

Jasper County 4-H FAQ sheet – Swine

General Information

Enrollment

- Enroll at il.4honline.com by March 15
- For more information about enrollment in the Jasper County 4-H program, please contact the Jasper County Extension office

Fair Entry

- Opens May 1
- Go to fairentree.com to register for specific classes
- If you are unsure if you will be showing, go ahead and register for the class—it is easier to scratch than add after the show starts
- All entries should be submitted by May 31

*General-project guidelines updated in March—4-H Handbooks can be viewed online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/cefj/4-h-jasper-county> under the Fairs and Shows tab.

Project Guidelines

Check guidelines for your project in the 4-H Handbook on the Jasper County 4-H website at <https://extension.illinois.edu/cefj/4-h-jasper-county> under the Fairs and Shows tab.

Ownership and Tagging Deadlines

- All livestock and small animals must be owned by April 30
- Crossbred & Market animals must be tagged, and paperwork turned in to the Extension office by April 30
- A picture of the tag in the animal's ear must be submitted by April 30
- Animals exhibited at the Illinois State Fair have specific birth & ownership dates; you must follow guidelines listed under the **Illinois State Fair Junior Show** section of the 4-H Handbook

Birthdates

- All swine must be farrowed after December 1 of previous year

Classes

- Carcass
- Purebred Boar
- Purebred Breeding Gilt
- Crossbred Breeding Gilt
- Market Gilt
- Purebred Market Barrow
- Crossbred Market Barrow

Exhibitors may bring **up to and no more than 6 animals** to exhibit in the Swine show. This includes purebred gilts, crossbred gilts, market gilts, purebred barrows, crossbred barrows and boars. This does not include Carcass animals.

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Health Guidelines

- Any animals having consumed **Ractopamine (found in Paylean)** anytime in their life will **NOT** be allowed to show at the Jasper County 4-H Swine Show.
- Go to the website provided in the back of the 4-H Handbook for a full list of requirements

Certified Veterinarian Inspection (CVI)

- CVI's must be completed within 90 days of the 4-H Swine Show
- CVI papers must be kept at the fairgrounds in case of any questions

Records

- A livestock record must be up to date for each animal species and turned into the Extension office by the Friday before the 4-H Shows.
- Livestock records can be found online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/cefj/4-h-jasper-county> under the Fairs and Shows tab, or can be picked up at the Extension office

Registration papers

- All swine shown in the purebred classes must be purebred and registered, or application made on the animal in the 4-H member's name and dated before latest starting date for project
- A copy of the registration papers must be on file at the Extension office (mail or email is acceptable)
- Registration papers must be kept at the fairgrounds in case of any questions

YQCA

- Members enrolled in a Swine project must complete YQCA training every year
- This training can be completed online, or face-to-face trainings are offered in the spring

4-H Shows

- Animals must be on the fairgrounds by 8 a.m. Monday morning prior to the 4-H Shows
- The 4-H member must show his/her own animal (with the exception of the Master Showmanship contest, if the participant does not have a specie needed to show)
- Swine projects must have at least ½" of hair on side, top of body and hams to be allowed to show. Head, tail and undercarriage can be trimmed. Shaven pigs will not be allowed to show. Pigs can be clipped at a longer length or pigs clipped a month prior to the fair should have ½" of growth back on by fair time. **We strongly encourage clipping be done prior to bringing animals to the fair.**

Auction – Sponsored and hosted by the Jasper County 4-H Auction Committee

- The 4-H member must be present to sell their animal and are encouraged to arrive at least 1 hour prior to the auction
- Only Market animals will be sold in the 4-H Auction
- There will be a \$5 auction fee and a \$5 waste disposal fee for Swine projects. This fee is to be paid when registering for the auction. Members who choose not to sell their animal will still be responsible for the waste removal fee.
- It is the obligation of the seller to deliver his or her market animal to the place specified by the owner
- Please refer to the 4-H Livestock Auction for a complete list of requirements and guidelines

****For a complete list of guidelines and rules, please check the Jasper County 4-H Handbook****

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Sept – December

- Submit previous year's records to the Extension office (permanent record, livestock record(s), Honor Member form, and general project form, if applicable); Deadline to submit records is Sept. 30
- Enroll in 4-H Online

Jan – Feb

- Pick up Jasper Co. tags & form for crossbred or market animals

March – May

- Pick up Jasper Co. tags & form for crossbred or market animals
- Register online or for an in-person training for YQCA; YQCA **must** be completed before fair in order to exhibit a swine project
- Schedule appointment with your veterinarian to complete a CVI (if needed); CVI's are required within 90 days of the show
- Turn in Tagging form & pictures to the Extension office by April 30; families may email a copy of the document and pictures to Katie instead of a printed copy
- Register for 4-H show classes by May 31 at fairenter.com

June

- Fair clean-up (early June)
- State Fair Jr Show registration, must be signed by FFA or Extension staff by July 1
- Have Livestock record up to date and email to Katie by the Friday before the Swine Show
- Make sure a copy of registration paperwork (for purebred animals) and CVI (if needed) are sent via e-mail to Katie; have paperwork at fair and readily available
- Weigh-in/4-H show/Auction/after fair clean-up

July – August

- Complete livestock records
- Cash checks from the 4-H Auction
- Send Thank You card (cookies, BBQ tickets, etc.) to Award donors and/or Auction buyers

*In order to advance to the Illinois State Fair for general projects, or to sell an animal at the 4-H Auction, members must attend a minimum of 2 meetings and 1 event. For clarification, please contact your 4-H Leader or the Jasper Co.

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Helpful Hints to make your show year a success!

- Wear show-appropriate clothing
 - Close toed shoes, preferably boots
 - Long pants
 - Short or long-sleeved shirts
 - No attire promoting business, companies or farm names
- Practice, practice, practice!
 - Work with your animal from beginning of ownership to the show/auction
 - Do a mock show at home with the help of family or friends
- Study up!
 - Reference your 4-H project book
 - Go to Livestock clinics/workshops
 - Check out YouTube videos of other swine shows
- Smile 😊
 - While showing, animals may be difficult—it is a new environment for many animals
 - Try to keep a positive attitude and have fun
 - Keep a relaxed smile as much as possible
 - Make eye contact with the judge (but don't try to start a staring contest)
 - Whenever possible, leave several feet between you and the handler in front of you
 - Calm confidence will be part of your overall presentation

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