
SWINE

Judged Saturday, August 1, 2026, 8:00 a.m.

Superintendent: Jeff Marco, Hayden Kuhn, Tina Kuhn

Appropriate attire is expected in the show ring and sale ring. Safety should be the issue for the attire.

Suggested attire: hard shoes, long pants and a collared shirt. (No shorts, open toed shoes, or hats.)

A 4-H member must be the owner of the animals exhibited at the fair. Professional fitters **will not be allowed** to assist in the 4-H Show.

4-H'ers may be assisted with the fitting of the animal by an immediate family member (mother, father, siblings or legal guardian) or by another 4-H member of DeKalb County.

All youth showing swine are required to be certified in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals during the current year.

Decisions made by the superintendents will be final.

Illinois Health Requirements for Swine:

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) means a legible record, made on an official form from the state of origin, containing an accurate description or identification of the animal including age, sex, breed, health status, and vaccination information. The CVI must be signed, dated, and issued by a licensed and accredited veterinarian in that state.
- Submitted CVIs must be as originally issued by the veterinarian; no CVIs with alterations, edits, or changes, will be accepted. The CVI must show that the animal meets all health requirements for the State of Illinois, CVI must show the name and address of the animal's owner or exhibitor.
- CVI must include the animal's Animal Identification Number.
- If one CVI is used for multiple animals, each animal identification must be made on a separate line.
- Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to obtain electronic CVIs whenever possible; IDOA is moving toward only accepting electronic CVIs. Exhibitors shall make CVIs available to Department of Agriculture and County Fair staff on request. If an official electronic CVI is utilized, the exhibitor should be able to log on and show County Fair staff or Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare Personnel the completed CVI.
- If animals are from tuberculosis accredited, brucellosis certified, pseudorabies qualified, or brucellosis validated herds, the identifying herd number(s) along with the date of the last herd test(s) shall appear on the CVI.
- CVIs for out-of-state livestock shall be void thirty (30) days after issuance.
- CVIs for Illinois-origin livestock shall be void ninety (90) days after issuance.

Individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag, ("840"tag). The tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.

Brucellosis and Pseudorabies testing is not required for Illinois swine.

4-H'ers leaving the fairgrounds before the completion of the livestock auction will forfeit auction premiums above floor/market price. All youth and animals are expected and required to remain on the fairgrounds until the completion of the auction.

RULES

1. Entries are limited to 4 market hogs (any combination of sexes; however, pen of two animals must be of the same sex.) Entries are limited to **1 pen of two hogs**.
2. Only swine officially nominated by **June 1** to the Extension office are eligible to be shown in the swine show. Nominations are limited to 15 swine per youth. Cross nominations within immediate families (ie brothers and/or sisters) will be permitted. For example, siblings may nominate the same animals on their nomination forms.
3. It is highly recommended that animals weigh **at least 240 pounds**.
4. All pigs exhibited must be farrowed on or after January 1, present year. March farrowed swine are quite small & lack finish, consequently, will rate low in the show.
5. Weight classes will be determined on Friday, July 31, 2026. For single market hog classes, 4-H members should register each hog they are planning to show in this class category. For example, if you have 4 hogs you would record class 116 single market hog 4 times on your entry form. In pen of two classes individuals may show either 2 gilts, or 2 barrows but may not show a combination of a barrow and a gilt. Exhibitors should enter each swine and entry under the appropriate premium numbers.
6. Swine Superintendents and Assistants will be at the swine barns between 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 31 as 4-H'ers unload their animals. **All animals must be present and penned by 11:00 a.m. for weigh-ins beginning at noon.**
7. All hogs will be penned in the swine barn. **No hogs will be in the annex barn.**
8. Barrows and gilts will be weighed in starting at 12:00 noon by a committee. All swine need to be in the barns and penned prior to weigh-ins. No animals will be weighed from trucks/trailers. Barrows and gilts will be identified & entered into weight divisions, according to the results of this weighing. This year purebred classes will be offered in the swine show. Classes will be determined after weigh-ins on Friday, July 31. All questions arising as to weights will be referred to the initial weight record.
9. Purebred classes will not be divided by weights, unless there is a large number of hogs in a single breed. Purebred classes will only be shown in the single market hog classes.
10. Registration papers must be presented at weigh-in and must be in the 4-H exhibitor's name.
11. All pens will be determined by the combined weight of hogs.
12. All swine must be in possession of the 4-H'er by June 1, present year.
13. No show oils should be used on swine.
14. All youth showing swine are required to be certified in Youth for the Quality Care for Animals during the current year and have Premise ID number.
15. **Parents and supporters of our youth showing swine are asked to stay out of the show arena, unless they are working in the arena for the entire day of the show. Parents are also asked to avoid blocking doorways and isles next to the entrance of the arena during the show.**
16. 4-H Premiums paid will be using an X factor. Premium values will be:
Blue: 7X, Red: 6X, and White: 5X
17. ***4-H members are limited to receive one premium per weight class exhibited in premium eligible projects. Example: If a 4-H'er has three market hogs and two of them end up in the same weight class, the 4-H'er will only receive one premium for that weight class. This rule was established by the Agriculture Premium Fund.***
18. For the DeKalb County 4-H show in addition to the 840 tags, swine must have ear notches.

SWINE AUCTION RULES

- A. All swine need to be in the barns and **penned by 11:00 a.m. on Friday, prior to weigh-ins** beginning at 12:00 noon. Swine Superintendents and Assistants will be at the swine barns between 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. No animals will be weighed from trucks/trailers. If you can't make it by 11:00 call Jeff Marco at (815) 751-1020 or Hayden Kuhn at 815-315-7866.
- B. All youth showing swine are required to be certified in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) during the current year.

- C. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is required on all swine exhibits. Please make note that for Illinois pseudorabies testing is not required

4-H MARKET HOG CLASSES

****For 2026 showmanship will start the swine show.**

116 MARKET HOG (list this number 4 times on your entry form if you have 4 market hogs)

Market Hog classes will be further divided into multiple weight classes.

120 PEN OF TWO MARKET HOGS (must be two hogs of the same sex)

Pen of Two Market Hog classes will be further divided into multiple weight classes.

(Classes 116 and 120 will be further divided by gilts and barrows and by breeds. Each class division will start with gilts first and then barrows.)

Champions for each weight division (light, medium and heavy crossbreds) will be selected in the Market Hog Classes and the Pen of Two Market Hog Classes. Purebred classes will only be offered in the single market hog classes, and they will not be divided by weights unless there is a large number of hogs in a single breed. Purebred breed class winners will compete against the champion crossbred for the Grand Champion Market Barrow and Grand Champion Market Gilt.

100 BORN & RAISED IN DEKALB COUNTY (*PENDING)

The DeKalb Area Pork Producers is sponsoring a class for locally bred and raised swine. To be eligible for this class, hogs must be locally raised by a member of the DeKalb Area Pork Producers. Swine also must be nominated by the person who bred and farrowed the animal. Each 4-H member is only allowed 1 nomination. Nomination forms will be available at weigh-in on Friday night of the fair. These forms must be filled-out with a nomination fee of \$10 per animal, to be paid by the breeder of the animal. Premiums will be prorated according to the number of participants in each class. The Pork Producers will supervise this class and will provide the recognition of the top individuals.

SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

1. Showmanship Judging will be based on: Appearance of Animal 40%; Appearance of Exhibitor 10%; and Showing Animal in Ring 50%. The showmanship class will take place at the end of the swine show.
2. There will be three divisions: Junior Division (members 11 years & under as of Sept. 1, 2025); Intermediate Division (members 12-14 years old as of Sept. 1, 2025); Senior Division (members 15 years & older as of Sept. 1, 2025).
3. Participants will always compete in their age-appropriate division, and there is no limit to the number of times they may win their age division.
4. The winner in the senior division is eligible to compete in the Showmanship Sweepstakes, which will be held on Sunday, August 2, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the swine arena.
5. Classes are open to all who are interested.
6. An exhibitor entering showmanship competition is required to show his/her own animal fitted by himself/herself.
7. The judge will select a top winner from each age group. **4-H premiums will not be paid.**

SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

Senior Showmanship: 15 years & over	Award
Reserve Senior Showmanship	Rosette
Intermediate Showmanship: 12-14 years	Award
Reserve Intermediate Showmanship	Rosette
Junior Showmanship: 11 years & under	Award
Reserve Junior Showmanship	Rosette

SWINE CHAMPIONS

Grand Champion Market Hog Overall	Award
Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog	Rosette
Grand Champion Market Gilt	Award
Reserve Grand Champion Market Gilt	Rosette
Grand Champion Pen of Two Gilts	Award
Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Two Gilts	Rosette
Grand Champion Barrow	Award
Reserve Grand Champion Barrow	Rosette
Grand Champion Pen of Two Barrows	Award
Res. Grand Champ. Pen of 2 Barrows	Rosette

The Grand Champion Market Hog Overall and the Reserve Champion Market Hog Overall will be the first swine sold in the auction.

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, premiums amount may not be accurately reflected in this Premium Book.