

Illinois State Fair Livestock Exhibition Drug Testing Procedures and Questions and Answers

Exhibitors and their families are strongly encouraged to review the Livestock Premium Book for full details on drug testing. General Provisions can be found on page 11, with more drug testing specifics starting on page 19. As a reminder, compliance with the content of the Premium Book is a requirement for participation in any State Fair exhibition.

In prior Fairs, Department of Agriculture employees have collected urine samples from exhibited animals. This year, exhibitors will have the option of collecting the sample themselves. Exhibitors must complete the Drug Testing Sample Collection Form to designate the sample collector. All samples must be collected in sight of a Department of Agriculture employee or designee, and as soon as possible after showing is complete. After notification that a sample is necessary, no animal may return to its barn prior to having a sample collected unless approved by and accompanied by Department employee or designee.

Exhibitors with questions regarding drugs and/or eligibility are encouraged to contact the Illinois State Veterinarian at 217-782-4944 *prior to* administration of drugs.

1. Does the Illinois State Fair have a zero-tolerance policy on FDA-approved drugs?

No. FDA-approved drugs are allowed as long as they do not violate subsection 3(8) of the Premium Book.

2. Does the Illinois State Fair allow drug residues in an animal? Do animals have to arrive at the Illinois State Fairgrounds free and clear of all residues?

Market animals at the Illinois State Fair must meet the requirements regarding drug withdrawal and eligibility for slaughter. If any drugs are administered prior to the Fair, they must have a withdrawal time such that the animal is eligible by the time the animal arrives at the Fairgrounds.

3. Does USDA allow the use of approved medications based on withdrawal periods?

No. The USDA does not allow animals with violative drug residues to enter the food supply. This decision is based on test results, not withdrawal periods.

4. Is there an exception to disqualification if my veterinarian prescribed the drug?

Generally, no. However, there is an exception from subsection 3(8)(B) for extra-label use of a drug properly disclosed on the AMDUCA form. The role of a veterinarian is to treat for the health of the animal, which may cause the animal to be ineligible for exhibition purposes.

5. What is the AMDUCA Form?

It is normally a violation of subsection 3(8)(B) of the Premium Book if an animal tests positive for a non-FDA-approved drug. However, it is not a violation if the exhibitor provides to the Illinois State Fair, at check-in, a properly completed AMDUCA form for the extra-label drug use. On the AMDUCA form, the veterinarian provides details on the condition of the animal, the drug used, and that federal law was followed. The AMDUCA form is not for disclosure of drug use that was in accordance with the approved labeling. The AMDUCA form can be found at <https://www.illinois.gov/statefair/competitions/premium-books/Documents/AMDUCA.pdf>.

6. What supplies will the Department provide if an exhibitor chooses to collect their own animal's urine sample? The Department will provide exhibitors reasonable quantities of, or access to, the equipment the Department utilizes for sample collection, including, bags, hoop, and cups. The Department will NOT provide gloves, disinfectant, or sanitizer.

All exhibitors in any and all events described in this Premium Book acknowledge by their entry into such events that they have no constitutional or statutory right to participate or compete in such events. All exhibitors hereby expressly acknowledge that the procedures set forth in this Premium Book are the exclusive procedures and remedies concerning any disqualification. The Illinois State Fair and/or the Department of Agriculture reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair.