

REGULATIONS AND GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Marshall-Putnam Fair, celebrating 105 Years, will be held at 915 University Avenue, Henry, Illinois 61537, Sunday, July 12, 2026, through Sunday, July 19, 2026.

***** **PLEASE NOTE** – All entries, except those exhibiting in one-day (jackpot) shows, must be made in person or by mail (postmarked) no later than **JULY 1, 2026**. Address entries to Marshall-Putnam Fair, P.O. Box 114, Henry, Illinois 61537.

- 1. Walk-in entries will be accepted in the Fair Office Monday – Thursday from June 15, 2026, through July 1, 2026.** Entries may also be mailed but postmarked no later than July 1, 2025. Entries will not be accepted unless accompanied by a completed entry form, proper release form signatures, and payment of entry fees, stall/pen fees, and exhibitor permits.
2. Any exhibitor/participant of our fair receiving more than \$600 in premiums/monetary awards will be required to complete a W-9 before receiving their premium/award check. **The Marshall-Putnam Fair Association reserves the right to request exhibitors/participants to produce an acceptable copy or original of their Social Security Card if requested. The Fair Association also reserves the right to request proof of age of any junior exhibitor.**
3. The management reserves the right to reject any person's entry deemed unsatisfactory.
- 4. All exhibitors/participants will be required to sign a Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement. Anyone under the age of 18 will need a parent's signature on the form. Failure to sign this release automatically voids your entry. THIS FORM CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 2 OF ALL ENTRY FORMS OR ON OUR WEBSITE UNDER THE FAIR BOOK TAB.**
5. Entries can be made in person or by mail by giving name, address, phone number, email, date of birth for all junior exhibitors, department, section number, and the class number you wish to enter. **Entries will be determined by the class number given on the entry form. Entry forms may be photocopied if additional space is needed.** Signatures on Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement (mentioned in #4 above) must also be included. Entry fees, stall/pen fees, and exhibitor's permit fees must be included and will not be refunded. **NO ENTRY TAGS WILL BE MAILED. PLEASE PICK UP ENTRY TAGS AT THE FAIR OFFICE BEFORE THE FAIR OR UPON CHECKING IN TO THE FAIRGROUNDS.**
6. Each exhibitor participating in Departments I, J, K, L, M, O, and P must purchase an exhibitor's permit.
7. Neither the office personnel nor any other director of the Association shall disclose to competitors, or any other person, what entries have been made. Only office personnel and other officials of the Association, including superintendents, shall be allowed to know what entries have been made before the entries close.
8. Exhibitors will receive an entry identification tag for each animal or article entered in Departments J, K, L, M, O, and P. This tag specifies the Department, Section, and Class Number of the entry. The tag must be attached and remain attached to the article. These tags must be picked up in the fair office before checking articles in for judging.
9. No animal or article will be entitled to a place on the grounds until entry has been made as stated above, and no animal shall be exhibited for premium unless the exhibitor engages and occupies a stall for the same, except in cases of emergency and then at the discretion of the President.
10. Exhibitors will at all times give their necessary personal attention to whatever they have on exhibition, and at the close of the Fair, take charge of the same.
11. In Departments M, O, and P, no articles purchased in a store, made in a factory, or borrowed, can compete for premiums in these departments (except where noted). All articles must be the work of the exhibitor.
12. Articles or exhibits in all Departments at the Marshall-Putnam Fair will be released according to the rules stated in each department.
- 13. Leaving before release time will mean forfeiture of premium checks.**
14. All livestock judging times are listed in the Livestock Schedule. The Art Hall and Commercial Building will be open to the public EXCEPT when judging is in progress.

15. Riding or driving on the track by a person or persons during the exhibition hours, except when competing for premiums/monetary awards, is strictly forbidden.
16. The Board of Directors will take practical care of stock and articles after their arrangement on the grounds. The Board of Directors will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur to any person, stock, or article.
17. An efficient security force will be on the grounds to maintain order.
18. **All checks written by the Marshall-Putnam Fair Association for premiums, judges, winners, and any other fair expenses MUST be cashed within 60 days of issuance.**
19. Camping facilities, including water and electricity, are available on the fairgrounds for \$35 per day per space (including tent camping). A limited number of 240-volt electrical hook-ups spaces are available for \$40 per day per space. **All camping spaces must be reserved ahead of time. Please complete and return the camping application found under Camping → Fair Time Camping Application on our website.**

AWARDS

1. The judges shall be selected as needed by the Superintendent of various departments.
2. No person shall act as a judge in any class in which they may be an exhibitor or agent of an exhibitor.
3. Where there is no competition, the animal or article shall receive the first premium and ribbon. Any article deemed unworthy by the judge, however, will be disqualified.
4. Any exhibitor attempting to interfere with the judges during their adjudication will be promptly excluded from the competition.
5. (a). All protest concerning entries in any department must be made in writing, accompanied by an affidavit setting forth the grounds for the protest. The affidavit must be filed with the Superintendent of the Department at least four (4) hours before the awards are made. Such protests will be considered before the hour of judging by a Grievance Committee of three persons appointed by the President of the Association.
5. (b). Protests concerning an award must be filed within six (6) hours after the award was made. The protest must be submitted in writing to the Superintendent of the Department along with written evidence to substantiate the protest. All protests must be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00. A final decision will be made by a Grievance Committee consisting of three persons appointed by the President of the Association. The deposit will be returned if the protest is sustained. Interested parties will be notified, and an opportunity given them to submit evidence.
6. In all cases where protests are entered for improper or malicious purposes, or where there is evidence of fraud on the part of the exhibitor, the Board will exclude the parties practicing such fraud from exhibition on its grounds for two years thereafter; and in all cases where fraud has been practiced on the Board by misrepresentation or false entry, and the same may not be found out until the premiums are paid, the Association holds the right to recover the amount of premiums at any time within six months after the closing of the Fair.
7. Any exhibitor who interferes with the displays or the judging process or who insults a judge shall forfeit all premiums.
8. Should any doubt arise as to the regularity of entry or any other important matter which the judge feels incompetent to decide, they shall at once report the same to the Superintendent of the proper department for decision.
9. Judges are instructed that if they have good reason to believe that any exhibitor, by false entry or otherwise, attempts to deceive the judge or the public and obtain a premium by misrepresentation, they shall report the fact at once to the Superintendent of the Department, who shall immediately instruct the judge that such exhibitor is henceforth excluded from competition in the 2026 Fair.
10. Placings in the Judges' books must be entered in plain, legible handwriting and in the proper space, as the premiums will be paid on the authority of these entries only.
11. The books must be returned by the Superintendent of each department to the Fair Office as soon as the awards are completed.
12. When ribbons are awarded, Superintendents will be particular to observe the following rules (except in horses): Blue ribbons are designed for first premium, Red ribbons for second premium; White ribbons for third premium; Royal Purple ribbons for champions, which will be affixed at the time of the awards.
13. **An exhibitor can win only two premiums per class number.**

14. Any exhibitor/participant of our fair receiving more than \$600 in premiums/monetary awards will be required to complete a W-9 before receiving their premium/award check. **The Marshall-Putnam Fair Association reserves the right to request exhibitors/participants to produce an acceptable copy or original of their Social Security Card if requested.**
15. Decision of the Judge shall be final, except in case of fraud or protest.

RULES APPLICABLE TO ANIMALS

1. All entries, except those exhibiting in one-day (jackpot) shows, must be made in person or by mail (postmarked) no later than **JULY 1, 2026**. Address entries to Marshall-Putnam Fair, P.O. Box 114, Henry, Illinois 61537. Walk-in entries accepted beginning **JUNE 15, 2026**.
2. **ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A COMPLETED ENTRY FORM, PROPER RELEASE FORM SIGNATURES, AND PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES, STALL/PEN FEES, AND EXHIBITOR PERMITS.**
3. Any exhibitor/participant of our fair receiving more than \$600 in premiums/monetary awards will be required to complete a W-9 before receiving their premium/award check. **The Marshall-Putnam Fair Association reserves the right to request exhibitors/participants to produce an acceptable copy or original of their Social Security Card if requested. The Fair Association also reserves the right to request proof of age of any junior exhibitor.**
4. No money covering entry fees, stall/pen fees, and exhibitor's permits will be refunded.
5. All animals shown must be entered for competition in the name of the owner.*
6. All livestock must be owned by the party in whose name they are exhibited, and satisfactory proof of such ownership must be furnished to the awarding committee.*
7. A single animal may also be entered as one of a group class and in sweepstakes but shall not otherwise be entered in more than one class.
8. If it is ascertained that an animal is entered in a ring in which it does not properly belong, it is the duty of the Superintendent of the Department to instruct the committee not to award a premium.
9. **ALL PUREBRED LIVESTOCK MUST HAVE REGISTRATION PAPERS IN ORDER TO EXHIBIT. ALL REGISTRATION PAPERS WILL BE CHECKED AND MUST BE IN THE EXHIBITOR'S POSSESSION DURING THE FAIR. IF ANY EXHIBITOR IS FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION, THEY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IMMEDIATELY.**
10. **All health papers must be turned in to the Fair Office upon arrival, where they will be checked by the Vet and then returned to the exhibitor before the end of the Fair.**
11. In order to qualify for premiums, entries must be shown.
12. The Bureau of County Fairs requires that all exhibits be on the grounds for at least 72 hours, except one-day (jackpot) shows. See each department's rules for arrival and release times.
13. Animals are not allowed to run at large on the fairgrounds.
14. Animals are to be washed only at the wash racks.
15. No animals shall be allowed a place on the grounds, nor the owner permitted to exhibit the same if said animal shall be suffering from any contagious disease. The Board reserves the right to exclude any class of animals when, in their judgment, the interest of the community demands such action.
16. **No paper bedding may be used. The Swine Department will not allow straw bedding - SHAVINGS ONLY.** Shavings **will not** be available for purchase from the Fair Association.
17. **FAN RULE:** All fans for livestock must be caged and hung out of the aisle. **NO BUTT FANS.** **Exception for any livestock in tents:** Normal household fans may be used with the approval of the Superintendent.
18. **Extension Cords:** All extension cords for fans must be outdoor approved - heavy gauge.
19. **Appropriate space will be provided for the parking of livestock trailers near the west end of the fairgrounds (off the west entrance road). Those improperly parked will be towed at the owner's expense.**

*One-Day Horse Shows are governed by their sanctioning organization.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS

1. Each Superintendent of Department will have the arrangement and supervision of all articles or animals on exhibition in their department and be responsible to the Board for their management of the same.
2. They shall afford the judge every facility of examination; will affix ribbons under the direction of the Judges; shall have charge of the books, and when awards are finished, return the books to the Fair Office.
3. They will give such instructions to the Judge before entering upon the performance of the duties as will enable them to decide all questions that may come up for their consideration in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board.
4. All Superintendents are asked to make a written report within 90 days following the close of the Fair to the Board of Directors for their consideration of any suggestions for improvements in their respective departments.

PREMIUMS

1. The premium list has been carefully revised and, the offerings are as liberal as the Association can afford.
2. Premium winners are advised that no payment will be made until such time as a complete check of all receipts of the Fair has been made and the condition of the treasury fully ascertained.
3. **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.**
4. The Association reserves the right, in the event the receipts of the Fair are not sufficient to pay all premiums in full, to pay premium monies on a percentage basis.
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6. **Premium checks MUST be cashed within 60 days of issuance.**

CONCESSIONS

The Concession Chairmen will lease all privileges, locate all tents, stands, and concessions, and may annul any permit at any time for any cause unsatisfactory to the Chairmen. **PRIVILEGES MUST BE PAID IN FULL AT THE FAIR OFFICE ON FAIRGROUNDS BEFORE SETTING UP.** All privileges not paid for according to this rule will be forfeited. **All food stands must pass health inspection and provide a current Certificate of Food Liability before operating.**

A Concession Contract will provide more details. To obtain a copy, which includes the Rules and Regulations and current space rental fees and electrical hook-up rates, please contact the Fair Office (309)

ATTENTION

1. No alcoholic beverage will be allowed on the fairgrounds except in designated areas.
2. All pets must be on a leash and leash in hand. All pets on our fairgrounds **MUST** have proof of rabies vaccination with them and available to the Fair Association upon request. No pets (except service animals) are allowed in grandstand/infield seating areas.
3. No skateboards or roller blades/skates allowed on fairground property. All bicycles entering our fairgrounds must be left in a designated area by the front gate. Marshall-Putnam Fair Association is not responsible for stolen or damaged bikes or other property brought to our fairgrounds.
4. No one under the age of 21 will be allowed in the Activity Building after 9:00 pm on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights and after 10:00 pm on Sunday night (even if accompanied by a parent or guardian).
6. Because we care about your health, please remember to wash your hands before eating, especially after contact with animals.

Thank you for your cooperation.

OFFICE HOURS

June 1 st – July 3 rd	Open Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
July 4 th	CLOSED
July 6 th – 10 th	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
July 12 th – 19 th	M-P FAIR
July 12 th - July 14 th	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
July 15 th – July 19 th	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
July 20 th	8:00 am – 12:00 noon
July 21 st – July 24 th	CLOSED FOR 4-H SHOW
July 27 th	Return to Off-Season Hours, Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**OFFICE HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.
PLEASE PHONE FIRST.**

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3. **Premium Checks and Special Awards will be handed out in the Fair Office according to the following schedule:**
 - Department H5 on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at 6:00 pm
 - Department H1 on Sunday, July 19, 2025, at 5:00 pm
 - Departments J, K, L, M, O, P on Sunday, July 19, 2026, at 5:00 pm
 - Departments F, I1, and I2 on Sunday, July 19, 2026, at 7:00 pm
 - Department G/G1/G2 Sunday, July 19, 2026, approximately one hour after the end of the full swine show, but not before 7:00 pm
4. **It is preferred that the exhibitor winning the premium please pick up their check and sign the Premium Statement.** If this is not possible, a family member or friend will be allowed to pick up the exhibitors check but must follow the proper procedure set forth by the State of Illinois. This will require that person to sign their name and provide their address on the Premium Statement. Please pick up checks before leaving the fairgrounds. **PREMIUM CHECKS WILL NOT BE MAILED.**
5. When picking up checks please enter and leave through the back door of the Fair Office.
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JR. SWINE MAY LEAVE THE FAIRGROUNDS AT 6:00 PM ON SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026.

JR. BEEF CATTLE MAY LEAVE THE FAIRGROUNDS AT 5:00 PM ON SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026.

**NON-LIVESTOCK ARTICLES MAY BE REMOVED FROM BUILDINGS
AT 5:00 PM ON SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026.**

(This includes Departments J, K, L, M, O, and P)

**SHEEP, POULTRY, AND RABBITS MAY LEAVE THE FAIRGROUNDS
AT 7:00 PM ON SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2026.**

**OPEN SWINE MAY LEAVE THE FAIRGROUNDS FOLLOWING THE ISSUING OF CHECKS ON
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