

## Illinois State Fair Livestock Exhibition Drug FAQs

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. The State Fair Manager can also be reached at 217-782-6661. Specifics on livestock drug use can be found on pages 19-22 of the [Livestock Premium Book](#).

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(7) of the Premium Book.
2. **Does the Illinois State Fair allow drug residues in an animal?**  
Yes. Drug residues are allowed in an animal as long as the residue does not violate subsection 3(7). For example, you will be disqualified if your animal tests positive for a non-FDA-approved drug (unless properly disclosed on an AMDUCA form), tests positive for a competitive advantage drug, or tests above a residue limit at slaughter.
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. **Do animals have to arrive at the State Fairgrounds free and clear of all residues?**  
No. *Except as provided in subsection 3(7)*, all animals must arrive at the State Fairgrounds free and clear of all drug and chemical residues. Subsection 3(2). In general, avoid the following to be able to compete at the Illinois State Fair:
  - a. Do not give your animal non-FDA-approved drugs (unless you provide a properly completed AMDUCA form);
  - b. Do not give your animal competitive advantage drugs; and
  - c. Do not give your animal drugs that will violate residue limits at slaughter.
5. **Is there an exception to disqualification if my veterinarian prescribed the drug?**  
Generally, no. However, there is an exception from subsection 3(7)(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.
6. **What is the AMDUCA Form?**  
It is normally a violation of subsection 3(7)(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>.

For specific information, refer to the 2017 Livestock Premium Book, which can be found [here](#). Review Section 3 (page 19) of the Premium Book for information on violations for drug use.