

SWINE

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be *BOLDED and ITALICIZED*! Pay special attention to any projects with *BOLD, ITALICIZED WORDS* because they have changed from last year.

The educational 4-H swine program and related activities (such as workshops and tours) provide youth with 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).

Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Swine			
Division/Level	Grades	Completion Activities Needed	Maximum State Fair Entries
Level 1	Grades 3-5	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	Check IN State Fair Website
Level 2	Grades 6-8	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	Check IN State Fair Website
Level 3	Grades 9-12	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	Check IN State Fair Website

SUGGESTED REFERENCE MATERIALS (available for purchase in Extension Office or shop4-h.org)

- Level 1: The Incredible Pig
- Level 2: Putting the Oink in Pig
- Level 3: Going Whole Hog

GUIDELINES

1. Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Livestock and Animal Section for General Guidelines related to all livestock projects. See 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Guidelines for poster and general display guidelines.
2. Be sure to enroll in the project on 4-HOnline and enter exhibit information into FairEntry by designated date. ***2025 designated FairEntry Deadline is Tuesday, July 1st at 11:59 p.m.***
3. Complete the Record Sheet (if not exhibiting at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair).
4. If wanting to exhibit a poster/display/notebook related to this species, 4-H members may do so under the "Animal Education" Project. (see page 24 for details)

SWINE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Declared weight system to be used. Scales will be available at the time of check-in. Declared weight cards are due at a designated time TBD by Specie Superintendent. Once turned in, declared weight cards cannot be changed. Barrows must weigh no more than 15 pounds above or below their declared weight. The maximum declared weight for barrows is 290 pounds. Barrows failing to meet these requirements will be disqualified. The declared show weight for barrows will be used as their sale weight. The top placing barrows will be weighed at the time of judging until two (2) per class meet no more than 15 above or below their declared weight. Gilts: Crossbred gilts must be no more than 15 pounds above or below their declared weight. The maximum declared weight for crossbred gilts is 360 pounds. Gilts failing to meet these requirements will be disqualified. The top placing crossbred gilts will be weighed at the time of judging until two (2) per class meet no more than 15 pounds above or below their declared weight.
2. Purebred gilts will be shown by breed and age, purebred barrows will be shown by breed and weight. All crossbred swine will be shown by weight.
3. Animals with fresh ear notches or ear notch changes after May 15 will be disqualified. All Swine must be tagged with an RFID tag before coming to the fair for check-in.
4. It is the 4-H members' responsibility to make sure that the ear notches that are submitted are identical to the ear notches in their 4-H barrows and gilts. It is strongly encouraged to submit pictures of ear notches on 4-HOnline if possible. Any discrepancy in the actual ear notches from those submitted may result in disqualification of the animal from the 4-H swine show at the Hendricks County Fair. National standard ear notching system is to be used. If only one exhibit guideline (RFID and ear notches) or neither guidelines are met, the members may not exhibit the animal, but may sell the animal direct if desired.
5. Purebred barrows and gilts without registration certificates, whose ear notches do not match the notches recorded on their registration certificates, and/or whose registration certificate indicates the animal was mis-notched will not be allowed to show in purebred classes. Those hogs will, however, be eligible for the crossbred division, so long as their 840-RFID Tag number and ear notch matches what is listed in Indiana 4Honline by May 15th.
6. A 4-H'er may enroll and identify a maximum of 15 gilts and 15 barrows on the 4-HOnline by May 15th. After

entering animals on 4-HOnline system, 4-H members must identify which animals and which classes they will be exhibiting in on the FairEntry online system by designated date.

7. A 4-H'er may show a maximum of three breeds of barrows and three breeds of gilts. 4-H members may enter and show a maximum of four (4) barrows and four (4) gilts (including Crossbred) in the Hendricks County 4-H Swine Show. A 4-H'er may show a maximum of 2 animals in a class.
8. Hendricks County Born & Raised swine must be declared on 4-HOnline by May 15.
9. 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 inch of hair (in length) on the body is preferred by the packers that purchase and process these animals. Animals having less than one half inch of hair (in length) on the body may be condemned by the processor. 4-H'ers will not receive carcass payment for animals that are condemned.
10. Any barrow showing evidence of testicular tissue may be ineligible for the 4-H Barrow show.
11. **All swine must be farrowed on or after December 1st, 2024.**
12. All 4-H exhibitors must clean out their pens and secure a release form before leaving the fair, or fair awards will be forfeited.
13. 4-H hogs must stay within twenty (20) feet of the swine barn at all times.

CLASSES

Showmanship Classes

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Barrow Classes

Classes will be offered for Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spotted Poland China, Tamworth, Yorkshire, Crossbred, and All Other Breeds.

Barrow certificates are required for all barrows shown. Breed barrows without certificates must enter crossbred classes. Barrows will be listed according to breed and weight and divided into approximately even classes by the Director.

Breeding Gilt Classes

Classes will be offered for Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spotted Poland China, Tamworth, Yorkshire, Crossbred, and All Other Breeds.

SWINE SHOW CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES

BERKSHIRE

Berkshire barrow guidelines:

1. A black and white animal with erect ears exhibiting Berkshire character.
2. A Berkshire must have white on all four (4) legs and tail (unless tail is docked). One of the white points may be missing.
3. Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.
4. A Berkshire must NOT have a solid white or a solid black head from the ears forward.
5. A Berkshire must NOT have a solid black nose (rim of nose).
6. An occasional splash of white may appear on the body, as long as the white does not constitute the start of a belt.

Berkshire gilts must meet the above guidelines along with the following:

1. Must have at least six (6) functional udder sections on each side of the underline.
2. Must not have a swirl on the upper half of the body.

All Berkshire swine must be registered by the American Berkshire Association (AbA), PO Box 2436, 1769 Us 52 West Lafayette, In 47996. Said registration paper must be presented at time of check in. The AbA is the only Berkshire swine registry recognized by the national Association of swine Records (nAsR) and the national Pedigreed livestock Council (nPLC).

CHESTER WHITE

Chester White barrow guidelines:

1. Must possess Chester White Breed character.
2. Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.
3. Must be solid white in color; with no colored hair.
4. The pig cannot have more than 5 pigmentation spots on its body, and none of these areas can be larger than a silver dollar.

5. Ears must be down and medium sized.
6. Any signs of weighted ear tags or evidence of past existence of such ear tags is not permissible and are grounds for disqualification.

Chester White gilts must meet the above guidelines along with the following:

1. Must have at least six (6) functional udder sections on each side of the underline.
2. Must be stress negative.

DUROC

Duroc barrow guidelines:

1. Must be red in color and possess Duroc Breed Character (ears must be down and medium in size).
2. Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.
3. Must NOT have any white hair located on the animal.
4. Must NOT have any black hair located on the animal.
5. Must NOT have more than three (3) black spots on the skin, and none of these spots can be larger than two (2) inches in diameter.
6. Must NOT have any shading or indication of a belt.
7. Must be stress negative.
8. Must not show evidence of an extra dew claw.

Duroc gilts must meet the above guidelines along with the following:

1. Must have at least six (6) functional udder sections on each side of the underline.

HAMPSHIRE

Hampshire barrow guidelines:

1. Must be black in color with a white belt starting on a front leg. One (1) white front hoof constitutes the start of a belt. The belt may partially or totally encircle the body. An animal is eligible if the head is black and the body is totally white.
2. Must possess Hampshire Breed character (ears must be erect and not rounded).
3. Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.
4. Must NOT have any red hair.
5. Must not show evidence of an extra dew claw.
6. Must be stress negative.

Hampshire gilts must meet the above guidelines (except color markings) along with the following:

1. Black in color with a white belt totally encircling the body, including both front legs and feet. A gilt can have white on her nose as long as the white does not break the rim of the nose and when her mouth is closed, the white under the chin can NOT exceed what a U.S. minted quarter will cover. White is allowed on the rear legs as long as it does NOT extend above the tuber calis bone (knob of the hock).
2. Must have at least six (6) functional udder sections on each side of the underline.

HEREFORD

Hereford barrow guidelines:

1. Dark to light red in color with no black spots.
2. Must have a face that is 2/3 white in color.
3. Must have a body that is at least 2/3 red in color, the belly can be white or red.
4. Must have three (3) white legs with white starting at the hoof and going up at least one (1) inch.
5. Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.
6. Cannot have a complete, white belt.
7. Cannot have any blood warts.

Hereford gilts must meet the above guidelines along with the following:

1. Must have at least six (6) functional udder sections on each side of the underline.

LANDRACE

Landrace barrow guidelines:

1. Must be white in color and possess Landrace Breed character (ears must be down).
2. Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.
3. Must NOT allow any color hair other than white.
4. Must NOT allow more than three (3) spots of skin pigmentation.
5. Must NOT allow any spot of skin pigmentation larger than one (1) U.S. minted quarter.
6. Must be stress negative.
7. Must not show evidence of an extra dew claw.

Landrace gilts must meet the above guidelines along with the following:

1. Must have at least six (6) functional udder sections on each side of the underline.

POLAND

Poland barrow guidelines:

1. Must possess Poland Breed character.
2. Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.
3. Must be black with six (6) white points (face, feet and tail) with an occasional splash of white on the body. A hog may not possess more than one (1) black leg and be classified as a Poland. (Tail docking is permissible eliminating that white point.)
4. Must have ears down.
5. Must NOT have evidence of belt formation.
6. Cannot have any red or sandy hair and/or pigment.
7. Hogs that have weighted ear tags or evidence of tampering with possible ear tags are ineligible.

Poland gilts must meet the above guidelines along with the following:

1. Must have at least six (6) functional udder sections on each side of the underline.

SPOTTED

Spotted barrow guidelines:

1. Must be black and white in color.
2. Must possess Spotted breed character.
3. Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.
4. Ears must not be erect.
5. Any red tinted or sandy brown spots are ineligible.
6. No solid black head from ears forward.
7. No distinct white belt pattern (hair or skin) encircling and extending down and onto each shoulder.

Spotted gilts must meet the above guidelines along with the following:

1. Must have at least six (6) functional udder sections on each side of the underline.

TAMWORTH

Tamworth barrow guidelines:

1. Golden red to dark red in color.
2. No more than 5% black spots.
3. No white hair or spots.
4. Ears must be eye level or above.
5. Must be long headed and long bodied.
6. Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.

Tamworth gilts must meet the above guidelines along with the following:

1. Must have at least six (6) functional udder sections on each side of the underline.

YORKSHIRE

Yorkshire barrow guidelines:

1. Must be white in color and possess Yorkshire breed character (ears must be erect).
2. Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.
3. Must NOT have any color hair except for white.
4. Must NOT have more than two (2) pigmentation spots larger than a U.S. minted dime or one (1) pigmentation spot larger than a U.S. minted quarter. These spots (combined) can NOT exceed a U.S. minted silver dollar.
5. No evidence of an extra dew claw.
6. Must be stress negative.

Yorkshire gilts must meet the above guidelines along with the following:

1. Must have at least six (6) functional udder sections on each side of the underline.

ALL OTHER BREEDS (AOB)

All Other Breeds (AOB) barrow and gilt guidelines:

1. The AOB class is designed for any other swine breeds not listed in the above list (with the exception of crossbred swine).
2. AOB swine DOES NOT include Crossbred swine.
3. All AOB swine must meet the specifications/guidelines of that swine breed. Example: If a 4-H member exhibits a Red Wattle barrow, that barrow must meet the guidelines of a Red Wattle barrow.