

# JUNIOR CARCASS HOG SHOW

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1. Online Registration/Entry Deadline is May 15, 2026. Please refer to the JLA rules for all dates, policies and procedures that pertain to online entries and fees.
2. Carcass Hog entries will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations and the Junior Livestock Division Rules except where they conflict with the rules of the show, in which case the Show rules will prevail.
3. Barrows and gilts (no boars, must be barrows before arrival at weigh-in) are eligible and must be identified by Washington County Fair Association ear tags. Hogs will be retagged (if needed) prior to the official weighing at the fairgrounds. If barrow loses an ear tag, the exhibitor must notify the Fair Office or the committee chairman/vice chairman within seven (7) days. Carcass hogs will be retagged at the fairgrounds. All carcass hogs will be retagged before weigh-in on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.
4. Exhibitor may tag in two (2) hogs or a family may tag in two (2) hogs per exhibitor. They do not need to specify which hog belongs to which exhibitor at tag-in. Each exhibitor can enter only one (1) hog in the carcass hog show. The hogs must be specified to an exhibitor before they are weighed in at the Show and will not be changed under any circumstance.
5. Carcass hogs will be ear tagged and weighed on June 6, 2026 and must arrive between 7 a.m. – 8 a.m. Hogs must be at the fairgrounds for tagging/weighing. No exceptions.
6. All hogs must be clean upon arrival at both weigh-ins. There will be no washing of hogs on the fairgrounds. Carcass hogs should not be clipped.

7. No carcass hogs will be tagged that weigh more than 65 lbs. At the time of weigh in, if an exhibitor does not agree with the weight of the carcass hog, they may ask for a re-weigh while the carcass hog is on the scale. At that time, the carcass hog will be brought back to the scale, the scale will be zeroed, the carcass hog will be re-weighed and the new weight will be the official weight entered.
8. To be eligible for prizes, Carcass Hogs:
  - a) Must gain at least 1.70 lbs. per day on test (June 6, 2026 – September 8, 2026).
  - b) Must have a soundness score of two (2) or better. Hogs must be able to walk across the scale without assistance. NOTE: If unable to walk into slaughter facilities on its own, it will be condemned by inspector. The WCFA will pay resale bid price for condemned hogs. By law, condemned hogs cannot be returned to exhibitor.
  - c) ATTENTION: Carcass hogs with severe skin issues, such as insect bites or sunburn (as determined by the onsite USDA inspector), will not be eligible to show and will be skinned rather than scraped. The exhibitor will receive resale (floor) price for the carcass, minus the mandatory kill fee.
  - d) Any carcass hog that is condemned by the USDA inspector for any reason will not be eligible to show. The exhibitor will receive the resale (floor) price for the carcass minus the required kill fee.
  - e) Minimum Carcass Requirements:
    - i. Last rib backfat thickness must be greater than 0.6 inches and less than or equal to 1.5 inches.
    - ii. Carcass muscle score is to be equal to or better than the Intermediate (2.0) pictured in the 2000 “Composition and Quality Assessment Procedures,” National Pork Board.
    - iii. Carcass lean quality will be evaluated by a combination of traits, including lean muscle color, amount of marbling and lean firmness/wetness. These traits will be evaluated by observing the loin eye as the carcass is ribbed at the 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> ribs.
    - iv. Loin muscle color score must be greater than one (1) and less than six (6).
    - v. Loin muscle marbling score must be greater than one (1).
    - vi. Loin muscle firmness and wetness score must be greater than one (1).
    - vii. Additionally, belly thickness must be at least slightly thick with a minimum of 0.6 inches of thickness at any point.
    - viii. Any carcass failing to meet two (2) or more of the above quality standards will be disqualified.
  - e) Carcasses meeting minimum carcass quality requirements will be ranked on (1) Lean Gain Per Day on Test and (2) Percentage Fat Free Lean (“Composition and Quality Assessment Procedures,” National Pork Board). The rankings will be combined with the carcass receiving the best (lowest)

total ranking score being considered the winner. In the case of a tie, the carcass judge will visually appraise the carcasses and declare a winner. Final carcass placings will be made at the discretion of the carcass judge.

- f) Carcasses will be evaluated by the carcass judge for any defects which will be taken into consideration during final placings.
  - g) Disqualified carcass hogs are ineligible for the Junior Livestock Sale.
9. Any exhibitor whose carcass hog does not meet weight gain requirements may weigh their second carcass hog, if they have a second carcass hog. However, if first carcass hog meets weight requirement, the second carcass hog will not be weighed. The official scale will not be used for practice weighing prior to the official weigh-in.
  10. Once the hog steps into the alley leading to the scale, the exhibitors and committee members are the only individuals allowed to assist the hog. Once the hog is called to the scale, the exhibitor must bring the project at that time. If for any reason the hog cannot walk to the scale, it will be disqualified.
  11. The carcass contest is a terminal show. Once weighed, all hogs become property of the WCFA and are sent immediately to a processing facility for harvest and carcass evaluation. The value of each hog will be the resale price per pound multiplied by its live weight. No carcasses will be returned to exhibitors or buyers.
  12. A standard kill fee, charged by the processing facility, will be deducted from the exhibitor's final check.
  13. Carcass Hog Show Schedule:
    - a) Hogs will be weighed on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
    - b) Hogs will be slaughtered on Wednesday, September 9, 2026.
    - c) Carcass information will be collected on Thursday, September 10, 2026.