	2
P 6064 Paper Media, One Entry.....	5	3	2
P6066 Clay Media, One Entry.....	5	3	2
P 6068 Leather Media, One Entry.....	5	3	2
P 6070 Metal Media, One Entry.....	5	3	2
P 6072 Glass or Plastic Media, One Entry.....	5	3	2
P 6074 Chalk, Pigment, One Entry.....	5	3	2
P 6076 Nature, One Entry.....	5	3	2
P 6078 Wood Media, One Entry.....	5	3	2
P 6080 Fiber Media, One Entry.....	5	3	2
P 6082 Heritage Arts, One Entry.....	5	3	2
P 6084 Misc. Mixed Media, One Entry.....	5	3	2
P 6086 Camp Craft, One Entry.....	5	3	2

CREATIVE ARTS

P 6184 Theater Arts	5	3	2
P 6186 Interior Design, Room Accessories.....	5	3	2

FLOWERS AND HORTICULTURE

P 6088 Flower Arrangement, Fresh or Dried	5	3	2
P 6090 Flower Gardening, 3 Uniform Blossoms, for same variety	5	3	2
P 6092 Terrarium.....	5	3	2
P 6094 House Plant, One Potted Plant.....	5	3	2
P 6096 Vegetable Plate, 3 of 3 different veg.....	5	3	2
P 6098 Vegetable Market, 6-12 different veg.....	5	3	2
P 6100 Hort. Plant Educational Display or Poster	5	3	2
P 6102 Soil & Water Conservation, Edu. Display or Poster	5	3	2
P 6104 Crop Display, Corn, Soybeans.....	5	3	2

ENGINES

P 6106 Small Engines or Tractor Care, Educational Display	5	3	2
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PET CARE

P 6108 Cat Care, Dog Care, Small Pet Care, Poster.....	5	3	2
P 6110 Vet Science, Poster.....	5	3	2
P 6112 Animal Science, Poster	5	3	2

OUTDOOR RECREATION

P 6114 Fishing & Wildlife Educational Display.....	5	3	2
P 6116 Forestry Display	5	3	2
P 6118 Entomology Educational Display and/or Collection.....	5	3	2
P 6120 Shooting Sports Educational Display.....	5	3	2
P 6122 Bicycle.....	5	3	2
P 6190 Geology.....	5	3	2
P 6192 Weather Display	5	3	2

TECHNOLOGIES

P 6124 Computer Science Educational Display.....	5	3	2
P 6126 Science Activity Experiment or Display.....	5	3	2
P 6128 Aerospace-Model Rocketry, Kite, Airplane or Display	5	3	2
P 6130 Electrical Item Display, Wired by Exhibitor.....	5	3	2
P 6132 UAV, Display	5	3	2
P 6134 UAV unmanned Aerial Systems, Display	5	3	2
P 6136 Technologies, 3D Printing.....	5	3	2
P 6138 Robotics, EV3.....	5	3	2
P 6140 Robotics, Junk Drawer.....	5	3	2
P 6142 Welding.....	5	3	2
P 6188 Woodworking.....	5	3	2

FAMILY DEVELOPMENT & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

P 6144 Civic Engagement.....	5	3	2
P 6146 Scrap Booking	5	3	2
P 6148 Leadership.....	5	3	2
P 6150 Passport to the World (Intercultural)	5	3	2
P 6152 Child Development Activity	5	3	2
P 6154 Family Heritage.....	5	3	2
P 6156 Communications, Creative Writing.....	5	3	2

COLLECTIONS

P 6164 Bears Collection.....	5	3	2
P 6166 Horse Collection	5	3	2
P 6168 Cat Collection	5	3	2
P 6170 Other Animals Collection	5	3	2
P 6172 Action Figures Collection.....	5	3	2
P 6174 Sports Collection.....	5	3	2
P 6176 Car or Truck Collection	5	3	2
P 6178 Tractor or Farm Machinery Collection.....	5	3	2
P 6180 Doll Collection	5	3	2
P 6182 Miscellaneous Collection	5	3	2

TROPHY CLASS

P 6000 Best of the Show (Do Not Enter – Judge’s Choice).....			Trophy
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Dept.. Q1 Tractor Pull
 FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026
 STARTING TIME: 6:30 PM
 Offering \$3,850
 Superintendent – Garen Nelson (309) 221-9624
 Asst. Superintendent – Jeff Attig (309) 371-7721

Entry fee: \$20

Everyone, except the driver, pays \$20 pit pass.
 All pay \$6.00 at the gate.
Entries close at 6:00

		1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place	4 th place	5 th place
Q1-7000	8500 Light Limited Pro	500	300	200		
Q1-7005	11K Improved Farm Stock	200	150	125	100	75
Q1-7010	11.5K Improved Farm Stock	200	150	125	100	75
Q1-7015	12K King of 15 mph	150	125	100	75	50
Q1-7020	12.5K 12 mph	100	75	50	25	25
Q1-7025	12.5K Out of the Field 8 mph	100	75	50	25	25
Q1-7030	Fresh Off the Farm 16K (Mercer County Residents Only)	<u>150</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>60</u>
		1400	1000	745	395	310

Fresh Off the Farm 16,000 Rules (New Class)

1. 20 inch hitch height – 18 inches from center of rear axle
2. 8 mph
3. No duals – No cut tires
4. 1 gear downshift
5. Superintendent inspection
6. Mercer County Residents only

General Rules

1. All members, to include family and crew members, must conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. **Any member found in violation of this rule will be subject to a board review and could also be subject to any of the following: forfeiture of points, prize money, entry money; removal from event; removal from organization. All decisions made by the board are final.**
2. No excessive use of alcohol. Any competitor who appears to be under the influence of alcohol will not be allowed to compete.
3. Absolutely no illegal drug use of any kind while competing. Anybody caught using illegal drugs will be disqualified for the event and will face a possible lifetime ban from any future Back Roads sanctioned events. No smoking will be allowed on the track during the event.
4. All vehicles driven on the pulling track or around the pit area must be driven in a safe manner.
5. All Tractors and Trucks will be teched before the first hook of the season. If a member wishes to be teched before the season starts, they may contact any one of four Back Road's Officials. All tech inspections must be completed while two or more official Back Road Pullers techs are present.
6. Back Road's Officials will be randomly inspecting tractors and trucks throughout the season. At each sanctioned Back Road's event, at least one tractor from the Improved Farm class will be selected at random for a full inspection. Any other random inspections will be announced the day of the pull. Back Road Pullers techs may inspect any vehicle, at any time.
7. If the vehicle inspection is refused by the driver(s), all points accumulated over the season will be forfeited and the driver and vehicle will be banned from all Back Road Pullers events until the vehicle has passed inspection.
8. Officials have the right to refuse any tractor or truck that is deemed to be unsafe.
9. All drivers must at least 18 years old. Drivers under the age of 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian before competing. **All competitors must sign the provided liability waiver. Members only need to sign the form once per season. All non-members will need to sign the waiver prior to participating in any Back Road Pullers event.**

10. All competitors who wish to run a full roll cage must wear a fire suit with a minimum SFI spec 3.2a-1, along with a DOT approved helmet. No dirt bike/motocross helmets.
11. Due to new regulations to the hooks found on all Class 8 pulling sleds, all pulling hitches must have an opening of at least 3 inches wide and at least 3 3/4 inches deep. This also includes any Local Classes.
12. All performance-based rules will be locked in for one season, with the exception being the Improved Farm Stock Class (2 years). Only rules that pertain to Safety can be changed during the season.
13. **The first hook in each class will have the option to drop the hook and pull last in the class. The puller must make an attempt at a legitimate pass. If the tractor has mechanical issues, it will be allowed to return to the pits for repairs, otherwise it should return to the end of the lineup and be ready to hook. In the event that any puller goes less than 100 ft you will be allowed to re-hook at that moment for a second attempt. If you are the first puller in the class this will also apply. Max 2 attempts for anyone. If you speed or go out of bounds, you may drop your first hook.**
14. **All tractors competing in back roads classes up thru improved farm stocks will retain a farm tractor appearance which includes stock frame rails, factory ag wide front axle, (no rack and pinion) stock Wheel-base, and no aluminum rims.**
15. Vehicle Registration Fee: \$100/yr Membership Per Person: \$100/yr. Fees must be paid before the first hook or you will not be eligible for points. Send payment to:

Back Road Pullers

C/O Eric Stanley

1313 S Downs School Rd

Elmwood IL 61529

Points System

1. To be awarded points, drivers must be a dues paid member, as well as the vehicle they are driving must be registered with the organization. A registration fee of \$100 must be paid along with a \$100 membership fee from the driver of the vehicle during the class. Non-members pulling a registered vehicle will count as no points for the hook.
2. Points will be awarded to the vehicle itself. No points will be awarded to drivers.
3. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st place will be awarded 50 points, 2 points will be subtracted from each place until 12th place (28 points). From 13th place on back will be awarded 26 points. Points will only be awarded upon completion of the class.
4. Only hooks that are full shows, that provide our recommended payouts will be counted as points hooks. All other pulls will still be Back Road Pullers sanctioned events and we encourage everyone to attend.
5. The maximum number of points per hook per season will be sixteen.
6. Cancellation of events: If a class or event is canceled due to weather or any other circumstances outside of the control of the event and Back Road Pullers, 20 points will be awarded to all pullers at the venue and checked in prior to cancellation.
7. Rescheduling of events: All rescheduled events will be considered points pulls. Vehicles must make a hook at the re-scheduled event in order to receive points for it.
8. Show up points: If a vehicle arrives to an event and is unable to pull due to mechanical problems or an emergency, the member will be awarded 25 points. Final decisions to be made by the officers.
9. Disqualification: Any track disqualifications during the pull including: over allowed RPM limit of the class, over allowed speed limit of the class, out of bounds. Speed limit classes are zero tolerance, any recorded speed over the allowed limit will be a disqualification.
10. Points Championship: The bottom two hooks of each pullers recorded points hooks will be dropped at the end of the season. Points will then be decided

from the points received after those hooked have been discarded. Pullers who have recorded points at every points hook in their class for the season will receive a bonus 10 points at the end of the year. Points will be recorded at each hook and displayed on the website, only at the end of the year will the bottom three hooks being dropped reflect on their points total. Missed events will count as one of the bottom hooks, allowing pullers to miss up to three hooks, and still have a shot at the championship.

Protest Rules

1. All protests must be submitted to a Back Road's tech official before the start of the next class.
2. If a competitor wishes to protest another tractor/vehicle a protest fee of \$100 must be paid before inspection begins. If found legal, the protest fee will be given to the protested tractor/vehicle. If found illegal the protest fee will be given back to the protestor, and the illegal tractor/vehicle, driver, and owner will face a possible suspension and points penalty, to be determined by the Back Road's directors
3. Any competitor who wishes to verify another competitor's engine size must pay a protest fee of \$500. All other protest rules apply.
4. The person who submits the protest will also have their tractor/vehicle inspected.
5. Only a person who is competing in the same class can submit a protest.
6. While being protested, only Back Road's officials, the competitors, and one crew member each can be present during the inspection.
7. If being protested, the competitor must comply with the protest and the Back Road's Officials. Any refusal will result in an automatic disqualification from the event, loss of all points for the event, and all prize money won at the event along with a suspension of up to 365 days.
8. Back Road's tech decisions are final.

THESE ARE THE 8500LIGHT LIMITED PRO STOCK RULES

PRO

1. Tractors to weigh a maximum of 8500lbs with 2001bs movable weight.
2. Maximum 466 cubic inch with 1percent tolerance.
3. 3x4 smooth turbocharger. Compressor wheel shall protrude at least 1/8" into the 3" opening.
4. Engine head must be OEM width, height, and length dimensions. Head must be ag-type for the brand engine with OEM location of valves, port location, and injection tip. Intake manifold mounting surface must be 90 degrees to cylinder head/block mounting surface. Recast heads to be allowed. No billet heads.
5. No intercoolers or aftercoolers allowed.
6. Tire size: 24.Sx32 with a maxwidth of 210" circumference when inflated to 10PSI. Tread width not to exceed 25". 20.8x38 will be allowed.
7. Exhaust headers allowed.
8. No intake restrictions.
9. Diesel fuel only.
10. Injection Pump: Max size is 7100 series P-Pump with max13mm plungers. No recastor billet pumps.
11. No component chassis.
12. No shifting allowed. Driver must prove to tech that shifting mechanism has been disabled at request of the tech.

11,000 & 11,500LB Improved Farm Stock

1. 3000 RPM limit.
2. S362(BorgWarner P/N 13009097053) is the only turbo that is legal for competition. All turbos must be purchased and sealed by Ed Guenther at Guenther Heritage Diesel in Walnut, IL.
3. Water injection is allowed. Two nozzles located in cross over tube. Any sample over 10% will not be allowed. If a member has water injection or adds water injection during the season, they must declare that they have to a Back Roads Tech. All vehicles with water injection must have an accessible spigot on water injection system within 6" of pump.
4. No Intercoolers or aftercoolers, associated parts, or associated hardware shall be permitted to be installed on the tractor.
5. 18.4x42 and 20.8x38 max tire size. Top Cuts allowed. No Full Cut tires allowed.
6. 20" max draw bar height, 18"from the center of rear axle.
7. All tractors **must run an Ag Tronix T35 RPM monitoring system (Part No. 1000-1565)**. If sensors fail to work, the competitor will not be allowed to hook for the rest of the event, unless the competitor can correct the issue. **The kit to include: the box, the wiring, the sensor, and anything else associated with the RPM reading equipment is not to be modified from factory in any way.** The wire must be able to be withdrawn from the tractor easily to be inspected.
8. 466 cubic inch limit. Case tractors will be allowed 504 cubic inches. All engines will be checked to verify the engine's size. Once the engine has been checked, a Back Road's Official will seal the oil pan.
9. Bosch A pump max.
10. No tube chassis.
11. wheelie bars and air shut off are mandatory. Wheelie bars must not be connected solely to the hitch.
12. All tractors must weigh either 11,000 or 11,500lbs max, depending on the class.

13. ROPS required. ROPS must be able to support the weight of the tractor in the event of a rollover. Drivers of tractors equipped with ROPS must wear a seat belt while hooked to the sled.
14. OEM cylinder heads only. No recast heads.
15. All tractors must have two 3/8" grade 5 bolts at a 90 degree angle located in exhaust pipe.
16. Fire extinguisher on tractor/vehicle required.
17. All tractors that compete in the Improved Farm Class must be fully inspected, registered, and driver membership paid in full in order to compete at any Back Road's sanctioned events.
18. Throttle must return to idle from wide open position when released.
19. **All tractors will retain a farm tractor appearance which includes stock frame rails, factory agwide front axle, (no rack and pinion) stock wheel-base, and no aluminum rims.**
20. **Certified Weights will be required for all tractors competing in the class. All tractors must have a number of weights certified by a tech on a certified scale. Once certified, the vehicle will receive a sticker which must remain on the vehicle at all times during the 2026 season.**

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12,500lb Out of Field 8 mph

1. Maximum speed is 8.0MPH (8.1 will result in a disqualification).
2. All tractors must weigh 12,500lb max.
3. 2800 RPM max.
4. No restrictions on turbo size or tire size. No cut tires.
5. A twisted clevis bolted rigidly by a minimum one-inch bolt or a manufactured hitch will be allowed. Hitches must be approved by Back Road Pullers techs.
6. 20" max drawbar height, 18" from the center of the tractor.
7. All tractors must have a factory PTO, 3-point rock shaft assembly, and hydraulics (SCV) still mounted on the tractor. 3-point rocker arms can be removed. Wheatland models are eligible.
8. No injectables. OEM style intercoolers only. Any liquid to air intercoolers must use coolant supplied from the engine's radiator.
9. Weights can be mounted anywhere at the driver's discretion. All weights mounted behind the rear axles must not interfere with the placement and removal of the hook.
10. Wheelie bars are recommended-but not required. If wheelie bars are being used, the wheelie bars must not be solely mounted to the hitch.
11. **All tractors competing in back roads classes up thru improved farm stocks will retain a farm tractor appearance which includes stock frame rails, factory ag wide front axle, (no rack and pinion) stock wheel-base, and no aluminum rims.**
12. **Certified Weights will be required for all tractors competing in the class. All tractors must have a number of weights certified by a tech on a certified scale. Once certified, the vehicle will receive a sticker which must remain on the vehicle at all times during the 2026 season.**

12,500 12mph

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2. All tractors must run a speed sensor (ISSPRO R8906). Wires must be connected to a female 110v receptacle to the rear of the tractor. If the sensors fail to work, the competitor will not be allowed to hook for the rest of the event, unless the competitor can correct the issue. The wire for the RPM sensor needs to be an unaltered drop cord with an unaltered female end unattached at the rear of the tractor. The cord must be one piece and connected to the sensor with a quick connector (spade connectors allowed). The wire must be able to be withdrawn from the tractor easily to be inspected.
3. Water injection allowed. Two nozzles located in cross over tube. Any sample over 10% will not be allowed. If a member has water injection or adds water injection during the season must declare that they have to a Back Roads Tech. All vehicles with water injection must have an accessible spigot on water injection system within 6" of pump.
4. Any OEM or Aftermarket intercoolers, including air to air, are allowed. No ice.
5. 20" max draw bar height, 18" from the center of the rear axle.
6. 18.4x42 or 20.8x38 max tire size. Top cuts are allowed. No full cut tires.
7. Wheelie bars and air shut off are mandatory. Wheelie bars must not be connected solely to the hitch.
8. Drivers of tractors equipped with ROPS must wear a seat belt while hooked to the sled.
9. Throttle must return to idle from wide open position when released.
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Dept. Q2 4x4 Truck
 Pulling Contest
 FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026
 STARTING TIME: 6:30 PM
 Offering \$2,500
 Superintendent – Garen Nelson (309)221-9624
 Asst. Superintendent – Jeff Attig (309)371-7721
 Asst. Superintendent – Kaden Nelson, (309)333-6511

RULES AND REGULATIONS Q2

1. Backroad Pullers Rules
2. MUST be 18 years of age, 16 & 17 year-olds need notarized permit with parent's consent and signature.
3. **Entries close at 6:00**

Entry Fee\$20.00 (All must pay \$6.00 gate pass)

Everyone, except the driver, pays \$20 pit pass.

	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place	4 th place	5 th place
Q2-7035 Gas Truck	150	125	95	70	60
Q2-7040 800lb. Limited 4x4 Diesel Truck	150	125	95	70	60
Q2-7045 8500lb. Stock Diesel Truck	150	125	95	70	60
Q2-7050 8200 lb Stock Appearing Diesel Truck	150	125	95	70	60
Q2- 7055 Hot Street Diesel/Gas	150	125	95	70	60
	750	625	475	350	300

7500lb Gas Trucks

1. 505 max CID.
2. OEM block & heads. 502CID, GM Bowtie, & Ford SVO are considered aftermarket.
3. Single 4-barrel carb or OEM fuel injection. No 4500/Dominator type carbs. All throttle blades shall be 1.75" or less.
4. OEM or aftermarket Dual Plane intake manifold. No open plenum intakes.
5. Exhaust must include muffler(s) and exit behind cab. 3" diameter max.
6. No oxygenated fuels.
7. No injectables.
8. Naturally aspirated unless factory otherwise.
9. All weight added shall be rearward of an OEM front bumper in it's stock location.
10. 26" max hitch height. 42" minimum back from center of rear axle.
11. No cut gears.
12. 1-ton driveline or less.
13. Factory wheelbase and track width.
14. 35" max DOT approved unmodified tires.

8000lb Limited 4x4 Diesel Trucks

Engine:

1. Must be available in 1 ton or smaller pickup from OEM.
2. Dry blocks allowed. Cast iron only. No billet blocks or heads.
3. No injectables.
4. Engine mounts must remain in factory location for chassis used.

Turbo:

1. Single S400 turbo. Must be T-4 divided exhaust housing. Exhaust housing must be shipped or delivered to Calderone Diesel Inc. for inspection before first hook.
2. If running S400 turbo charger or bare exhaust housing, parts must be shipped or brought through Calderone Diesel in Sherrard, IL for tech mods.
3. (Redacted) Any stock appearing turbo will be allowed for the 2024 season only.
4. (Redacted) Any S300 framed turbo T-4 or T-3 foot print will be allowed for the 2024 season only.
5. Turbo compressor wheel may not be visible from the outside of the truck.

Body:

1. Full OEM outer sheet metal must be retained.
2. Lexan windows permitted.
3. Full firewall and floor pans must be retained.
4. Bed floor may be removed. If removed, bed must be covered.
5. No fluid or weights in the cab.
6. Hand throttle permitted. Must be spring loaded or return to idle.

Chassis: 1

1. Weight hanging point no more than 60" from centerline of front axle.
2. Full OEM frame rails must be retained.
3. Reinforcement to chassis permitted.

4. Max weight of 8000lb, including driver and fluids.
5. Ice must be added during weigh-in, but can be added after if permitted.
6. Drawbar or reinforced receiver hitch allowed. No part of hitch can be forward of centerline of rear axle. Hook point no closer than 44" from centerline of rear axle. Hitch must be solid in all directions. Must have no more than 25 degree angle from pivot point to hook point. Max hook height of 24". Hook point opening must be 3" wide x 3.75" long, made from 1" thick steel. No pinned clevis's allowed.
7. If using an adjustable hitch, adjusters must be vertical to draw bar unless they are attached to axle housing, in which case, they have to be mounted below the center line of the axle housing.

Driveline:

1. 1 ton or smaller axle housings, transfer case, and transmission available from OEM.
2. Max 33"-12.50" all corners (dual rear wheels).
3. Max 35"-13.50" all corners (single rear wheels).
4. Rear axle shaft must not be visible from the side of the truck. Shaft must be covered with steel or aluminum.
5. All u-joints on the drive shaft(s) must be covered.
6. 172" max wheelbase.
7. Rear suspension must be solid in all directions when hooked to the sled.
8. Front axle must have working brake assemblies. All tires must slide.

Safety:

1. Full length pants and boots.
2. Fire extinguisher on board and within reach of driver.
3. Kill Switch Method: Air shutoff is mandatory and must have a cable with at least a 1" round ring exiting the rear of the truck, that can be operated from the sled.
4. Exhaust must exit upwards.
5. Must have two 5/16" diameter bolts through exhaust in X pattern.

Please note that the Back Roads Pullers Inc. Board of Directors and Officers have the final discretion when/if a truck needs to move up to the next class.

Any questions contact Jacob Mahr (Truck Vice President) at 309-357-4341

General Class Rules

1. ABSOLUTELY NO PASSENGERS,ALLOWED.
2. Must follow all general safety rules in addition to class rules.
3. Must have current license and registration.
4. Competitors in the stock truck class will not be permitted to pull in the stock appearing class at the same event.
5. OEM seat belt or aftermarket harness must be worn at all times when on track.
6. No exiting vehicle when on the track or while the vehicle is running on the pits. If you need help locking hubs in, please make arrangements for that.
7. Hitch height is max 26".

Chassis ¹

1. Chassis must be stock frame and OEM body with complete, factory interior. Exceptions will be made for flatbeds.
2. Stock front bumper. After market bumper may be permitted to pull but will not count towards Back Roads points standings (Ranch Hands, etc.)
3. No hanging weight or ballast of any kind.
4. Maximum weight is 8,500 lbs. ¹
5. Any additional weight must be secured in the bed. No weight is permitted on the floorboard in the cab. Any other items in the bed must be properly secured (nothing should be able to fly out going down the track).
6. Stock driveline and axles.

7. Must have stock leaf springs and overloads. Traction bars are allowed but must be bolted or pinned and removable.
8. Bump stops will be allowed but must be bolted or pinned and removable. No air bags are allowed, if already equipped they must be disabled.
9. Must have a factory fuel tank in the factory location. No fuel cells allowed.
10. Driveline loops are not required but highly recommended.

Tires

1. Tires and wheels must be DOT approved
2. No larger than 35" SRW and 33" DRW
3. Must be factory DRW. No DRW conversions allowed. Must have a DRW bed.
4. DRW trucks must have the correct front rims as well.

Hitch

1. Must have Factory Reese style receiver.
2. Dedicated Pulling hitches are allowed as long as it mounts to that factory receiver. Otherwise, a hitch with twisted clevis is required. Hole must be 3- $\frac{3}{4}$ inches to accommodate a sled hook.
3. No hollow hitches or draw bar style hitches allowed.

Engine

1. Must be equipped with the stock engine in the OEM location for the Year, Make, and Model of the vehicle.
2. Cam driven fuel pump in the factory location. No belt driven or dual pumps.
3. Turbo must be what the vehicle was equipped with from the factory. 2001-2016 Duramax equipped trucks will be allowed to run the OEM LLY Duramax turbo. No alterations are permitted (No aftermarket wheels or machine work of any kind permitted).
4. Electric lift pumps are allowed (FASS, Airdog, etc...).
5. No long intakes. Aftermarket intakes are permitted as long as they are routed identical to factory.
6. Headlights must be installed and able to be functional.

7. No aftermarket heads or manifolds.
8. Fuel/Air shutoff is not required but is strongly recommended.

Exhaust .

1. Exhaust must be factory routing from the back of the cab forward.
2. Exhaust must exit upward. Exceptions may be made for first time or non-points pullers at the discretion of Backroads officers.
3. No hood stacks are permitted.

Fuel

1. Pump diesel only.
2. No injectables allowed.

8200lb Stock Appearing Diesel Trucks

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2. Must follow general safety rules in addition to class rules.
3. Must have a valid license and registration.
4. OEM seat belt or aftermarket harness must be worn at all times when on track.
5. No exiting vehicle when on the track or while the vehicle is running on the pits. If you need help locking hubs in please make arrangements for that.
6. Fire jacket and helmet recommended
7. Hitch height is max 26".
8. Must have a fire extinguisher accessible to the driver.
9. Maximum weight 8,200 lbs
10. Truck must be road legal
11. Air shut off is required can be run on any part of intake pipe to turbo.
12. Electric shut off can be used in addition to air shut off.

Chassis

1. 1 ton chassis or smaller OEM style, wheelbase must match vin.
2. Axles must be in the factory location.
3. Aftermarket hoods are permitted (metal only, no fiberglass).
4. Must have OEM firewall and floorpan along with factory dash and gauge cluster.
5. No hanging weight is permitted. Front ballast is permitted but must not protrude past the OEM body line.
6. No weights are allowed in the cab of the vehicle.

7. All weights must be properly secured.
8. Batteries must be securely mounted. Batteries may not be located in the cab or forward of the radiator core support.
9. Must have factory appearing transmission and transfer case.
10. DRW must have factory dually bed.
11. Must retain factory steering and braking systems.
12. Must have u-joint shields constructed out of at least 1/4" steel.
13. Must have driveshaft loops.
14. No solid front suspension.
15. Factory suspension and travel must be retained. Any modifications must be removable by no more than four bolts for the front and four bolts for the back.
16. Must have rear bumper or roll pan.

Tires

1. Must be DOT approved tire. No cut tires are allowed.
2. SRW are allowed 35" tires.
3. DRW are allowed 33" tires.

Hitch

1. Must be Reece style receiver.
2. Hitch must be horizontal to the top of the frame rail.
3. No draw bar style hitches.
4. Hitch may not be closer than 44" to the center line of the rear axle.

Engine

1. Engine must be an OEM option for a 1 ton smaller pickup truck in the factory location.
2. Cast iron OEM block and factory appearing heads. No dry blocks or dry heads.
3. Radiators must be in stock location and at least factory size.

4. No ice boxes or water to air allowed. 6.7 Powerstroke may use factory air to water.
5. No injectables.
6. Single or dual injection pumps are allowed.
7. Must have SFI certified flywheel and balancer.

Turbo

1. Stock appearing turbo or S369. Map groove must not exceed .200" and clipped wheels are not allowed. MAP groove replacement must be 90 degrees to the bore, within 1/4" of the wheel, and no forward facing MAP grooves and no chamfered or beveled edges. Stock appearing turbos must match the engine.
2. No compound turbo setups unless utilizing the factory 6.4 Powerstroke engine.

Exhaust

1. All vehicles must be equipped to direct exhaust upward.
2. Two 3/8" diameter bolts must be installed through the exhaust pipe in a cross pattern within an inch of each other as close to the turbo as practical.
3. Hood stacks are not allowed.

Fuel

1. Pump diesel only.
2. No injectables allowed.

Rules for Q2 - 7055

Hot Street Diesel/Gas Class

1. No bar tires or cut tires allowed.
2. No dual wheeled trucks.
3. DOT approved tires only.
4. All trucks must have own clevis with at least a 4" diameter or an ISP approved hitch.
5. Steel bell housing for manual transmission or approved scatter blanket for automatic transmission.
6. U joint shields on exposed u joints. Shields over all u joints preferred.

7. Drive line containment system.
8. Truck must have a 2 ½ lb. dry chemical or halon fire.
9. No nitrous oxide injection or propane injection.
10. A kill switch will not be required but is recommended.
11. Multiple or large turbo, superchargers, or blowers allowed.
12. Turbo powered trucks must have 2 3/8 bolts grade 5 welded in a cross pattern in the exhaust downpipe. Closer to the turbo is preferred.
13. Seatbelts are required and must be worn during the pull. Driver must be inside truck while going down the track.
14. Hanging ballast is allowed. Weight bracket must be removable. No permanent mounted weight boxes.
15. Top 3 finishing trucks may be subjected to a 10-mile test drive and/or reinspection.

V1 Demolition Derby
 SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026
 STARTING TIME: 6:30 PM
 Superintendent – Garen Nelson (309)221-9624
 Asst. Superintendent – Jeff Attig (309)371-7721

80's Wire	Open Wire	Weld	Rookie	Compact
1 st - \$1,000	1 st - \$1,000	1 st - 500	1 st - \$300	\$100
2 nd - \$500	2 nd - \$500	6 or more	2 nd - \$200	
3 rd - \$250	3 rd - \$250	\$1,000	3 rd - \$100	

Entry Fee.....\$40 and \$20 pit, \$6 gate pass
 Riders allowed in all classes except small cars. Riders get \$100 if they are in the winning car.

80 & Newer Wire and Rookie Rules

Drivers

1. MUST be 18 years of age, 16 & 17 year-olds need notarized permit with parent's consent and signature.
2. Any driver using an open face helmet will NOT be covered by insurance if facial injury occurs.
3. One person per car and MUST attend the drivers' meeting before the race.
4. Drivers will NOT drink beer or liquor before or during the race.
5. MUST wear approved racing helmets and seatbelts.

Car Preparation

Any car 80 or newer can be run.

1. Any bumper may be used. Bumpers may be reinforced and welded, 4" back from front of frame.
2. Drive train Ford on Ford, GM on GM, etc. Rear end no more than 5 lug. Before you change the rear end call Rick Dobbels (309-50701974) or Chad Kinsey (309-737-8736).
3. Front doors may be welded.
4. One bar across dash and one bar behind seat no further than 4" from seat. May connect dash bar and seat bar. No other support anywhere else in the car. Bars may be welded in.
5. Gas tank protectors allowed. Rollover bars allowed. May run after market steering, gas pedal, or shifter.
6. Any tire allowed.
7. Frame and sheet metal may be noted or pre-bent.
8. No welding on car unless stated. You may change radiator support mount ¾" bolt, may not extend hood.
9. Unlimited wire may be used.
10. No homemade slip shafts. No distributor protectors.

Pit Area and Inspections

1. NO one will be permitted in pits without pit pass.
2. NO alcoholic beverages or drugs are permitted in the pit area. If found with alcohol or drugs in your pit area, you will automatically be disqualified and asked to leave. No refund will be given.
3. NO pit persons allowed in arena or track, any violation will result in disqualification.
4. Management DOES have the right to inspect or disqualify a car and drivers at ANYTIME!
5. Any cars not removed from the grounds by noon the next day become property of the Mercer County Fair.

80 & Newer Welded Rules

Drivers

1. MUST be 18 years of age, 16 & 17 year olds need notarized permit with parent's consent and signature.
2. Any driver using an open face helmet will not be covered by insurance if facial injury occurs.
3. One person per car and MUST attend the drivers' meeting before the race.
4. Drivers will NOT drink beer or liquor before or during the race.
5. MUST wear approved racing helmets and seat belts.

Car Preparation

Any car 80 or newer can be run.

1. All cars must be stock unless started in the rules.
2. All glass, plastic, chrome, and interior must be removed from car.
3. All decking in station wagons MUST be removed.
4. Tires no bigger than 15 inches, NO split rims. Valve stem protectors OK.
5. Use motor and tranny of choice, motor must be in stock location. You may chain or weld motor and tranny to keep in place. (Don't strengthen frame.)
6. Use rear end of choice, must be 5 lug. You can tilt rear end if you wish. Welded or posi-track highly recommended. You may chain rear end in 4 spots
7. Radiator must be in stock location.
8. All cars must have working brakes.
9. All trailer hitches must be removed.
10. Original gas tank must be removed. You must use a boat tank or well made fuel cell, and it must be properly secured and covered. Plastic gas tanks must be covered with a metal shield.
11. Hoods must have 2-4 inch holes for fires.

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Car Building

1. Doors, tailgates, trunks may be wired, chained, or welded with no more than 5-inch wide strap, 1/4 inch thick.
2. Bumpers are interchangeable. Any automotive bumper and bumper brackets may be used on any car. May sure bumper is welded solid. Bumper may be reinforced under the bumper skin, inside the bumper.
3. Trunks may have 8 bolts in them.
4. Hoods may use 8 bolts total. May have 5" washer on sheet metal only to hold bolts.
5. Frame welding: Top seams only, from cross member forward, no added metal.
6. For driver's protection, you may weld a bar behind the seat, at rear of back door, and also across the dash. You may connect these bars with 2 cross bars. Roll bars allowed. Roll over bar may be welded to frame. May run 4 bars from cage to frame. Must connect to flat part of frame under the cage. Gas tank protectors allowed.
7. Body bolts may be changed. You may use up to 1-inch bolts. You may also add 4 additional body mounts.
8. Washers cannot exceed 5 inches.
9. Suspension: No leaf spring conversion.
10. Fenders may be cut out. Fenders may be bolted back together or welded.
11. Must have at least one bar in windshield from roof to dash for safety reasons.
12. Unlimited wire allowed.
13. Bent or rusty frames, 6 patches, 6x6, 1/4" thick total.

Pit Area and Inspection

1. NO one will be permitted in the pits without a pass.
2. NO alcoholic beverages or drugs are permitted in the pit area. If found with alcohol or drugs in your pit area, you will automatically be disqualified and asked to leave. No refund will be given.
3. No pit persons allowed in arena or track, and violation will result in disqualification.
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Small Car Class

Small cars are classified as those with 105 inch wheel base or less, 4 or 6 cylinders

NO 4X4 CARS ALLOWED

All rules for the small car demo derby shall be the same as wire class with the exception that the suspension must be stock. This means no leaf spring conversion may be done. Small cars may be any year.

Small cars will go through the same inspections as large cars.

Any questions, contact:

Rick Dobbels, (309)507-1974

Chad Kinsey, (309)737-8736

RPM Flat Track Motorcycle Racing
Wednesday, JULY 8, 2026 6:30 pm
\$10,000 Purse
Rita Williams, Superintendent (309) 337-1413

Pit Gates Open 1:00 pm.
Registration 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Practice 4:00 p.m.
Heats 6:30
Main Event To Follow

Classes:
Amateur \$50
Pro Outlaw \$75
Pit Passes \$25

Night of Destruction/Trailer Races
Thursday, JULY 9, 2026, 7:00 PM
Superintendent – Garen Nelson (309)221-9624

Trailer Race
1st - \$500
2nd - \$300
3rd - \$100

Bus Race
1st - \$750
2nd - \$300
3rd - \$100

Compact Race
1st - \$250
2nd - \$125
3rd - \$50

Any questions or details, contact:
Rick Dobbels, (309)507-1974
Chad Kinsey, (309)737-8736

Dept. V2 Miss Mercer County Fair Queen
Pageant TUESDAY, JULY 87 2026, 6:30 PM
Co-Superintendent – Ledith Whitehall, (309)550-
88088808 Co-Superintendent – Elyse Rush,
(309)992-8895

Prizes	
Queen	Cash
Prize	
1 st Runner-Up	Cash
Prize	
2 nd Runner-Up*	Cash
Prize	
3 rd Runner-Up*	Cash
Prize	
4 th Runner-Up*	Cash
Prize	

*Number of runners up will be determined by the number of contestants,

PAGEANT RULES

1. Candidates must be single and never have been married, divorced, or had a marriage annulled. It must also be understood that contestants entering the pageant shall never have been pregnant.
2. A candidate must be a minimum of 16 years of age and not have achieved her 22nd birthday by January 1, 2027
3. No professional models will be eligible. However, mere attendance in a charm school or a girl receiving expense money for modeling will not be classified as a professional.
4. Candidates must be a Mercer County resident and a U.S. Citizen for 6 months.
5. Candidates will be judged as follows: Interview (35%), Speech & Communication Skills (25%), Stage Presence & Formal Dress (20%), Physique & Fitness Wear (15%), and Impromptu Question (5%)
6. Candidates will be required to appear in floor length formal and in fitness wear. Dress shoes with heels will be required. No talent performance is required for this contest.
7. A maximum of 25 contestants will be accepted. No preliminary contest will be held.
8. In case of marriage, pregnancy, or if for any reason, the Queen chosen is unable to fulfill her obligations as the reigning queen, she agrees to relinquish her title and all privileges and prizes awarded to her. The Executive Committee of the Mercer County Fair Association and the Superintendent of the Pageant have the discretion of recall should any improprieties or negative circumstances occur. Any queen recalled will be succeeded by the next eligible runner-up. Conviction of any crime other than a minor traffic offense shall be cause for recall.
9. The winner of the contest agrees to appear in Springfield in January 2025 for the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant, as well as participate in functions becoming of a queen which may arise during the year. Activities connected with the Miss Mercer County Fair should take precedence over and above all other personal appearances. She agrees not to participate in any other beauty pageant without permission of the Pageant Superintendent.
10. Candidates who are under age 18 must have parents/legal guardian's written consent.

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 Junior miss rules.docx
 little miss rules.docx

For further information contact:
Ledith Whitehall at www.merercountyfairpageant@gmail.com

Dept. V3 Junior Miss Mercer County Fair Queen Pageant
TUESDAY, JULY 7 2026, 6:30 PM
Co-Superintendent – Ledith Whitehall, (309)550-8808
Co-Superintendent – Elyse Rush, (309)992-8895

Prizes

Junior Miss	Cash
Prize	
1 st Runner-Up	Cash
Prize	
2 nd Runner-Up*	Cash
Prize	
3 rd Runner-Up*	Cash
Prize	
4 th Runner-Up*	Cash
Prize	

*Number of runners up will be determined by the number of contestants.

PAGEANT RULES

1. A contestant in the Junior Miss Mercer County Fair Pageant must be a resident of Mercer County and a US Citizen for 6 months.
2. A candidate must be a minimum of 11 years of age and not have reached her 14th birthday by the date of the pageant.
3. Candidates will be required to appear in formal attire. No talent performance is required.
4. Candidates will be judged as follows: Interview (35%), Speech & Communication Skills (25%), Stage Presence & Formal Dress (20%), and Impromptu Question (20%).
5. Interviews will be a timed event, three (3) minutes each for each girl.
6. A maximum of 25 contestants will be accepted. No preliminary contest will be held.
7. If, for any reason, the Junior Miss chosen is unable to fulfill her obligations as the reigning Junior Miss, she agrees to relinquish her title and all privileges and prizes awarded to her. The executive committee of the Mercer County Fair Association and the director(s) of the pageant have the discretion of recall should any improprieties or negative circumstances occur. Any Junior Miss recalled will be succeeded by the next eligible runner up.
8. The winner of the contest agrees to preside over the fair for the remainder of the week. She may attend County Fair Day at the Illinois State Fair the first Friday of the State Fair. Activities with Junior Miss Mercer County Fair should take precedence over and above all other personal appearances. She agrees not to participate in any other pageants without permission of the pageant superintendent(s).
9. All candidates must have parents/legal guardians' written consent.

For further information, contact:

Ledith Whitehall, www.mercercountyfairpageant@gmail.com

Dept V4 Little Miss Mercer County Fair Queen Pageant
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025, 6:30 PM
Co-Superintendent – Ledith Whitehall, (309)550-8808
Co-Superintendent – Elyse Rush, (309)992-8895

Prizes

Little Miss	Cash
Prize	
1 st Runner-Up	Cash
Prize	
2 nd Runner-Up*	Cash
Prize	
3 rd Runner-Up*	Cash
Prize	
4 th Runner-Up*	Cash
Prize	

*Number of runners up will be determined by the number of contestants.

PAGEANT RULES

1. A contestant in the Little Miss Mercer County Fair Queen Pageant must be a resident of Mercer County and a US Citizen for 6 months.
2. A candidate must be a minimum of 6 years of age and not have reached her 9th birthday by the date of the pageant.
3. Candidates will be required to appear in a party dress. No talent performance is required.
4. Candidates will be judged as follows: Interview (40 points), Party Dress & Modeling (25 points), and Introductions (15%)
5. Interviews will be a timed event, three (3) minutes for each girl.
6. A maximum of 25 contestants will be accepted. No preliminary contest will be held.
7. If, for any reason, the Little Miss chosen is unable to fulfill her obligations as the reigning Little Miss, she agrees to relinquish her title and all privileges and prizes awarded to her. The executive committee of the Mercer County Fair Association and the Superintendent(s) of the pageant have the discretion of recall should any improprieties or negative circumstances occur. Any Little Miss recalled will be succeeded by the next eligible runner-up.
8. The winner of the contest agrees to preside over the fair for the remainder of the week. She may attend County Fair Day at the Illinois State Fair the first Friday of the State Fair. Activities with Little Miss Mercer County Fair should take precedence over and above all other personal appearances. She agrees not to participate in any other pageants without permission of the Pageant Superintendent(s).
9. All candidates must have parents/legal guardians' written consent.

For further information, contact:
Ledith Whitehall, www.mercercountyfairpageant@gmail.com

Dept. V5 Mercer County Fair
Talent Contest

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026 3:00 PM
Superintendent- Tammy Mizner, (309)582-6229
Assistant Superintendent – Ledith Whitehall, (309)550-8808

In lieu of any entry fee, each entrant and his/her parents or support staff will pay regular gate admission of \$6.00 per person.

1. Junior and Senior Division Age Information:
 - A. All entries that are 14 years of age or younger on the date of the local contest will enter in the Junior Division.
 - B. All entries that are 15 years of age and no older than 21 years of age as of the date of the local contest will be entered in the Senior Division.
2. All contestants must supply their own equipment. There is no age limit for an accompanist. Accompaniment tapes are acceptable; however, tapes with background vocals for vocal talent will be disqualified. When using cassette/CD taped accompaniment, no like talent is allowed on the recording (i.e. vocal, tap dancing, any like instruments, etc.)
3. Set up time for the act is limited to five minutes.
4. Any act that goes over four (4) minutes performance time will be disqualified.
5. All applicants may appear in only one act.
6. Applicants must be of single marital status and never have been married.
7. Judging of the performance will be a total base of 50 points:
Costume – 5 points
Audience Appeal – 5 points
Stage Presence – 15 points
Ability – 25 points.
8. The decision of the judges is final. Contestants will not be able to see their scores.
9. Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place contestants in each division. Cash prizes will be awarded in both divisions as follows:
1st Place - \$75.00
2nd Place - \$50.00
10. In addition, \$75.00 will be awarded to the Jr and Sr first place winner upon performance at the State contest to help defray expenses. The entry fee of \$75.00 for the first-place winner in each division will be paid by the Mercer County Fair Board to appear at the State Contest.
11. Winners of the Jr and Sr Divisions will appear in Springfield in January 2023 at the convention of the Illinois Association of Ag Fairs. In case the winning entry cannot appear in the state contest due to illness or other similar reason, the number one runner-up will be eligible for the contest.
12. Entries are available by contacting the Superintendent and must be registered with the Superintendent of the talent contest by July 3, 2025. No entries will be accepted after that date.

To enter, please email the following information to info@mercercountyfair.org

Name

Address

Phone #

Age of contestant(s)

Type of Talent

Mercer County Fair Baby Contests
Co-Superintendent – Tammy Mizner, (309)582-
6229 Co-Superintendent – Ledith Whitehall,
(309)550-8808

All baby contests will be held at the shelter east of
the Secretary's Office at 2:00 pm on July 11, 2026

BABY PHOTO CONTEST

Photo Entries will be accepted through July 3, 2026

Contestants must be residents of Mercer County who have not reached three years of age by July 11, 2026. Beginning on the first day of the fair, they will be on display at the Merchant's Building at the fairgrounds. The public will decide the winning baby through monetary donations. The donations will be split evenly between a charity of the parent's choice and Mercer County Fair improvement projects. The Mercer County Fair Board will tabulate donations and the winners will be announced at 1:00 pm on July 11, 2026, at the fair shelter. All voting ceases at 8:00 pm on July 10, 2026, when the Merchant's Building closes. The Mercer County Fair will award the top baby \$25.00 each. All submissions must consist of an 8x10 photo with the name of the child, parent's name, address, phone number, and charity address on the back, along with a \$2.00 entry fee.

Submissions may be dropped off at the fair secretary's office during open hours or mailed to Mercer County Agricultural Society, Box 141, Aledo, IL. Photos may be picked up after the event is announced at 2:00 pm on July 11, 2026, at the fair shelter.

Due to space limitations, a maximum of 30 photo entries will be accepted. Any photos received after the maximum of 30 will be returned.

DECORATED DIAPER CONTEST

Immediately following Baby Photo Contest results at the shelter.
Entries are made just prior to the event.

BABY CRAWL

Immediately following the Decorated Diaper Contest
Entries are made just prior to the event.
Children 2 years of age and younger are eligible to participate.