

Division E – Jr. Fair Swine

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Dates:

Market Swine Possession	May 1, 2026
Animal Registration in Fair Entry	By May 15, 2026
Check-in	Move-in times will be assigned
Weigh-in	Monday, July 10, 2026 @ 10pm-1am
Reweigh	Tuesday, July 11, 2026 @ 1:30am
Showmanship Show	Wednesday, July 15, 2026 @ 9am
Breeding, Market	Wednesday, July 15 @ Noon
All Non-selling swine removal*	Saturday, July 18 @ 6pm
All Swine removal**	Saturday, July 18 @ 10pm

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**Animals that have been placed in the winners' circle will stay on the fairgrounds

Divisions

Showmanship

501. Swine Showmanship

Breeding Classes

502. Crossbred Breeding Gilt

503. Purebred Breeding Gilt

Market Classes

504. Crossbred Barrow

505. Purebred Barrow/Market Gilt

506. Crossbred Market Gilt

Jr. Fair Swine Rules and Regulations

1. Market hogs must weigh a minimum of 210pounds and must be born after Dec. 1 the preceding calendar year to show and sell.
2. All swine projects must be ear notched and properly recorded on entry cards. All exhibitors must submit a designated ear notch form by May 1 to the Madison County Extension Office. Hogs exhibited with incorrect ear notches will not show or sell.
3. All hogs must have at least ½ inch of hair on all parts of the body. Those hogs not meeting the hair length requirement will forfeit the right to sell.
4. Ear tags are not to be removed.
5. Washing hogs during weigh-in is not allowed.
6. Shavings are the designated bedding to be used in the swine barn. **(Pens and aisles are to be cleaned every morning by 9am)**
7. Hogs will be shipped to market as coordinated by the sales committee. Exhibitors are responsible for the care and feeding of their animals from the show until they are loaded for market. **(No exhibitors are to be in the barn while the packer is loading)**
8. After hogs are loaded, the pens must be swept out. **Every exhibitor must check with a Junior or Senior Livestock team member for the cleanliness of their pen. Final pen cleaning must be done before 11pm on Saturday. If pens are not cleaned out, exhibitors may forfeit the right to sell your project in the premium sale the following year.**
9. Only market hogs will be sold in the premium livestock sale. See Junior Fair Sale sections for more information.

10. There will only be ONE pen per two pigs per exhibitor with a maximum of two pens for 4 heads. Family members will be asked to share a pen assignment when applicable. EXHIBITORS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO CHANGE PEN ASSIGNMENTS WITH APPROVAL OF SHOW MANAGEMENT.

Showmanship Guidelines

PURPOSE: The purpose of a showmanship contest is to encourage exhibitors to acquire the skill and knowledge of handling animals and to obtain information and practice in fitting and grooming them for show.

1. Classes will be broken up by age.
2. Classes will be separated into heats and one overall winner will be selected per age class.
Commented [PRI]: 2019 swine book says Sunday but should pens be cleaned out by Friday since animals are gone sooner?
3. First and second place recipients of each age class will advance to their appropriate age division (Junior, Intermediate, Senior).
 - a. The judge has the discretion to advance more than two exhibitors to the division class.
4. Top three of each age division will advance to Showman of Showmen.
 - a. The judge has the discretion to advance more than three exhibitors to Showman of Showmen class.
1. Contestants must show their own animal entered in the Junior Fair.
2. If an exhibitor has both a market and a breeding project, the exhibitor can choose which one to show for showmanship.
 - a. The same hog must be shown throughout the entire showmanship show.
3. Exhibitors must wear attire following the county dress code policy. See Junior Fair General Rules sections for more information.
4. The top three of each division must keep their animal in the winner's circle after the market show for Overall Showman of Showmen.

Breeding and Market Show Guidelines

1. Classes will be determined by weight, show management, and show entries.
2. The top 5 overall Breeding Gilts will be selected. The top 5 Market Hogs will be selected, Only the Grand and Reserve Market Hogs must go to market.
3. Purebred entries must show proof of registration in the exhibitor's name with a corresponding ear notch at the time of check-in. Failure to produce registration papers will place the animal in a crossbred class.
4. Purebred classes require a minimum of three head to equal a specific breed class. If there are not enough animals to make a specific breed class, the purebred will be placed in an All-Other Breed (AOB) class.
5. EXHIBITORS MAY TAKE A MAXIMUM OF FOUR HOGS. There is no discrepancy of how many per division you show.
6. New this year. Please read guidelines for ear notches below:
 - Ear notches are to be turned in correctly on Fair Entry during the registration period
 - Ear notches will NOT be checked at weigh in.
 - Ear notches will ONLY be checked prior to the Grand Drive (The ear notch on the project being exhibited MUST match 1 of the 6 notches provided on Fair Entry and by the deadline on May 15th.

*Pigs that will be checked are as follows for Market Hogs

- Grand & Reserve Crossbred Barrow
- Grand & Reserve Market Gilt
- Grand & Reserve Purebred Market Hog

*Pigs that will be checked are as follows for Breeding Gilts

- Top 5 Crossbred Gilts - Top 5 Purebred Gilts

