



CLAY COUNTY 4-H SWINE

**Updated for 2025*

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ENROLLMENT:

- All swine must be assigned an RFID (840) tag, that number should be entered along with your animal ID information on 4HOnline by May 15th.** The Extension Office has the RFID tags available to purchase for \$3. If you need assistance tagging, please contact the Extension Office or any Swine Committee member prior to the fair.
- Enrolled animals must be owned by the 4-H exhibitor by the May 15th deadline and must be under continuous care, responsibility and ownership through the date of the show, except where change of ownership was to 4-H member's complete ownership. Siblings will be allowed to co-enroll swine in 4Honline.
- 4-H members must be enrolled in Clay County 4-H and in the Swine Project by **May 15, 2025**.
- All 4-H barrows and gilts must be identified/enrolled in 4HOnline and identified by an ear notch and RFID tag# prior to **May 15, 2025**.
- Premise ID numbers are required in 4HOnline.
- Pigs enrolled must have been farrowed on or after **December 1, 2025**.
- A 4-H'er may enroll a maximum of 15 gilts and 15 barrows.
- County Fair class entries will be due by **July 1, 2025** on [FairEntry.com](https://www.fairentry.com).

HEALTH:

- Hogs will not be unloaded at the fair until inspected and, if necessary, approved by the veterinarian on duty. Animals showing any sign of communicable disease will not be allowed on the fairgrounds.
- Health rules as provided by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health will be followed. In case of a health question, a veterinarian will be contacted.

GROOMING:

NEW FOR 2025

4-H Exhibitors that use groomers for show day assistance at the Clay County 4-H Fair, your groomers **WILL NOT** be required to be enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. However, if you plan to have groomers assistance at the State Fair, those individuals *may be required* to be enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. Please reach out to the Extension Office in the Spring for enrollment assistance or refer to the State Fair rule books.

PENNING

- The Superintendent will assign pens prior to bringing hogs to the fairgrounds
- Exhibitors must furnish animal's food and water supplies.
- Members must provide their own bedding (shavings only, no straw). **Pens must be kept cleaned and kept dry** or the superintendent will insist they be cleaned.
- There will be a pen/stall fee of no more than \$5 per pen/stall due at the beginning of the fair. Please see your leader for further communication on this closer to fair.

SHOW:

- All 4-H Livestock may only be shown by a current Clay County 4-H member.
- Market Gilt classes will not be offered, only breeding gilt and barrow classes.
- The following purebreds will be recognized: Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spotted Poland China, Tamworth and Yorkshire
- The Clay County 4-H Fair show does not do a breed sift; however, the State Fair does and breeds will need to pass breed classification or they will be required to be shown as a crossbred. Please refer to the State Fair swine rules for required classifications.**
- RFID tags will be checked at fair weigh-in/check-in. **If they do not match the Indiana 4-H Online family profile entry, they will be disqualified.**
- All purebred gilts and barrows must have registration papers. Any animal not properly registered as a purebred will be exhibited as a crossbred.
- If clipping at the fair occurs, there is no snaring allowed.
- The swine committee will determine show order and make classes.
- Breeding Gilts will be shown by breed and age: December, January, February, and March.



- j) Barrows and Crossbred Gilts will show by breed and weight. Animals will be weighed at check-in by the Swine Committee. Registration papers will also be checked at this time.
- k) Show order will be – Breeding Gilts, Barrows and Showmanship with the Grand Drive that evening.
- l) The Mini 4-H Show will include members that are enrolled in the Clay Co. Mini 4-H program and have met the grade/age requirement per species as listed in their handbook. Mini 4-H members must be entered in the swine project by **May 9, 2025** to allot time for pairing with an older 4-H member & their animal.
- m) The show bill will be posted the Sunday of fair by Noon. If you have changes that need to be made you must let the swine committee know before 6:00 PM Sunday. After that the show order will be FINAL.
- n) If two animals are in the same class, a substitute showman (current Clay County 4-H member) may be selected by the 4-Her.
- o) If two barrows are in the same class the Exhibitor may choose to move one animal to the next heavier class or have a substitute showman.
- p) If two gilts are in the same class the Exhibitor may choose to move one animal to the next older class or have a substitute showman.
- q) ALL swine must stay on the Fairgrounds until all 4-H livestock is released on Thursday night. **No exceptions!**

AWARDS

Breed Champion & Res. Champion Breeding Gilts	Breed Champion & Res. Champion Barrows	Top 5 Overall Breeding Gilts	Top 5 Overall Barrows
Grand & Res. Grand Born & Raised Breeding Gilt	Grand & Res. Grand Born & Raised Barrow	Champion & Res. Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship	Champion & Res. Champion, Champion of Champions Showmanship
1 st Year Swine Member Award			

BORN AND RAISED SHOW

Born and raised swine must be raised by the Clay County 4-H member. Member must be the one to show the born and raised animal.

SHOWMANSHIP:

4-H members who participate in 4-H swine showmanship classes may only show their own animals that will be exhibited by them in a regular 4-H class.

- a) **Junior Showmanship – 3rd through 5th graders** as of **January 1, 2025** are eligible. Once an exhibitor is the overall Junior showman, the 4-Her is only eligible to compete in the Intermediate showmanship class the following year.
- b) **Intermediate Showmanship – 6th through 8th graders** as of **January 1, 2025** and anyone who was won Junior Showmanship. Once an exhibitor is the overall Intermediate showman, the 4-Her is only eligible to compete in the Senior showmanship class the following year.
- c) **Senior Showmanship – 9th through 12th graders** as of **January 1, 2025** and anyone who has previously won Intermediate Showmanship. The winning 4-Her is eligible to compete in the Champion of Champions classes in the same year and future years once he or she has won senior.
- d) **Champion of Champions Showmanship** – All previous Senior Division Champions, including the **2025** Senior Division Champion.

STATE FAIR INFORMATION:

- a) Entries required by June 1st or by the date set by the Indiana State Fair on the Exhibitor Corners website (<https://bit.ly/3SMqDra>).
- b) All hogs must have an RFID tag number listed on the 4-H Enrollment to be eligible.
- c) Hair samples must be submitted for each hog that you want eligible for the Indiana State Fair. DNA samples will be due to the Extension Office by May 15th.



Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training

To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training. This is an annual program that can be completed in-person by attending one of the classes on the following dates at the Fairgrounds:

- **March 19, 2025**
- **April 29, 2025**
- **May 22, 2025**
- **June 30, 2025**

An online option is available for \$12 through the YQCA program. Once you complete this [online course](#), you must email the Extension Office your final certificate emailed to you at completion showing your certification number.

CLAY COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION:

The Livestock Auction/Benefit for the Barns Event will be held upon the conclusion of the fair. In order to be eligible, you must show an animal at the fair and have a designated animal for auction. A small percentage auction fee will be deducted from each member's check. Detailed auction information will be finalized closer to fair.

Minimum weight for market hogs will be based on the market truck assigned.

REFERENCES:

- [Purdue Extension Swine Project](#)
- [Indiana State Fair Book](#)

IMPORTANT SWINE DATES:

May 9, 2025	Mini 4-Her's must be signed up to participate in the swine show.
May 15, 2025	Deadline to enroll swine online—Your enrollment will not be complete if your show animals are not identified online. Exhibitors who fail to register their animals online before the May 15th deadline will not be eligible to exhibit at the county or state fair.
May 15, 2025	DNA Samples must be returned to the office if going to the State Fair.
July 1, 2025	Fair Entry due on fairent.com (where you will enter your show classes for the fair)
TBD	Deadline to register swine online for the State Fair.
July 12 - 18, 2025	Clay County Fair
July 11, 2025 (6:00 PM - 10:00 PM)	Swine check-in at Clay County Fair
July 12, 2025 (7:00 AM - 9:00 AM)	Swine check-in at Clay County Fair
July 12, 2025	Mini 4-H Swine Show
July 16, 2025	Swine show at Clay County Fair
July 17, 2025 (9:00 PM)	Swine released
July 18, 2025	Clay County livestock auction
August 1 - 17, 2025	Indiana State Fair
August 1 - 3, 2025	State Fair Barrow shows
August 8 - 10, 2025	State Fair Gilt shows

