

DEPARTMENT 18 - SWINE

Senior Fair Board: *Mike Lower, Stacey Mathews
*denotes chairperson

Junior Fair Board: *Chairperson: Alison Reeves
*Co-Chairperson: Dane Wilt



An exhibitor meeting will be held on Monday, July 20 at 7:00 AM in the Swine Arena. **Attendance is mandatory.

Each animal is to be drug free at the fair when they cross the scale.

Feeders, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, in addition to all previously tested Champions and Reserve Champions, will be drug tested at the 2026 Fayette County Fair.

Sale means "I want to enter my animal into the auction and that animal goes on the truck."
Truck means "I have an extra animal that I need to get rid of because my project is over."
Home means "I want to take my animal home because I want to compete elsewhere or I plan on using for a breeding animal. I have another animal to take through the sale and put on the truck."

* No shaving or excessive clipping allowed! All hogs must have at least ½ inch of hair on the entire body with the exception of the ears and tail. Hair will be measured at weigh-ins and any hog with less than ½ inch of hair **WILL** be disqualified and must be removed from the barn immediately. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Division A - Breeding Swine

July 21 @ Swine Arena, see Jr. Fair Schedule

- The show will be held on Tuesday, July 21, at 1:00 PM. Exhibitors must carry this as a project in 2026 in a Junior Fair organization.
- Classes will be judged for all recognized breeds. Classes will be divided based on participation.
- Breeding Promotion-- To qualify for a premium, an exhibitor **must exhibit the breeding project at the Fair.**
- Exhibitors may show only purebred animals with the exception of commercial gilt classes. Registration papers must be presented at check-in.
- Exhibitors may show up to 2 entries per class.
- Any grade or crossbred breeding gilt may be judged in the Commercial Gilt classes. Crossbred Breeding Gilts will be shown by weight.
- Gilts must be brought to the fairgrounds after 5:00 PM on July 19 and must be removed by 7:00 AM, Wednesday, July 22. Gilts are released after the breeding gilt show.
- Gilts are not eligible to show in both the breeding and market show.

Classes:

- SW1. Registered Gilt - Farrowed in Dec. 2025
- SW2. Registered Gilt - Farrowed in Jan. 2026
- SW3. Registered Gilt - Farrowed in Feb. 2026
- SW4. Registered Gilt - Farrowed in Mar. 2026
- SW5. Commercial Gilt - shown by weight

Breeding Swine Showmanship (Classes will be broken the day of show; the following classes are subject to change, grades are determined by grade just completed):

- SW6. Senior Showmanship - grades 10-12
- SW7. Intermediate Showmanship - grades 7-9
- SW8. Junior Showmanship - grades 4-6
- SW9. Beginner - grade 3 only

Grand Champion Breeding Gilt Showman will show in the final Showmanship Drive against the Market Swine Showman for the Showman of Showmen representative.

Exhibitors must show their own gilt.

Division B - Market Hog Show

July 22 @ Swine Arena, 5:00 PM

- Judging will be held on Wednesday, July 22 in the Swine Pavilion.

- All market hogs must be in place by 7:00 AM on July 20.
- Identification cards with ear notches, markings, and breed must be turned in by May 15, 2026 or the exhibitor will not be eligible to show.
- First year swine project members may mark 3 hogs, show 2, & sell 1 hog. All members 2nd year and up may mark 5, show 3, and sell 1 hog.
- All market hogs must be weighed on Monday, July 20 at 8:00 AM. All market hogs will be ear tagged and tattooed at weigh-in.
- Market hogs weighing less than 220 and over 290 pounds may show in an over/under weigh class, but will not sell in the Junior Fair Hog Sale or show for Grand or Reserve Champion in the Market Hog Show. Extra hogs will be sold at market price to the designated livestock yard (this year, 2026, depending on packer availability). Individuals not making weight may participate in showmanship.
- Gilts shown at the breeding gilt show on Monday, July 20 may not be shown in a Market Gilt Class or Market Showmanship Class. Exhibitors must show their own animal.

Purebred Barrow Classes:

- All purebred barrows will show by breed
- Each breed must have 5 head or 3 exhibitors to make a designated class or they will show in OPB (Other Purebreds) class
- Classes will be broke at the discretion of the swine committee
- Purebred barrows must be pedigreed and breed eligibility classifications will be enforced.
- National Swine Registry (<http://www.nationalswine.com>) and Team Purebred (<http://www.teampurebred.com>) breed classifications will be used.
- Pedigrees must be in exhibitor's, or exhibitor's immediate family, name and presented at weigh-in.
- A Purebred Barrow Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected to participate in the Champion drive for Overall Market Hog Champion and Reserve

Crossbred Barrow and Gilt Classes

- Crossbred barrows and gilts will be classified as light and dark crosses by committee at weigh-in. The committee's decision is final.
- A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected for dark cross barrows, light cross barrows, dark cross gilts, and light cross gilts to participate in the Champion Drive for Overall Grand and Reserve Champion Market Hog.

The Market Hog Show order will consist of:

- All pool pig classes, purebred barrow classes (shown in alphabetical order), followed by dark cross barrows, light cross barrows, dark cross gilts, and light cross gilts.
- Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected for each classification prior to starting weight classes for next classification
- The five classification champions will show for Overall Market Hog Champion following the selection of the Light Cross Gilt Champion.
- The Overall Reserve Champion market hog will be selected from the 4 remaining classification champions and the Reserve Champion from the Overall Grand Champion's classification.
- All remaining classification champions and Reserve champions will be used to select a 3rd, 4th, and 5th Overall Market Hog.
- The Overall Grand and Reserve Champion market hogs are terminal. Adhering to the Ohio Department of Agriculture and state laws.
- Blood testing will occur if mandated by the state.
- All Junior Fair swine project members are required to clean their pens out by Thursday evening. Exhibitors not abiding by this rule will be charged a pen cleaning fee.
- Pens, aisles, and adjacent areas are to be cleaned daily or as needed.
- **No oil may be used on the hogs for show or sale. Water only may be used for dressing animals on day of show.**

Classes:

- SW10. Purebred Market Barrows
- SW11. Crossbred Market Barrows
- SW12. Crossbred Market Gilts
- SW13. Pool Pig Market

Division C - Swine Showmanship

July 21 @ Swine Arena, see Jr. Fair Schedule

- All exhibitors are invited to participate. Additions or changes must be done at check-in on Monday, July 20.
- Judging will be held on Tuesday, July 21 at approximately 4:00 PM in the Swine Arena. The class winners will show for division champions, followed by the Overall Champion showman selection.
- Breeding gilts may not be used for Market Showmanship. Exhibitors must show their own animal.
- Participants must use own market projects in order to participate in market showmanship.
- Showmanship will be broken into four divisions. Class winners will compete for top 5 overall.

Classes:

Grades are determined by grade just completed.

SW14. Senior Showmanship - grades 10-12

SW15. Intermediate Showmanship - grades 7-9

SW16. Junior Showmanship - grades 4-6

SW17. Beginner - grade 3 only

Division D - Pool Pig (NEW in 2026)

- Anyone participating in the Pig Pool Program must be a qualifying 4H or FFA child enrolled in Fayette County for the Fayette County Fair.
- Must be registered for the **Market Hog Project 140MA**.
- Must meet all requirements for showing a market hog at the Fayette County Fair including ear notch cards, housing forms (if being housed somewhere else), DUNF forms, etc. All rules for market hogs apply.
- Must complete book, take quality assurance and do skill-a-thon to be eligible to show and sell.
- Pig Pool Pigs will only show in a pig pool market class against the other Pig Pool Pigs based on weight at weigh-ins on Monday morning of fair week. (The Pig Pool classes will show at the start of the market show before purebred classes on Wednesday).
- Pig Pool Pigs may also be used for market showmanship on Tuesday.
- Pool Pig drawing was held March 7 in the Sales Arena. This was a random, old fashioned, pull a number out of a bowl, drawing. Whichever number was drawn, the corresponding pig went home with the 4H member for a cost of \$150.00. In order to ensure the integrity of the Pool Pig program, all drawings took place that morning.