

CONCESSION PERMITS AND PRIVILEGES

Stands, shows, etc. will be assigned rented space in order of application.

No concession rented space will be sold for any game of chance or immoral exhibitions.

Each concessionaire must confine himself/herself to the space assigned him, and he/she will not be allowed to check packages or bicycles in connection with his/her business to the detriment of that concession.

Concessionaires must abide by the rules of the Association and terms of their licenses and failure to do so shall subject them to forfeiture of their privilege and exclusion from the grounds without reimbursement.

The promiscuous distribution of hand bills or other advertising matter is strictly prohibited, and no tacking or posting of advertising bills, cards, etc. will be permitted on any of the buildings or elsewhere. Exhibitors may advertise and distribute them from their places of exhibit only.

Under no circumstances shall any person be allowed to sell goods of any description unless they have booth privilege space.

Minimum fee for overnight camping is \$25.00.

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
DIVISION OF FOOD AND DRUGS
TEMPORARY FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT REGULATIONS**

The following requirements are mandatory in order to operate a Temporary Food Service Facility.

1. **FOOD SUPPLIES** – All food supplies including meat, milk, vegetable, etc. shall be obtained from sources complying with applicable State Laws & Regulations & be of a quality acceptable to Illinois State Fair Management. All food shall be clean, wholesome and free from adulteration and misbranding. Home canned foods will not be permitted. All fruits & vegetables shall be washed before being used. Food stands, which freeze dairy products, must have a “Certificate of Approval” from the Division of Food & Drugs.
2. **PERSONAL HYGIENE** – Personnel with boils, cuts, respiratory infections & communicable diseases shall not be permitted to work in a food stand. Fingernails shall be trimmed; hands & arms shall be washed & clean before starting work, washed after visiting toilet & washed as frequently as necessary during the day. Employees shall wear clean outer clothing. All female employees shall wear hairnets. Male employees shall wear caps & if hair is kept long a hairnet shall be worn also. Smoking or other use of tobacco is not permitted by food stand personnel in food preparation or sales area.
3. **HANDWASHING FACILITIES** – Convenient & adequate hand washing facilities shall be provided in each establishment. The minimum facilities shall consist of a pan, water, soap & individual towels. Common towels are prohibited.
4. **MENU RESTRICTIONS & FOOD PREPARATION** – Potentially hazardous food such as cream filled pastries, custards, cream pies & meat, poultry & fish in the form of salads or sandwiches shall be prohibited. The preceding does not apply to hamburgers, frankfurters and other food, which prior to service requires just seasoning and cooking.

Fresh pork & poultry must be heated throughout to a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees F. Chicken pies, chicken fricassee & chicken/noodles shall not be offered for sale the following day.

All hamburger intended for use in sandwiches shall be purchased in patty form only. Hams including “pre-cooked hams” shall be thoroughly cooked prior to serving. Potato salad shall not be prepared or served. Left-over potentially hazardous food including sandwiches shall not be offered for sale the following day.

5. **REFRIGERATION & FOOD TEMPERATURES** – Potentially hazardous products, eggs, meat, poultry & fish shall be maintained at temperatures 45 degrees F or below or 140 degrees F or above. Only mechanical refrigeration shall be permitted for maintaining refrigeration temperatures.
6. **FOOD & DRINK STORAGE & DISPLAY** – All food supplies shall be stored off the ground on pallets or shelves. All food shall be properly covered to prevent contamination from dust, insects, droplet contamination, etc.

Wet storage of packaged food & beverages is prohibited. Pressurized containers of soft drinks may be stored in ice water if the water contains at least 50 ppm of available chlorine & if the water is changed often enough to keep both the water & containers clean.

All food on display, such as cotton candy, candied apples, etc. shall be covered or be individually packaged to prevent contamination from dust & other elements.

7. **CONDIMENTS** – Sugar, mustard, catsup & other condiments shall be individually packaged or dispensed from an approved dispenser.
8. **ICE SUPPLY & HANDLING** – Ice that is consumed or which will come in contact with food shall be obtained from an approved source in chipped, crushed or cubed form & transported & stored in single service, closed container bags. Bagged ice shall not be stored directly on the ground.
9. **WATER SUPPLY & STORAGE** – An adequate supply of safe sanitary water for drinking, food preparation, hand washing & cleaning utensils & equipment shall be provided in the food stand. Wherever possible a pressure supply system is recommended. Hot water shall be made available for cleaning purposes.

If water under pressure is not available in the stand, storage containers shall be constructed of an approved type material, possess tight fitting over lapping covers & have a dispensing valve, which is of a cleanable construction. Water containers constructed of wood shall be prohibited.

10. **MULTI-USE EATING & DRINKING UTENSILS** – The manual washing of plates, glasses, cups & silverware is prohibited. Only single service tableware & utensils shall be used, including cups, plates & eating utensils. Facilities shall be provided for washing pots, pans & similar utensils.

All single service articles shall be properly stored to prevent contamination. Single service cups shall be stored & dispensed through approved tube dispensers to avoid contamination of surfaces in contact with the mouth of a customer. Only individually wrapped drinking straws shall be used.

11. **FOOD EQUIPMENT & CONSTRUCTION & CLEANLINESS** – Only food equipment which is in good repair & cleanable shall be used.

Food-contact surfaces shall be corrosion non-absorbent nontoxic, free of breaks, open seams, chips, pits & similar imperfections. Galvanized containers shall not be used for preparation, display & storage of acid drinks. Appropriate scoops, tongs, spoons & forks shall be provided to minimize manual contact with food.

After each usage, all kitchenware & food-contact surfaces of equipment, exclusive of cooking surfaces, used in preparation, serving, display, or storage of food, shall be thoroughly cleaned to sight & touch. All counters & shelving shall be kept clean & presentable at all times.

12. **LIQUID & SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL** – All liquid waste shall be disposed into public sewers in such a manner as not to create a public health hazard or nuisance condition.

An adequate number of approved garbage containers with tight fitting lids shall be provided at each stand.

It shall be the responsibility of each food stand owner or operator to keep the grounds surrounding their stand free of food scraps, paper & other debris.

13. **FOOD STAND CONSTRUCTION** – Kitchens & food preparations areas shall have ceilings & sides so constructed as to minimize the entrance of insects & dust. Ceilings & sides may be of wood, canvas or other materials, which will protect the interior of a food stand from the elements.

Effective shielding shall be provided consisting of glass or other durable materials where necessary to prevent contamination of food & food preparation equipment from dust, rain, flies, insects, consumer handling & other elements.

These restrictions also apply to concessionaires distributing free food samples.

Kitchens & food preparation areas not located on concrete or asphalt surfaces shall have temporary flooring constructed of wood & elevated to prevent employees from working in mud & prevent contamination of food by dust, mud, etc. Sawdust shall not be used as floor covering. Flooring in outdoor permanent stands shall be maintained in good repair.

All wood framing shall be freshly painted, in good repair & maintained in a clean condition. All canvas shall be in good repair & maintained in a clean condition.

The preceding will be subject to approval by the inspection agency when the food stand is assembled.

14. **UTILIZATION OF FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES LOCATED OFF THE FAIRGROUNDS** – Facilities such as church kitchens & commercial restaurants, etc. which are utilized for off the grounds preparation of food served at the fair shall be inspected prior to the fair & shall meet the Food Service Sanitation Regulations of the Illinois Department of Public Health.

RULES AND REGULATIONS – 2025 (Notice – Fair Not Responsible)

It has become necessary for the Board of Directors to announce that the Edgar County Fair Association will not be responsible to any person, individual, corporation or association for any loss by either fire, theft or by personal injury sustained by anyone through the negligence of any person or group of people, exhibits or exhibitors. While the Edgar County Fair Association will give adequate police protection & take such precautionary measures as are consistent in the operation of the Edgar County Fair Association, the Board positively will not be responsible for any of the occurrences under any circumstances.

The Directors of the Edgar County Fair Association reserve the right to dismiss any exhibitor, patron or concessionaire at any time during the fair. The Directors also have the right to withdraw any or all premiums if circumstances involving said exhibitor, are deemed unethical or dangerous by the Directors.

The Association reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules & regulations & arbitrarily settle & determine all matters, questions & differences in regard thereto & to add to or amend these rules as they may deem advisable. Should any dispute arise as to the meaning of any premium offered or as to any rule regarding the admission into, or exclusion from the various classes, the decision shall be final. By entering, the exhibitor agrees to abide by each & every rule printed in this catalog.

“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.”

ENTRIES

All entries, with the exception of one day shows, will be made by addressing the Secretary. Entry forms must be signed by the exhibitors & may be mailed to the Secretary or placed at the Fair office July 16, 17 and 18, 2025 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

ONLINE ENTRIES AVAILABLE

Information at www.edgarcountyfair.com

All articles for exhibition must be on the grounds & in place, per rules stated for each department. No more than two (2) premiums will be paid to any one exhibitor under any single premium number. Exhibitors must enter articles by category number not by article name. Exhibitor must keep premium numbers in rotation & enter number of head or articles.

Articles in the Art Hall may be removed between the hours of 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m., Friday, July 25, 2025. If removed sooner, premium will be forfeited.

ARRANGEMENT OF EXHIBITS IN ART HALL

The grounds will be open for the arrangement of exhibits in Art Hall beginning Saturday, July 19, 2025, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and on Sunday, July 20, 2025, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Exhibitors are requested to take ample time to arrange their exhibits. On and after Saturday, July 19, 2025, security will patrol the grounds & every precaution will be taken by the Association to protect exhibits. The Association will not be responsible for loss or injury should any occur.

SUPERINTENDENTS AND DEPARTMENTS

Each Superintendent will have the arrangements & supervision of articles or animals on exhibition in his/her department or class in accordance with the rules of the Fair & under the direction of the Board of Directors.

They will afford the awarding judge every facility for examination, will affix the premiums under the direction of the judge, and take charge of the entry books & return them to the Secretary.

Great care must be taken to preserve the entry books, & the awards must be entered in plain, legible manner, in proper place, as the premiums will be paid on these entries.

The entering of animals or articles by the Superintendent or assistants in the show ring after the beginning of the Fair is positively forbidden. No premium will be awarded unless the competing animal or article was properly entered through the Secretary's Office according to the rules of the Association.

No animal will be awarded a prize unless promptly brought into the show ring when lot is called with printed catalogue number (where printed catalogue is used) & entry tag. Animals entered & not brought into the ring at the proper time will forfeit all entry fees paid. No refunds.

All exhibitors furnish registration papers for Superintendent's inspection in all classes.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS

NO PREMIUM CHECKS FOR LIVESTOCK WILL BE ISSUED BEFORE 4:00 P.M., FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025.

Premiums will be paid in full except where otherwise noted, at the Secretary's Office on the grounds Friday, July 25, 2025. The management reserves the right to withhold premiums for ten days after the Fair.

ANY PREMIUM CHECKS NOT CASHED WITHIN 90 DAYS WILL BE VOID.

PROTESTS

Protests designed to affect awards must be made by an interested party & notice given to the Superintendent of the Department before the examination of the protested animal or article by the awarding judges is concluded & a written statement, verified by affidavit, setting forth the reason for protesting, must be filed with the Secretary on the day the animal or article is judged.

In every case of protest the protesting party must deposit with the Secretary at the time of filing the protest an amount equal to the premium. This sum shall, in the event of protest being sustained, be returned to the complainant, & if the protest shall not be finally sustained, be paid to the Treasurer of the Fair.

Every protest made for the purpose of affecting the amount of premiums offered, or the withdrawal or addition of any premiums, or the removal of any judge, for the employment of any judge not already employed, shall be made in writing addressed to the Board of Directors, setting forth the grounds upon which such premium offer, employment, or non-employment of said judge is sought to be effected, & stating the facts upon which such grounds are based. No statement, in writing, will be considered other than those verified by affidavit.

INFORMATION FOR EXHIBITORS OF LIVESTOCK

The Edgar County Fair now pays all premium checks by computer. All entry blanks must be completely & accurately filled out before your Entry Form can be processed or before a check will be issued. A separate Entry Form will be required for each exhibitor. The exhibitor **must** provide their name, address, zip code & telephone number.

All exhibitors must furnish registry paper for Superintendent's inspection.

Entry forms must be complete & must also include entry fees. These forms & fees may be mailed to the Secretary prior to July 18, 2025. Livestock entries will close July 18, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. with the exception of one (1) day shows. **ONLINE ENTRIES AVAILABLE.**

Information at www.edgarcountyfair.com

Pens & stalls will be reserved as entries are made & fees received. Exhibitors who desire to have stalls or pens reserved for them will forward list of entries accompanied by a draft for entry on or before Friday, July 18, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. This is the only sure way to get the stalls & pens you want.

The premium list has been carefully revised & the offerings are liberal as the Association can afford. No premiums can be added after the publications of this list. Every exhibitor will be given an absolutely square deal, & no special arrangements or guarantees will be made with any exhibitor.

NO MORE THAN TWO PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID TO ANY ONE EXHIBITOR IN ANY ONE CLASS.

For all animals brought to the grounds & not entered in any class, a stall or pen rent, equal to one entry fee for each such animal will be charged.

Each livestock exhibitor must furnish his/her own buckets for watering & his/her own feed trough. Exhibitors of livestock will be required to keep stalls in a neat & clean condition, & space over which visitors will pass in examining stock, free from waste & rubbish.

Exhibitors of purebred livestock shall furnish the Superintendent of the proper department satisfactory proof as to the breeding of the animals on exhibition. Exhibitors are required to have their registry papers with them, & this is the most satisfactory way of settling disputes regarding the eligibility of animals exhibited.

All competing animals shall be exhibited & paraded, failure to comply with these rules shall forfeit all premiums awarded his/her stock.

Great care will be used by the officers of the Association to prevent loss by theft or injury to animals or articles on exhibition, but in no case will the Association become responsible for loss or injury should any occur.

There will be no refunds.

No judge shall be permitted to exhibit & receive a premium in the class in which he/she acts in said capacity.

Expert judges will be secured & the Association will endeavor to have all awards made by the single judge system as far as practical.

Exhibitors will be permitted to bring into the grounds only a limited amount of feed, hay & straw, & the management reserves the right to refuse admission of such if in their judgment there is an excessive amount. The space in the barns is for exhibition purposes & not for storage of feed.

HEALTH OF ANIMALS

Animals affected by or having been exposed to any contagious disease during the 30 days preceding the Fair will be excluded from the grounds.

Exhibitors must submit their animal for examination by the official Veterinary when so ordered by the Superintendent or Secretary, & his/her decision will be final as to the defect of the animal exhibited.

In the case of the outbreak of any contagious or infectious disease among domestics exhibited, the management reserves the right in such emergency to withdraw the premium therefore by giving public notice at any time.

RULES FOR EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK

1. Health papers must be presented to the Superintendent before livestock is unloaded. Health papers are to be turned in to the Secretary's Office at the time entries are made to be checked by the Veterinarian. Papers will be returned upon leaving the fairgrounds.
2. There will be no substitution of one breed of livestock for another.
3. There must be at least 2 different exhibitors showing in each class (nonfamily members). There must be at least 2 different exhibitors showing in each breed (nonfamily members). If those conditions are not met, the class and/or breed may possibly be dropped the following year.
4. Every class must show & will be judged to insure open & honest competition. Failure to meet any of these rules will result in no premiums in that class & no entry fee will be refunded to any exhibitor in that class.
5. Failure to meet any of these rules will result in the forfeit of premiums by the exhibitor. These rules have been set forth because infringement will result in the withholding of state aid from the Fair Association by the Department of Agricultural Fairs.

6. All applications for entry of cattle must be accompanied by name of breeder, name, number & date of birth, & name and number of sire & dam of animal to be exhibited. No entry required in the championship classes.
7. **OWNERSHIP** – Animals owned in partnership may be entered in all classes of Fair in one owner's name, but must appear under but one ownership. The entry shall carry a footnote showing the actual ownership of the animals as appearing upon the herd book records except in the classes of "Get of Sire" & "Produce of Dam" ownership shall not be required. Animals to compose a competitive group need not be named in application for entry but must be selected by exhibitor.
8. Awards will be made by the single judge system, unless in the judgment of the Superintendent of the section more are required.
9. Should there be any unnecessary or embarrassing delay in bringing animals into the show ring, the Superintendent may exclude animals from competition.
10. No premiums will be awarded to any animal or group of animals, unless shown in the ring for judging.
11. When on exhibition, in the ring, each animal in this class must be under halter, in charge of owner or employee, who shall carry card to correspond with number in Judge's book.
12. Exhibitors must submit their animals for examination by the official Veterinarian when so ordered by the Superintendent of the section.
13. Any exhibitor refusing to parade on request of Superintendent forfeits premiums won, & fees paid by him/her will not be refunded.

ENTRY FEE WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE TIME ENTRIES ARE MADE. A \$15.00 fee will be charged for "nonsufficient funds" checks.

**NO PREMIUM CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED BEFORE 4:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025.
ANY CHECKS NOT PICKED UP WILL BE MAILED.**

Minimum trailer electrical hookup is \$25.00 per day.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS: Exhibitors or herdsman in charge must have all registration papers covering each & every animal in their possession in order that the Superintendent in charge may check said papers before showing.