

SWINE Department 3

Check-In

Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Pavilion 2 - Near Door 16
All hogs must be in Pavilion 2 by 7 p.m.
Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Weigh-in

Wednesday, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., Pavilion 2 - Near Door 16

Judging

All Classes: Friday, 8:30 a.m., Conference - Danish Judging

Project Photo

A photo (.jpg format) of each contestant with the swine they expect to sell in the Meat Animal Sale must be emailed to richard.straub@wisc.edu on or before **July 10** to be included in the Meat Animal Sale presentation. Title the email: DANE COUNTY SWINE PHOTO. Identify individual exhibitors by the name they want displayed for the sale.

Department Chairpeople

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Superintendents

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Eligible 4-H Project Areas

Animal Sciences - Swine

Swine are limited to one weigh-in per animal at Fair weigh-in

The DCF Swine Show is NON-TERMINAL

All exhibitors are responsible for taking pigs home, or to slaughter, including those sold in the Meat Animal Sale, unless other arrangements are made by the buyer. Animals are released at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Swine unable to load out Sunday evening due to biosecurity purposes may be left overnight. Remaining Swine must be removed between 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. Monday morning. **Families electing this option MUST designate their intent at Swine registration in April or the overnight hold will not be allowed.**

*All exhibitors **MUST** enter Showmanship in the species they exhibit at the DCF. Exhibitors who are not entered in showmanship will automatically be entered prior to the Fair. If an exhibitor does not wish to participate in showmanship, they can scratch on-site at the Fair.*

Regulations

- Exhibitors are responsible for meeting State, County and District Fair Rules and Regulations of Animal Health as printed in the front of this book. **DATCP has recommended all swine should be vaccinated for influenza; be sure to follow label directions.**
- All exhibitors must read and adhere to the Youth Animal Exhibitor Code of Practice as stated on page 13.
- All exhibitors are responsible for daily general housekeeping in their area. Livestock exhibitors must clean-up after their animals and regularly dispose of waste in an appropriate manner. All hogs must be fed, watered and pens cleaned by 9 a.m. each day of the fair. Swine exhibitors are encouraged to have waterers in pens at the Fair. Please provide your own tools and equipment for clean-up. Department superintendents will explain proper procedures for the department.
- **NEW THIS YEAR**** The Swine Department will request additional pens but cannot guarantee there will be enough for individual pens for all swine. Exhibitors should be prepared to use pen dividers if their pigs need separation.
- An exhibitor is limited to not more than **four (4)** hogs of which only two (2) per sex are shown. e.g. Two (2) market barrows and two (2) market gilts. Classes are determined by final weigh-in weights, so there is a chance an exhibitor can have two animals in one class if they are the same breed and close to the same weight.
- Barrow and Gilt information:
 - All barrows & gilts will be weighed on check-in day to determine final weight and arrange classes.
 - All barrows & gilts must be identified by **breed and ear notch identification** at the County Spring Swine Registration, April 18 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the 4-H Extension Office. Failure to provide ear notch information will prevent registration of that animal. Additional details will be announced on the Dane County 4-H Youth Development website. All swine registered will be provided with an RFID tag to be placed in the ear by the exhibitor or their representative. The records of the official ear notch and RFID tag will be verified at the Fair weigh-in. The information at weigh-in must match that provided at registration for the animal to be eligible to show. *If an exhibitor is found to be swapping animals he/she will forfeit premiums, Meat Animal Sale income, and be banned from exhibiting at the Dane County Fair for two years.* It is illegal, by state law, to remove RFID tags. **All registration material must be returned or delivered (not postmarked) to Richard Straub, 292 Glenway Road, Brooklyn, WI 53521 on or before May 2, 2026.** Failure to provide this will result in loss of exhibiting privileges. For point of reference, **the suggested minimum weight is 60-90 pounds at the Spring Swine Registration.** Be aware of and use your own herd data to predict the rate of gain to insure that you meet the required weights listed in (c).
 - All hogs must meet the minimum weight requirement of 230 pounds on the final weigh-in day to be eligible for the Meat Animal Sale.
 - Elimination from the sale will be based on the lightest weight.
 - Breeding gilts may not be shown as both a market gilt and a breeding gilt. *Breeding gilts are not eligible for the Meat Animal Sale.*
 - All gilts must be farrowed prior to March 1.
- All swine exhibitors must meet **YQCA requirements. Youth must complete a training program each year by either attending an in-person session or completing an online course.** Visit <https://www.danecountyfair.com/p/youth-exhibitors/education-requirements--opportunities/livestock-departments> for more information. Exhibitors must also attend one additional swine educational qualifying meeting. A copy of the swine education requirement form must be on file with the Fair Office by **June 1. **NEW THIS YEAR** Youth must provide YQCA Certificate number and Education Card uploaded in FairEntry by June 1, with entry submission.** Should you have any questions on what events qualify or to confirm you have met the stated requirements, contact the Dane County Fair Entries at entries.danecountyfair@gmail.com. NO exceptions will be made.
- Animals in the championship drive will be evaluated for the top five placings for market barrows and market gilts, as well as breeding stock.
- **NEW THIS YEAR**** All species using scales must have the scale readings visible for the exhibitors to view.
- A Swine Department Superintendent must inspect all health papers and animals **before** unloading.
- Swine exhibits must be **owned** by the exhibitor prior to April 15 of exhibit year.
- Hurdles will be furnished by the Dane County Fair Association. However, exhibitors may use their own hurdles if no farm name is used.

13. Purebred and crossbred barrows & gilts may be shown. Purebreds must represent the breed. For all purebreds (barrows and gilts) original pedigree forms, from the purebred organization, must be provided. If a pig does not have pedigree papers, it will default to the appropriate crossbred class.
14. Barrows & gilts will be shown in separate lots.
15. The Exhibitor must designate their sale animal on Wednesday at weigh-in. Performance information will be available.
16. No straw will be used for bedding. Wood shavings are required.

Premiums	Blue	Red	White	Pink
Class A	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00
Class B	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.50
Class C	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00

CLASS A. Swine

	Chester White	Duroc	Hampshire	Poland China	Spot China
Market Barrow	1)	2)	3)	4)	5)
Market Gilt	10)	11)	12)	13)	14)
Breeding Gilt	19)	20)	21)	22)	23)

	Yorkshire	Berkshire	Other Breeds	Crossbred
Market Barrow	6)	7)	8)	9)
Market Gilt	15)	16)	17)	18)
Breeding Gilt	24)	25)	26)	27)

The Swine Committee reserves the right to combine lots if there are less than two pigs in a lot(s). Combined lots will be designated as "Any Other Breed".

CLASS B. Swine Showmanship

- 1) Grades 11+
- 2) Grades 9 - 10
- 3) Grades 7 - 8
- 4) Grades 5 - 6
- 5) Grades 3 - 4

CLASS C.

Clean Barn Exhibit - CLUB/CHAPTER ENTRY ONLY

Regulations: Award is judged during the Fair on the following criteria (entries by club only):

1. All hogs must be fed, watered and pens cleaned by 9 a.m. each day of the Fair.
2. Cleanliness and neatness of the exhibit.
3. Attractiveness of feed, bedding and equipment storage.
4. Regular cleaning of pens and disposal of waste.
5. Cleanliness and neatness of aisles.
6. Safety and courtesy toward exhibitors, leaders, superintendents and spectators.
7. Official identification cards and award stickers posted.
8. Having decorations displayed.

Lot:

- 1) Clean Barn Exhibit

Special Awards and Sponsorships

Ziggy's Piggy Farm - Award for Clean Barn Award.

Dane County Pork Producers - Premium for Swine Clean Barn.

Scott Construction, Inc. - Awards for Grand Champion Barrow, and five Showmanship Champions.

Miller & Sons Supermarket - All ribbons. Rosettes for each of the Breed Champions and Reserve Champions in barrows and gilts.

Dress A Critter Contest

Costume contests aren't just for Halloween!
Join us Sunday, July 19 at 11:30 a.m. in Pavilion 2, Showring B for the Dress A Critter Contest. Each club is encouraged to partner with a two or four-legged animal friend to show off your creativity and imagination!

Contest Rules:

- One entry per club, one animal per entry
- Any animal species housed in Pavilions 1 and 2, and the Arena Building is eligible
- Each animal entry may be accompanied by a maximum of 4 club members (group entries are encouraged)
- Entry forms will be available in the Fair Office and must be submitted by 5 p.m. Saturday, July 18

A special thank you to Compeer Financial for sponsoring this fun event!

Rockstars in the Ring

Saturday, July 18 - 2 p.m.

Pavilion 2, Showring B

Dane County Fair is excited to announce the 5th annual Rockstars in the Ring, a new livestock show for youth with an intellectual disability. Up to 10 participants will have the opportunity to show a pig, rabbit, or sheep and will be paired up with a Dane County Fair youth exhibitor mentor to enhance their experience.

For more details, visit danecountyfair.com.