

4-H & FFA SWINE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 1, 9, 18, 31 Livestock Interview

Wednesday, August 13

By 8:00 AM Hogs must arrive and are penned.
8:00 AM Market Swine weigh in. Health papers must accompany animal to the scale. Choose show numbers.
10:00 AM Exhibitor Meeting - Showplex

Thursday, August 14

6:00 PM 4-H Swine Show – Showplex (Showmanship & Breeding & Market Swine & NYBBR Show)

Friday, August 15

6:30 PM Swine Species Exhibitor Meeting – Showplex

Saturday, August 16

11:00 AM Special Awards and Announcements prior to auction
11:30 AM 4-H/FFA Auction (Order: Beef, Lamb, Goat, Swine)
6:00 PM Exhibitor Hot Dog Roast put on by the Erie County Fair Board of Directors – Barn #2

Sunday, August 17

1:00 PM Swine Dressing Contest – Swine Pens – Showplex
6:00 PM 4-H Breeding Swine Released, per release ticket time assigned.
8:00 PM Market Swine Released

SWINE RULES – 4-H and FFA

- a) All swine health records must accompany animals to the Fair.
 - a. All hogs must have a RFID 840 or Producer Premise ID tag which is to be used as positive identification on the official swine entry form and health papers.
- b) All swine participants must have submitted a swine identification card listing the RFID 840 or Producer Premise ID tag number and other ear tag information along with 2 photos, submitted to Tammi Kron, CCE Erie, 21 S. Grove Street, Suite 300, East Aurora, NY 14052 by May, 2, 2025.
- c) All market hogs must be born after January 1, 2025.
- d) Hogs must weigh between 220-290 pounds at time of Fair weigh-in or they will not be eligible for the market show or sale. All hogs will be weighed **ONE TIME ONLY**.
- e) If a member identified a second hog on May, 2 2025, the first hog weighed in will be the market project animal. If the first hog does not make weight the second hog may be weighed and used for the sale.
 - a. Members may not post “for sale” signs on pens of non-sale market hogs.
- f) Exhibitors of registered breeding animals **MUST** submit a copy of the registration paper for review at the conclusion of the exhibitor meeting on August 13, 2025.
- g) **Market Hogs will be sold on Saturday, August 16, 2025. ALL exhibitors are responsible for maintaining their exhibit until released by the 4-H program on Sunday, August 17, 2025, at 8:00 PM. Failure to do so will result in not being able to participate at the The Erie County Fair in the future and forfeit of premium checks.**
- h) Hogs that are non-sale animals or those that are not shown in the swine show (animals pulled from the show at the owner’s discretion) are not permitted on a 4-H hired trailer.
- i) Boars may not be shown in the Market Show. In those cases where the pig is discovered to be a boar after it has been sold and slaughtered, the participant will forfeit the sale price of the swine by returning the purchase price in full to the buyer of said swine. If at any time an entered swine is found to be a boar before the sale, the entered swine **MUST** be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.

4-H Specific Requirements – FFA participants please refer to FFA General Rules

- a. CLOVERBUDS (5-7 years old) are eligible for showmanship and an animal class, are not eligible to compete in any champion classes and may show only a single entry, Gilt 6 months and under. *Older gilts may be shown with prior approval from the 4-H Swine Advisory Committee* or a non-sale market hog. Cloverbuds are required to have an adult with them in the show ring.
- b. All exhibitors selling a market animal in the auction, a non-sale hog and or breeding animals are required to compete the following:
 1. Attend at least 2 Marketing Workshops (held January-March)
 2. Attend 2 Erie County 4-H meetings, one being species specific.
 3. Complete a public presentation prior to May 2025.
 4. Participate in a livestock interview in July 2025.
- c. Youth exhibiting breeding swine or a non-sale hogs must be 5 as of January 1, 2025.
- d. Youth exhibiting a sale Market Hog must be 9 as of January 1, 2025.

Project Champion Awards

4-H Swine Committee in memory of Mr. Phil Taylor and Mr. Chet Kruszka
Buckle Sponsored by: Erie County 4-H Alumni Association

NON-SALE MARKET SWINE

Required for all exhibitors of a Non-sale Market Hog

Exhibitors must be 8 years old as of January 1, 2025

Animals shown in the non-sale division are not eligible for the final drive, NYBBR or Master Showmanship.

Class #1: Junior Non-Sale Showmanship – 8-13 years old as of 01/01/2025

Class #2: Senior Non-Sale Showmanship – 14-18 years old as of 01/01/2025

Class #3: Non-Sale Market Hog – born 01/01/2025 or after

BREEDING SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

Awards: Blue \$8.00 Red \$6.00 White \$4.00

All ages for showmanship are as of January 1 of the current year.

Class #9 - Senior Showmanship – 14-18 years old as of 01/01/2025

Class #10 - Junior Showmanship – 8-13 years old as of 01/01/2025

Champion Breeding Swine Showman

Entries limited to the 1st and 2nd place winners from class 9&10.

MARKET SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

Market Swine Showmanship:

Awards: Blue \$8.00 Red \$6.00 White \$4.00

All ages for showmanship are as of January 1 of the current year.

Class # 12 - Senior Showmanship – 16 – 18 years old as of 01/01/2025

Class # 13 – Intermediate Showmanship – 13 – 15 years old as of 01/01/2025

Class # 14 - Junior Showmanship – 9 - 12 years old as of 01/01/2025

Class # 15 – Novice Showmanship – open to first year exhibitors, with no prior experience in showing and fitting hogs, up to age 13 as of 1/1/2024

Champion Market Showman

Previous winners of Champion Showman must compete in the age class in which they would normally compete. Entries for this class are limited to the 1st and 2nd place showman from classes 12-15.

CHAMPION SWINE SHOWMAN

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To consist of 2025 Champion Market Swine Showman, and the 2025 Champion Breeding Showman.

MASTER SWINE SHOWMAN

Class #22 – Past Master Showman

Entries limited to previous Erie County Fair Market Swine Master Showmen and 2025 Champion Swine Showman.

CLOVERBUD SWINE

Cloverbud participants (5-7 years old as of 01/01/2025) must meet all the program requirements listed above. Cloverbuds are limited to showing a single-entry Non-sale market hog and/or Breeding Gilt, 6 months and under and must have an adult at their side while in the show ring and when working with their hog at the fair. Our Cloverbud show will be held right after the selection of our Master Showman. Cloverbuds are not eligible to participate in any champion classes.

Class #1 - Cloverbud Market Showmanship – 5-7 years old as of 01/01/2025

Class #2 - Cloverbud Non-sale Market Hog – no minimum weight requirement (all will show together)

Class #3 - Cloverbud Breeding Showmanship – 5-7 years old as of 01/01/2025

Class #4 - Cloverbud – Gilt under 6 months or Gilt 6-12 months either Registered or Commercial (all will show together)

BREEDING SWINE

Breeding Swine Classes:

Awards: Blue \$7.00 Red \$6.00 White \$5.00

BREEDING SWINE RULES

- a) All registered animals must have a current valid registration paper with animal being owned or leased by the exhibitor by May 1, 2025
- b) All commercial animals must have a 4-H breeding Swine Registration Card on file in the 4-H office as of May 2, 2025 with ear tag information.
- c) Animals exhibited in the breeding swine section may not have been exhibited as a market animal and cannot have been sold through a 4-H/FFA auction
- d) Registration papers MUST be presented at check-in at the fair (official registration paper must be provided).
- e) The breeding swine program is open to all youth that are 5 years and older as of January 1, 2025.

Section A- Registered, specify on entry form

Section B- Commercial/ Grade

Class

#20- Gilt under 6 months old

#21- Gilt 6-12 months old

#22- Sow 12 months and over (All sows MUST have produced a litter)

#23- Junior Boar born after 1/01/2025

Champion Gilt- Award donated by NY Pork Producers

Champion Boar - Rosette

PROJECT MARKET SWINE

Awards: Blue \$7.00 Red \$6.00 White \$5.00

Market Swine classes will be grouped into Light Weight, Medium Weight and Heavy Weight divisions with breaks being determined after official weigh in. The Champion Drive will consist of the Champion and Reserve Champion Hog from the Light, Medium and Heavy weight divisions and the judge will have the discretion to request a 3rd or 4th place hog from a division to enter the ring the final drive.

Class #5 – Project Market Swine (Sale Hog)

OTHER SWINE COMPETITIONS

Awards Blue: \$3.00 Red: \$2.00 White: \$1.00

Class # 26 – New York Bred, Born and Raised Swine (sale animal only)

This class is for 4-H &FFA members that have purchased a market animal from a producer within New York State. Exhibitors must have presented the original dated receipt from the New York producer at the time animals were identified on swine registration card. Receipt should state the animal was born after January 1, 2023, that the sow was bred and farrowed in New York State. Open only to sale market hogs. Placings will be determined in the market hog classes, exhibitors with a NYBBR hog will have a colored sticker on your show number.

Class #27 – Swine Educational Poster – Participants shall construct an educational poster to educate the general public about an aspect of the swine industry. Exhibitors may use any suitable materials or photographs on their posters with accurate information. Posters will be evaluated on content, illustration, organization, clarity, visual appeal and readability.

Swine Herdsman Contest

A \$20.00 premium, donated by the Fair, will be awarded to exhibitors selected as the outstanding herdsman in the Jr. Swine Show.

Franny Gernatt Award - A trophy in memory of Francis Gernatt, will be awarded to the Market Swine Showman who is judged to possess the most outstanding personal qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and cooperation. Paid employees who assist with the market swine area are not eligible. Selection of the recipient will be done by an adult volunteer committee.

CLASS #23

The Erie County Fair Swine Dressing Contest

Sunday, August 17, 2025 at 1:00 PM - Showplex

Judging to take place in the 4-H Swine Barn

Open to all 4-H & FFA Exhibitors in the Fair

Prizes will be awarded to the best-costumed animal

Theme: Sights, Sounds, Tastes and Feels of the Fair

Junior	Intermediate	Senior
Exhibitors Ages 8 – 12	Exhibitors Ages 13 – 15	Exhibitors Ages 16 – 18
1 st place - \$15.00	1 st place - \$15.00	1 st place - \$15.00
2 nd place - \$10.00	2 nd place - \$10.00	2 nd place - \$10.00
3 rd place - \$5.00	3 rd place - \$5.00	3 rd place - \$5.00
4 th place - \$5.00	4 th place - \$5.00	4 th place - \$5.00

Cloverbuds will receive a Rosette

For further information call 652-5400, ext. 132

