



2026 Hillsborough County Fair

Market Swine Show & Sale

November 5-15, 2026

**Hillsborough County Fair Grounds- 215 Sydney Washer Rd., Dover, FL
33527**

Important Dates and Times- (see rules below for further information)

ENRTY FORM (ONLINE) DUE **4/1/2026** by 11:59 pm* No entries accepted at meeting. Payment of entry fee at exhibitor meeting only if drawn. Can accept cash, check or card. Payment must be received night of drawing. ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY ACCEPTED. LINK FOR ENTRY WILL BE AVAILABLE ON COUNTY FAIR WEBSITE. If you need assistance with online entry, please contact fair office: 813-737-FAIR.

SWINE DRAWING/MEETING	4/7/2026	6:00 PM @ Hillsborough County Fair Grounds - Entry Fee Due
EAR TAGGING	7/11/26	9 AM-11AM @ Hillsborough County Fair Grounds - be in line by 11 AM or entry forfeited
CHAPTER INFO DUE	10/1/26	Call Fair Office with information 813-737-FAIR
RECORD BOOK TURN IN	11/12/26	@ Final Weigh In
FINAL WEIGH IN	11/12/2026	9 AM-11 AM @ Co. Fair Grounds - Exhibitor meeting follows
BARN SIGN-IN	11/3 & 11/14	before 9 AM, Friday and Saturday Mornings
SWINE SHOW	11/13/26	6 PM Show will begin with PeeWee Showmanship
SHOWMANSHIP	11/13/26	Following the show
BUYERS' RECEPTION	11/14/26	4 PM - Buyer registration will begin at this time
PEEWEE SHOWMANSHIP	11/13/26	6:00 PM
SWINE SALE	11/14/26	5:00 PM

Please be sure to also read the "General Livestock Rules of the Hillsborough County Fair"

ENTRY INFORMATION

DEADLINE: APPLICATION TO BE COMPLETED ONLINE ONLY. DUE 4/1/26 by 11:59 pm.

PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEE TO BE MADE AT EXHIBITOR MEETING ON 4/7/2026 at 6 PM.

- 1) **MANDATORY** exhibitor meeting will be held at the Hillsborough County Fair Grounds after the conclusion of the drawing. Exhibitors must attend this meeting. Please note: There is only 100 spots available. There will be a drawing if more than 100 entries are received. These available spots include chapter animals. **Once all entries have been received, the committee will have final say in how many exhibitors & chapter animals will be drawn.**
- 2) Exhibitors must pay a \$40.00 entry fee at the exhibitor meeting. This payment should be made in the form of a cash, card, check or money order made payable to: HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FAIR WITH NOTATION OF EXHIBITOR NAME AND "SWINE SHOW ENTRY FEE." Entry fees are non-refundable. This fee is to be paid by those that have been drawn to show ONLY.
- 3) Chapter/Club Swine: A representative must be present at the meeting. Advisors must provide fair with designated showman information by 10/1/26.
- 4) Each exhibitor, parent/guardian, and advisor/leader (chapter animals) that is drawn will be required to sign a form confirming they have read and understand the rules of the show and sale. These forms will be provided and available at the drawing.

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

- 1) To be eligible to show in the 2026 Hillsborough County Fair, youth must be in grades K-12 and either enrolled in Hillsborough County Public or Private Schools, homeschooled in Hillsborough County, or a member of Hillsborough County 4-H, FFA, or YLPA. Though we encourage all youth to be involved in the 4-H, FFA, or YLPA programs, it is not required if all other eligibility requirements are met. **Exhibitor must be 8 years old by Sept. 1, 2026.** The swine committee reserves the right to verify appropriate enrollment.
- 2) Exhibitors that are accepted for competition and fail to appear with their hog at ear tagging and/ or final weigh in will forfeit their entry fee and may lose eligibility for participation the following year.
- 3) Any physical condition of entrants, which management considers to be a concern for the safety of exhibitors or animals, may result in the ineligibility of the entrant for application and/or participation in the swine show and sale. Committee reserves the right to make alternate arrangements, if needed, on an individual basis. **Visible prolapses can be turned away at the digression of the committee & state AG inspector.**
- 4) Exhibitors of underweight or sifted hogs may submit their record books to be eligible to participate in other activities for swine exhibitors aside from the show and sale.

ANIMAL REGULATIONS

- 1) The Hillsborough County Fair, Fair Management, and the swine committee will not be held responsible in any way for sickness or accident of any nature which may occur to exhibitor

or animals during any activity associated with the Hillsborough County Fair, nor loss or theft of animals and/ or property in the swine show and sale.

- 2) All entries must be owned and in possession of the exhibitor by ear tagging.
- 3) Entries can be gilt or barrows. Barrows must be castrated and healed before ear tagging.
- 4) Ear tagging is to be held on above listed date at the county fairgrounds. Exhibitors can tag 2 hogs initially but will be allowed to bring only one to the final weigh in. Siblings will be allowed to share the additional hog being tagged. All hogs weighing less than 200 lbs. must be removed from the premises immediately following final weigh in by the exhibitor.
- 5) Do not remove the Hillsborough County Fair ear tag. If there is a problem or the ear tag comes out for any reason, the exhibitor must call the fair office immediately. Please check your hogs often. All hogs must have an ear tag before the final weigh in. **All hogs must have a federal farm ID tag prior to tagging and final weigh in. If the Federal ID tag falls out it is the exhibitor's responsibility to inform the fair/swine committee and secure a new tag from the breeder.**
- 6) No swill or garbage fed swine will be accepted.
- 7) Swine must be housed on exhibitor's property or land lab unless otherwise approved by committee via written letter.
- 8) All entries must weigh over 200 lbs. but will be paid for a maximum of 280 lbs. at auction.
- 9) Each exhibitor will be allowed to have their entry cross the scales only one time to be weighed.
- 10) Entries may be sifted by the swine committee upon entry or during the show and sale for:
 - a. not meeting quality grading specification of at least USDA No. 2 market swine
 - b. displaying any disease, defects or conditions that will not be suitable for the show environment

*Exhibitors will be responsible for **immediate removal** of the animal as determined by the committee.

11) Your animal MUST ALWAYS have access to water.

BARN GUIDELINES

- 1) Barn hours are from 6 AM to 10 PM. No exhibitors are allowed in the barn when it is closed. There will be a sign in sheet posted and exhibitors must sign in by 9 AM on Friday and Saturday mornings and have hogs fed, watered, pens cleaned, and feed pans cleared from the pens by 9 AM. The barn will be checked each day at 9 AM and violators will be red tagged.
- 2) Clean bedding does not need to be removed from pens and aisles. Please remove animal waste and wet bedding only.
- 3) **Tack area will only be in a designated area provided by the fair.** All trash must be picked up in barn and tack area. Messy or unsafe tack area may result in red tags.
- 4) Sportsmanship and courtesy are of utmost importance. Share show boxes and condense storage space to make sure that everyone can fit in the designated area. Please pack conservatively and do not take up more space than necessary. Space for animals is our first concern, tacks space is negotiable and we do the best we can. If asked to move your belongings, please do so willingly.

- 5) No clippers allowed in the barn. All clipping should be done prior to weigh in NOT ON SITE. No oil products are permitted. Hair should be no shorter than ¾". If these rules are violated, they can result in immediate removal at the exhibitors expense and exclusion from next year's show and sale.

EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1) Official record books are mandatory and will be available online at www.hillsboroughcountyfair.com by ear tagging date. These are to be complete and accurate. Record books will be turned in on 11/12/26 at final weigh in. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to read and understand the record book rules and criteria included therein. The exhibitor is responsible for ensuring they have completed the correct record book based on age. Record books must be completed by the exhibitor and in the exhibitor's own handwriting. Age is taken into consideration when judging so please have the exhibitors complete the record book themselves. A complete record book needs to be submitted, or the exhibitor will be ineligible to participate in the show and sale. Record books are to be turned into a committee member ONLY. Books will not be accepted by mail or turned into the office. Record books will be available by tag in.
- 2) Exhibitors are responsible for contacting at least 5 potential buyers. Please check record book for appropriate listing of this information. A buyer should be secured by each exhibitor as hogs not purchased by bid at the auction will go to slaughter and the processing fee will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.
- 3) Exhibitor must furnish feeding and watering implements and care for his/her hog and pen for the duration of the show and sale. If unable to do so, he/she must have a designated person, that knows and follows show rules and procedures, responsible for doing so in absence.
- 4) Any exhibitor that fails to follow the rules or participates in conduct unbecoming an exhibitor may be **red tagged** with the following penalties: 1st red tag= \$100; 2nd red tag= \$200 + possible removal from show or removal from fair premises. It will be up to the discretion of the committee whether the exhibitor is eligible to show the following year.
- 5) Unbecoming conduct on the part of an exhibitor or anyone associated with an exhibitor can, at the discretion of management, result in disqualification of exhibitors and require immediate removal of the swine and exhibitor from the premises with the loss of premiums, awards, show and sale privileges.
- 6) Any questions or protests regarding compliance with rules and regulations or eligibility of exhibitor or swine must be submitted in writing within 24 hours of check in or occurrence to swine committee chairman. Final interpretation and administration of these rules will be made by the show management and their decision is final.
- 7) It is the exhibitor's responsibility to represent the Hillsborough County Fair, 4-H, FFA, YLPA and/or Hillsborough County Schools in a positive manner. The swine show and sale is an exhibit, invited by the fair, for the entertainment and education of the general public. Interaction with the public and other exhibitors must be conducted in a way that will promote good will.

- 8) A thank you letter or card must be written to the buyer and a copy MUST be sent to SBHMemorialswineshow@gmail.com. Failure to do so will result in funds being held.

Below is an example of how an envelope should be addressed.

Your First and Last Name	
Your Address	
City, State zip code	Buyer's Name
	Buyer's Address
	City, State zip code

- 9) Swine should be fed and watered generously, and the pen and tack area cleaned of implements and trash/manure removed before leaving.
- 10) All exhibitors must wear the official dress of 4-H, FFA or YLPA. No paraphernalia is allowed to decorate the hogs during the show and sale.
- 11) The decisions of the judges are final. All exhibitors should be respectful and courteous.
- 12) Exhibitors are encouraged to write thank you notes to sponsors. They need to know how much we appreciate their gifts and support as it is the only way we can put on this show. Exhibitors are also encouraged to promote their involvement with the show to interest new sponsors in the community.

SWINE SHOW REGULATIONS

Failure to comply with barn closure instructions can result in a red tag. It is impossible for the committee to run this show without the cooperation of parents and exhibitors in this matter.

- 1) Final weigh in for swine show is Thursday from 9 AM to 11 AM with a mandatory exhibitor meeting to follow. Swine show is on Friday at 6 PM.
- 2) Hogs will be divided into classes according to weight. Classes will be posted in barn on Friday.
- 3) Swine show schedule:
 - Classes by weight beginning with 200 lbs (preliminary rounds of showmanship during swine show)
 - Class winners return for grand and reserve champions
 - Junior showmanship finals
 - Intermediate showmanship finals
 - Senior showmanship finals
- 4) Exhibitors should be ready and waiting with their hogs when their class entry time is approaching.
- 5) Show premiums and awards: Grand Champion- belt buckle; Reserve Grand Champion- belt buckle; 1st place blue ribbons= \$30. Blue ribbons \$20. Red ribbon \$15. White ribbon \$10.
- 6) One parent of junior exhibitors will receive an armband to remain in the pen with their exhibitor. Once the barn is closed every other person is required to exit. Exhibitors (& junior

parents) will need to stay in the pen with the animal to ensure clear aisles for safety the animals, committee members, and exhibitors.

SWINE SALE REGULATIONS

- 1) Swine sale is held on Saturday afternoon at 5 PM.
- 2) Sale schedule is Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, all 1st place, all 2nd place, all 3rd place etc. All animals are sent to the processors provided by the fair.
- 3) Buyer is responsible for the cost of processing meat.
- 4) If the exhibitor's animal is not purchased by bid or buyer does not fulfill their responsibility for the payment, the exhibitor is responsible for the processing fee and picking up the meat from the processor.
- 5) Policy for payment: all premiums, sale proceeds and add-on's will be paid to the exhibitor once all payments have been received from buyer and add-on's by 2/1/26. If add-on's have not been received, but everything else has been paid for by this point checks will be paid without them.
- 6) This is a TERMINAL show. All hogs will go to a designated facility as determined by the fair. No hogs will leave with the exhibitor or buyer, no exceptions.

SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION

- 1) Showmanship competition will be held immediately following the swine show.
- 2) Exhibitors will compete according to the age divisions as follows: ages by Sept. 1 2026. Juniors: ages 8-10 years; Intermediates: ages 11-13 years; Seniors: ages 14-18 years
- 3) Heats will be assigned according to number of entries.
- 4) Exhibitors should be in the official dress of their 4-H club, FFA chapter or YLPA official dress.
- 5) How the showmanship competition is structured is up to the discretion of the judge.
- 6) Showmanship awards include belt buckles for each age division.

OTHER AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES

Some awards will be distributed at the HCF Livestock Banquet

Record Book Awards: cash prize for each age division

PeeWee Showmanship:

- Registration will be open until 3:00pm of show night
- Held at 6 PM on Friday night
- Ages 3-7 (3-4 year old's must be accompanied by the exhibitor)

Susan Harrell Herdsman Award: in the event the swine committee sees and individual go above and beyond to assist with cleaning and helping the committee, the swine committee has the option to award a Herdsman(s) award at their discretion.

This is a TERMINAL sale. No live animals that are purchased in the Youth Market Animal Sale will leave the fair with the buyer or exhibitor. Animals will be transferred from the fair straight to the processor designated by the Hillsborough County Fair. In no instance shall an animal be purchased back from the processor by the exhibitor, exhibitor parents, or anyone associated with the exhibitor. All animals will be slaughtered immediately following the sale. No animal shown/sold will be shown elsewhere after the sale date of Nov. 1, 2026. The Hillsborough County Fair has an agreement with the processors and no animal will leave the processor facility unless slaughtered.

The Hillsborough County Fair is responsible for selecting processors for resale animals. Exhibitors are prohibited from reaching out to processors to purchase resale animals.

***Please note that the committee reserves the right to change, add, or omit guidelines at any time as deemed necessary. Exhibitors, parents/guardians, and advisors/leaders will be notified of any changes.**

**** Please be sure to read ALL General Livestock rules as they will apply also.**

The Hillsborough County Fair Swine Show Committee would like to thank the 2025 sponsors and encourage your support of these individuals, groups and businesses throughout the year.

We are looking forward to another great show and making new friends throughout this community!

Please support the businesses that support our show!