Birth, Ownership and Tattoo Dates for Illinois State Fair Junior Show

2017 Steers, Market Heifers, Barrows, Wethers, & Meat Goats

For complete Rules and Regulations and nomination forms for Premiere Shows, please refer to the information from Dan Jennings.

STEERS & MARKET HEIFERS:

- Calved on or after January 1, 2016
- Owned & personally cared for by exhibitor since – February 1, 2017
- Weighed, Tattooed & Tagged –
  - On or between the last Saturday in January (January 28, 2017) and March 15, 2017.
  - In addition to tattooing, steers that will be going to state fair are to be tagged with the electronic ID tags. Information forthcoming from Dan Jennings regarding obtaining the tags. Each tag should be recorded to the nomination sheet. All paperwork should be sent to Dan Jennings.

BARROWS: Regular Barrows

- Farrowed on or after January 15, 2017 and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2017.
- No weighing and tattooing required but must submit ear notches when making entry for ISF

BARROWS: Premiere Barrows

- Farrowed on or after February 10, 2017 and must have been the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2017
- Weighed and Tattooed February 10 to April 15, 2017
- Tattooed within 35 days of birth and not weigh more than 1.0 lbs/day of age
- Junior exhibitors can purchase nominated barrows

SHEEP WETHERS: Both Premiere & Live Show Wethers

- Lambed on or after January 1, 2017
- Ownership Date – May 15, 2017
- Weighed & tattooed – between March 15 and May 15, 2017
- Weigh/Tattoo procedures for Open & Jr. Premiere & Live Show Wethers:
  - All lambs and meat goats to be exhibited at the State Fair MUST be taken to one of the statewide locations for weighing and tattooing. Each lamb will be tattooed, (weighed – Premiere lambs only), and recorded on Lamb Nomination Forms from Dan Jennings. Specific information regarding each of the weigh-in locations & procedures will be forthcoming.

MEAT GOATS: (ALL MEAT GOAT WETHERS MUST BE TATTOOED AT REGIONAL SHEEP PROCESSING SITES).

- Wethers – Born on or after October 1, 2016
- Tattooed in name of exhibitor only by May 15, 2017
- Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk – May 15, 2017
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BEEF – HEIFERS AND COWS:
Heifers
• Age requirement is from September 1, 2015 to March 31, 2017 (w/ addition of Senior Yearling class)
• Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 1, 2017

Performance Cows
• Cows must be born before September 1, 2015 (Cow-Calf Class only)
• Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since January 1, 2017

SWINE – GILTS:
• Age requirement is farrowed on or after January 1, 2017
• Owned by exhibitor since June 1, 2017

SHEEP – EWES & RAMS:
• Age requirement for yearling ewes is from January 1, 2016 to August 31, 2016
• Age requirement for ewe lambs is after September 1, 2016
• Age requirement for ram lambs is after January 1, 2017
• Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 25, 2017

DAIRY – COWS AND HEIFERS:
• No age requirements
• Calves and Heifers – Owned since June 1, 2017
• Cows – Owned since January 1, 2017

HORSE AND PONY:
• On or before June 1 – Copies of the ownership and/or lease papers, State Fair Entries, and one set of photos sent to Pam Harmon at State Fair for entry verification.

DOGS:
• Dogs must be owned or leased by June 1, 2017
• At this time, no paperwork is required to be on file.

DAIRY GOATS:
• Kids and Yearlings not in milk must be owned by exhibitor only by June 1, 2017.
• Milking Does must be owned by exhibitor only by January 1, 2017.

MEAT GOATS
• All meat goats (wethers and all breeding animals) are to be owned by exhibitor only by May 15, 2017.

RABBITS, PYGMY GOATS & POULTRY:
• Animals in these species that are to be exhibited at the ISF Jr. Show must be owned by the exhibitor as indicated: Does -- By June 1 of the year exhibiting; All others -- Out of stock owned by the exhibitor prior to June 1.
Changes/Notices Regarding the 2017 Illinois State Fair Animal Exhibits

Note: This list is only a NOTICE of changes that have been made regarding various animal exhibits at the State Fair. Local Extension staff, Vocational Agriculture instructors, and exhibitors and their families should read complete rules and regulations included in the 2017 ISF Jr. Department Premium book once printed copies are received or the book is posted on the ISF website: http://www.illinoisstatefair.info/.

Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification is mandatory for livestock project enrollment and subsequent 4-H exhibition. The website is now open. All State Fair beef, dog, sheep, swine, horse, dairy, meat goat, poultry, and rabbit exhibitors must complete QA&E Certification via this site one time during their showing career. Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.

Horses – Ownership, Lease papers, photos, and Entries are to be sent in together directly to: Pam Harmon at the Illinois State Fair by June 1 for verification of State Fair entries. If units wish to keep copies of this information for their own shows, they should make photocopies or require the exhibitors to submit two sets of forms.

All junior exhibitors will need to pay entry fees for any/all animals entered. Fees will be due with class entries – June 1 for Horses; July 1 for all other livestock. Fees are allocated as follows:

- Beef, Dairy, Horses -- $10 per head
- Sheep, Swine, Goats -- $2.50 per head
- Poultry, Rabbits -- $1 per head

Premises Identification numbers will be required for all Junior Department Barrow entries to the Illinois State Fair. This is required by most packing house(s). Even though the State Fair show is no longer a terminal show, a majority of exhibitors still have to eventually ship their animals from State Fair to the packing house for processing and Premises ID along with PQA will be required.

Beef – Major change –

ALL Steers must be weighed, tattooed and tagged during the January 28 - March 15, 2017 dates noted.

ALL Market Heifers will be processed and nominated identical to steers in 2017.

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