



2026 OPEN CLASS SWINE

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Join us in celebrating 2026 4H, FFA, & Youth Livestock Expo Champions at the Breakfast with Champions at 9 a.m., Sunday, August 23 in the Clubhouse - Tickets are \$25 tickets each and can be purchased at www.ecfair.org

SHOW INFORMATION

Superintendent:	Agriculture Office Staff
Early Entry Deadline:	Monday, July 13, 2026 - Entries made on or after August 1 must be placed by calling the Agriculture Office
Entry Fees:	Early Entry \$5 per head/Late Entry \$15 per head
Arrival:	Tuesday, August 18, 6-10 a.m., Barn 11
Check-in:	Tuesday, August 18, 8-10 a.m. Exhibitors must be by their animals, with animal registration papers.
Showmanship:	Tuesday, August 18, 4 p.m., Showplex
Breeding/Market Show:	Tuesday, August 18, 4 p.m., Showplex
Judge:	Mr. Christian Hammons, OK
Release:	Thursday, August 20, 9 p.m.
Tack Vendor:	Twist Of Fate (860) 759-9335

EXHIBITORS: PLEASE READ ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS, IAFE NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS, AND ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS.

RULES

1. All exhibitors must purchase either a **\$20 Exhibitor wristband** or a **\$100 Erie County Agricultural Society Membership**. If you do not bring your animals to the Fair, you will not receive your Exhibitor wristband.
2. If more passes are needed for your help, \$12.00 one-day "workers" passes can be purchased (quantity may be limited).
3. All New York State Veterinarian decisions are final and supported by Erie County Fair Staff inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated and can result in forfeit of premiums and removal from fair.
4. Rules of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets **Standards for the Conduct of Agriculture and Markets for Fairs and Summary of Livestock Health Requirements apply.**
5. Exhibitors are responsible for weighing their hogs. All weights must be submitted to the Superintendent no later than **10 a.m., Tuesday, August 18.**
6. Showmanship will be offered at the beginning of the show. Sign-up will take place at check-in with the Superintendent.
7. Crossbred breeding gilts may cross-enter into the Market Division or vice versa; however, a second entry fee must be paid.
8. Competition is open to exhibitors from the United States and Canada.
9. Exhibitors must be at least 4 years of age to exhibit livestock.
10. An official registration certificate must be shown on each animal (except crossbred). These will be checked for identification, ownership, and birthdates.
11. Youth Exhibitors may enter any animal in the Open Class Department. Exhibitors must pay all appropriate fees, including Exhibitor wristband fees, entry fees, and late fees.
12. Unprofessional behavior will not be tolerated and may result in forfeit of premiums and removal from Fairgrounds.
13. Entry fees do not guarantee tack space or pens. In divisions where entries do not exceed available space, tack pens will be assigned by the Superintendent.
14. All animal waste must be taken to designated manure boxes outside each Livestock Barn and not left on the pavement to mix with run-off or storm water.
15. Initial sawdust bedding will be supplied to exhibitors. However, if exhibitors wish to have shavings or straw, they must bring it or buy it from a purveyor on the grounds. The Fair will not be providing straw or shavings, after initial supply.

16. Exhibitors must provide their own waterers.
17. Exhibitors wishing to camp may purchase a spot for desired nights online during Exhibitor sign-up. please note that payment does not guarantee a spot. You will be notified & refunded if camper lot is full.

PROTEST RULE

1. The Judge’s decision will be final in all cases, except where error, mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven. In such cases, the decision of Show Management or an appointed referee will be final.
2. All New York State Veterinarian decisions are final and supported by Erie County Fair Staff.
3. Protests regarding any livestock competitions and events held by the Erie County Agricultural Society during the Erie County Fair (Youth Livestock Expo & Open Class Livestock Shows) must be made in writing using a form found in the Livestock Office. Submit the form and a \$300 cash deposit to the Erie County Agricultural Society CEO. Deposit is refundable **only** if the protest is upheld; otherwise, it will be donated to the Erie County Agricultural Society Scholarship Fund.
4. **Classification and the Judge’s opinion are not eligible for protest.**
5. Protests against the exhibition of animals must be filed at least three hours before the start of the show in question.
6. The CEO of the Erie County Agricultural Society may hold a meeting regarding the protest, at which time the protesting party may present evidence or argument in support of the protest. A written decision will be issued within five days and will be served via certified mail.
7. Exhibitors must always demonstrate honesty, sportsmanship, and professionalism. This code applies to both Junior and Open Class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition in all livestock events.

RELEASE SCHEDULE

To ensure everyone’s safety and reduce congestion, each exhibitor will receive a 30-minute loading time slot, during which their truck and trailer may enter the Fairgrounds. Exhibitors traveling the farthest will receive the earliest time slots. Multiple trips also will be considered. Exhibitors are encouraged to assist one another with loading. Arrangements must be made with the show management prior to show day. Early release form must be given to Superintendent at the Exhibitors meeting.

DIVISIONS:

Berkshire	Landrace
Chester White	Spot
Duroc	Yorkshire
Hampshire	Any Other Breeds

All Purebreds will show by age and must have **six or more head** to warrant a breed.

PREMIUMS FOR ABOVE DIVISIONS: \$22.50, \$20, \$17.50, \$15, \$12.50

1. Late Fall Boar: born November–December of previous year
2. January Boar: born January of current year
3. February Boar: born February of current year
4. Junior Spring Boar: born March–May of current year

Champion Boar
Reserve Champion Boar

7. Late Fall Gilt: born November–December of previous year
8. January Gilt: born January of current year
9. February Gilt: born February of current year
10. Junior Spring Gilt: born March–May of current year

Champion Gilt
Reserve Champion Gilt

CROSSBRED BREEDING GILTS

Crossbreds will show by weight.

PREMIUMS: \$22.50, \$22, \$17.50, \$15, \$12.50

1. Gilts

Champion Crossbred Breeding Gilt

Reserve Champion Crossbred Breeding Gilt

CROSSBRED BOARS

4. Boars

Champion Crossbred Boar

Reserve Champion Crossbred Boar

SUPREME CHAMPIONS

Supreme Champion Boar: \$50 & Banner

Reserve Supreme Champion Boar: Banner

Supreme Champion Gilt: \$50 & Banner

Reserve Supreme Champion Gilt: Banner

MARKET HOGS

PREMIUMS: \$18.75, \$15, \$12.50, \$10, \$7.50, \$5

Purebred Market Hog (Open to gilts and barrows. Registration papers required.)

Champion Purebred Market Hog

Reserve Champion Purebred Market Hog

Crossbred Market Hog (Open to gilts and barrows)

Champion Crossbred Market Hog

Reserve Champion Crossbred Market Hog

Grand Champion Market Hog: \$150 & Banner

Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog: \$75 & Banner

SHOWMANSHIP SHOW

There will be a Showmanship Show on Tuesday August 18 at 4 p.m. prior to the Open Class Hog Show. There will be no entry fee and no premiums awarded. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be chosen and given awards. Sign-up will take place at check-in with the Superintendent. The class breakdown is as follows (shown in order):

Classes

- **Novice Showman:** first-time Showman; ages 4-21
- **Pee Wee Showman:** ages 4-8
- **Junior Showman:** ages 9-12
- **Intermediate Showman:** ages 13-16
- **Senior Showman:** ages 17-21
- **Adult Showman:** ages 22 and older

HERDSMANSHIP AWARDS

Three Herdsmanship Awards will be presented to Swine Exhibitors. Exhibitors will be judged daily by Show Management and awards will be announced at the end of the Swine Exhibitors stay.

1st place: \$62.50 & Banner

2nd place: \$37.50

3rd place: \$18.75

Judging Criteria:

1. Stall decorations tied to the 2026 theme: **"Stars, Stripes and Summer Nights."**
2. Cleanliness and neatness of aisles, pens, bedding, and animals.
3. Promptness in getting animals into the show ring and competence in show ring.
4. Courtesy to fellow breeders, spectators, and others.

5. Personal appearance, cleanliness, and neatness in and out of the ring.
6. Organized and tidy feed, bedding, tack, and equipment.