

SWINE
(See General Livestock Rules on page 121)

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EXHIBIT CHECK-IN:	Wednesday, July 16, 7 AM-12 PM Noon
JUDGING:	Saturday, July 19, 9 AM, Open Judging
RELEASE:	Sunday, July 20, 7 -10 PM, All Non-Auction livestock released (swine only)
STATE FAIR ENTRIES:	All livestock for STATE FAIR must be properly identified and enrolled. Refer to indianastatefair.com for entry information.

Project Description:

The 4-H Swine educational program and related activities (such as workshops, tours, etc.) provide youth a fun and hands-on learning experience which develops both swine subject skills (such as nutrition, housing, and health care) and life skills (such as responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communications).

Levels:

Junior	Grades 3-5
Intermediate	Grades 6-8
Senior	Grades 9-12

Project Guidelines:

- To exhibit at the county and state fair 4-H members showing beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine, must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program or the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). The purpose of this program: Youth will be more prepared to be ambassadors for animal agriculture in their role as youth livestock exhibitors; Animals from youth livestock programs are treated with the utmost care; 4-H members are contributing to a safe, wholesome food supply. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. More information about this program will be provided from the Extension Office.
- In each project manual level, it is recommended to complete a minimum of four (4) different activities each year. These activities can include the "More Challenges" activities.
- 4-H'er will use and complete one (1) project manual in three (3) years. (You will use the books according to your grade as of January 15 of the current year).
- It is recommended to complete a record sheet.

4-H SWINE:

Identification deadline- May 15

- All swine entered in the Hamilton County 4-H show must be owned, individually identified by ear notches, and cared for by the 4-H member by **May 15**. These animals must remain in the same continuous ownership and care through show day at the Hamilton County 4-H fair. Animals with fresh ear notches or ear notch changes after **May 15** will be disqualified.
- All 4-H swine must have a completed 4-H Swine ID enrollment in the 4-H Online system by **May 15**. It is the 4-H members' responsibility to make sure that the ear notches entered on 4-H Online are identical to the ear notches on their barrows and gilts. Any discrepancy in the actual ear notch from those listed on 4-H Online will result in the following action; The 4-H'er will be allowed to show their animal and sell it in the auction, but must be placed last in their class and cannot exhibit the animal in showmanship. If they are the only animal in their breed, they will not be granted Champion of their breed.

4-H Fair:

- Any 4-H member wishing to show swine at the 4-H fair must be Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program or YQCA certified.
- All 4-H swine will be physically inspected prior to entering the barn and may be rejected or removed due to health issues at any time during the fair. All animals exhibited at the 4-H Fair must meet Board of Animal Health (BOAH) requirements.
- All purebred females and barrows must be registered in the 4-H'ers name by the breed registry. A breed registration certificate from the breed registry must be presented at fair check-in. (*Acceptable 4-H livestock registration certificate information located on page 121, #20).

Exhibit Requirements:

Animal exhibitors also have the option of exhibiting a poster in place of, or in addition to exhibiting an animal. The poster should cover a topic of one (1) of the activities or learning experiences in the completed grade level of the project manual. Poster must follow poster rules, page 30, #14. A Champion poster will be chosen in each level (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) for each animal species (Example: Dog, cat, goat, sheep, etc.). A Grand Champion animal poster will be selected from all eligible Champion animal posters. All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to original author.

GENERAL RULES:

- The 4-H'ers may enroll a maximum of fifteen (15) gilts, and fifteen (15) barrows. 4-H'ers may enter and show a maximum of five (5) swine, and one (1) market litter. The five (5) individual swine may be any combination of barrows and gilts. Therefore, a 4-H'er could have a maximum of nine (9) total pigs.
- They must use the standard ear notch system and record the notches on an online swine identification enrollment prior to **May 15**.
- Each Animal may be entered and shown by only one (1) 4-H member at the Hamilton county 4-H Fair.
- 4-H animals purchased, sold or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the Hamilton County 4-H Fair shall not be eligible to show in the 4-H show at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair.
- Slick clipping or body shaving of 4-H barrows and gilts is prohibited. Animals slick clipped or body shaved will not be allowed to exhibit. A minimum of one half (1/2) inch of hair (in length) on the body is preferred by the packers that purchase and process these animals. Animals may be condemned by the processor. 4-H'ers will not receive carcass payment for animals that are condemned.
- All 4-H barrows and gilts will be tagged and weighed upon arrival.
- All swine must be in the barn by Wednesday, July 16, 2025, 12:00 PM Noon. No swine will be admitted before Wednesday, 7:00 AM. No re-weigh of swine after 12:00 PM Noon on **Wednesday, July 16, 2025**.
- An entry card must be filled out for each animal before they can be unloaded.
- A 4-H swine enrolled in a particular breed may be changed to the crossbred division before final entries are made at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair swine barn entry table. A swine enrolled as a crossbred animal will not be allowed to switch to a purebred classification after **May 15**. A swine enrolled as a particular purebred may not switch to another purebred.
- Order of show: Showmanship, Litters, Gilts, Barrows, Grand Gilt Drive, Grand Barrow Drive, and Grand Showmanship Drive.
- An Animal Care and Animal Environment policy was established in 1994. See guidelines on care of animals.
- Each 4-H member is responsible for keeping his/her pen and aisle clean at all times. The Hamilton County 4-H Council has guidelines listed in the Hamilton County 4-H Fairbook. Shavings are required to be used as bedding.
- **ALL MEMBERS MUST ENTER AND SHOW THEIR OWN ANIMALS.** If a member has more than one (1) animal in a class, 4-H'er must get permission from Barn Superintendent to have another Hamilton County 4-H'er show additional animal(s).
- Any swine going home, including swine for personal slaughter, must be removed from the barn between 7:00-10:00 PM Sunday night of the fair.
- There will be an opportunity to sell your animals either through the auction or direct. If an exhibitor wishes to sell his/her animal in the auction, all auction rules and deadlines must be met in accordance to the rules stated in the fairbook. It is a privilege to sell in the auction. Animals may be sold direct. To sell in the auction swine (barrow or gilt) must weigh at least 200 pounds. Please follow all withdrawal times for medications on your animals. Animals may be condemned by the processor. 4-H'ers will not receive carcass payment for animals that are condemned.
- Once animals are checked in, exhibitors are not allowed to remove their animals from the swine barn except for show and sale, or as stated above. 4-H swine must stay in the barn at all times with the exception of going to the wash rack, loading and unloading, and going to the show/sale ring.
- All barrows and gilts exhibited must be born on or after December 1 of previous year.
- No feeding of animals in the wash rack area.
- No dumping of manure and/or shavings in the wash rack area.
- Any item not addressed above will be referred to Indiana State Fair 4-H Swine rules.
- 4-H'ers will sign up for showmanship during check-in.

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

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SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS: Grade in school on January 1 of the current year.

- Junior Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in the 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades are eligible. Once an exhibitor is the overall junior showmanship winner, the 4-H'er is only eligible to compete in the intermediate showmanship classes in future years.
- Intermediate Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades are eligible (exception only for previous year's junior showmanship winners). Once a 4-H member is the champion intermediate showman, they must compete in senior showmanship in subsequent years.
- Senior Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in the 9th grade or above are eligible (exception only for previous year's intermediate showmanship winners).

LITTER CLASSES

GENERAL RULES:

- NO BREEDING LITTERS WILL BE SHOWN: THUS NO BOARS WILL BE EXHIBITED.
- All litters must consist of four (4) pigs having the same dam and ear notching accordingly at birth. No recent earmark will be permitted.
- Only one (1) litter will be permitted per 4-H'er.
- Litters are shown by birth date month.
- Order of showing will be the same as for the registered gilts where number and weights warrant separate classes.
- Market litters need not be purebred. They may be all barrows or a combination of barrows and gilts. A market litter must contain at least one (1) barrow. All litters must be earmarked at birth.
- All market litters will be judged on market basis and Grand and Reserve Grand Champion ribbons will be presented. All champion litters shall be shown against each other and a Grand Champion Litter will be chosen from these Champion litters. The Reserve Champion Litter from whichever class the Grand Champion Litter comes out of must be brought into the ring to compete for Reserve Grand Champion Litter.

GILT CLASSES

GENERAL RULES:

- All general swine rules apply.
- All purebred females and barrows must be registered in the 4-H'ers name by the breed registry. A breed registration certificate from the breed registry must be presented at fair check-in. (*Acceptable 4-H livestock registration certificate information located on page 121, #20). A faxed copy of the registration certificate will only be accepted if it is faxed directly to the Hamilton County Extension office from the National Breed Association office.
- All 4-H gilts must be ear notched. The ear notches of purebred gilts must be recorded on their registration papers, which must be presented for verification at the time of entry.
- All purebred gilts must meet the requirements of their breed.
- Purebred gilts without registration certificates, gilts whose ear notches do not match the notches recorded on their registration certificate, and gilts whose registration certificate indicates the animal was mis-notched will not be allowed to show in purebred classes. These gilts will, however, be eligible for the crossbred division, so long as their ear notches match the notches listed on the 4-H member's swine 4-H Online enrollment.
- All gilts exhibited must be born on or after December 1 of previous year.
 - Purebred gilts will be shown as follows:
 - March Gilts
 - February Gilts
 - January Gilts
- Purebred gilts will be divided by age with no more than a 30 day spread in class.
- Crossbred gilts will be listed according to weight and divided into approximately even classes.
- All Champion Gilts shall be shown against each other and a Grand Champion Gilt will be chosen from these Champion Gilts. The Reserve Champion Gilt from whichever class the Grand Champion comes out of must be brought into the ring to compete for the Reserve Grand Champion Gilt.
- Any items not addressed above will be referred to Indiana State Fair 4-H Swine rules.

MARKET BARROW CLASSES

GENERAL RULES:

- All General rules apply.
- All purebred females and barrows must be registered in the 4-H'er's name by the breed registry. A breed registration certificate from the breed registry must be presented at fair check-in. (*Acceptable 4-H livestock registration certificate information located on page 121, #20). A faxed copy of the registration certificate will only be accepted if it is faxed directly to the Hamilton County Extension office from the National Breed Association office.
- Purebred barrows without registration certificates, barrows whose ear notches do not match the notches recorded on their registration certificate, and barrows whose registration certificate indicates the animal was mis-notched will not be allowed to show in purebred classes. These barrows will, however, be eligible for the cross-bred division, so long as their ear notches match the notches listed on the 4-H member's swine 4-H Online enrollment.
- Any barrow showing evidence of testicular tissue is ineligible for the 4-H barrow show.
- All barrows exhibited must be born on or after December 1 of the previous year.
- Classes will be divided by breed and weights after arrival at the Fair. 4-H barrows will be listed according to breed and weight and divided into approximately even classes.
- The champion in each breed will compete for the Grand Champion 4-H barrow. The Reserve Grand Champion barrow will be selected from the remaining Champion barrows plus the Reserve Champion barrow of the breed from which the Grand Champion was selected.
- Any items not addressed above will be referred to Indiana State Fair 4-H Swine rules.

