

2026 Illini Pork Premiere Program

Illinois Pork Premiere Requirements

1. To be eligible, pigs will have to be farrowed **on or after February 10, 2026**. Both purebred and crossbred pigs are eligible. **Starting in 2027 pigs should be farrowed on or after February 1st, 2027**
2. Each exhibitor may nominate a maximum of twenty-five barrows at the time of tattooing. Pigs must be castrated before they are tattooed. Place animal tattoo number next to the Box **A** on the inside of the ear.
3. Barrows must be nominated, ear notched, and tattooed with the Box **A** tattoo (identical to that used for steers and lambs) **before they are 35 days old**. Pigs cannot weigh more than the equivalent of 1.0 pound per day of age when tattooed. **In addition, all pigs must be tattooed by April 15, 2026.**

The tattooing will be supervised by an Extension Employee, an Agricultural FFA Advisor, or a designated volunteer. Nomination forms should be copied in triplicate – one for the exhibitor, one for your county Extension Office, and one sent to:

Shelby Carlson
University of Illinois Extension
180 S. Soangetaha Rd. Suite 108
Galesburg, IL 61401

The exhibitor's copy should accompany the animals to the scale at the 2026 Illinois State Fair.

4. If premiere barrows are properly nominated, ownership can be transferred to purchaser for exhibition as long as ownership deadlines are adhered to.

2026 NOMINATION FORM – ILLINI PORKPREMIERE

Exhibitor's Name _____ Birth date _____

Address _____

Exhibitor's County of 4-H Enrollment _____ Date Tattooed _____

** Premise ID Number _____ Exhibitor's Phone # _____

Exhibitors Email _____

	BIRTHDATE	TATTOO NUMBER	EAR NOTCH	BREED	WEIGHT TODAY
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Signature of person witnessing the tattooing _____

Ownership transferred to _____ County _____ Date _____

One exhibitor per nomination form.

*Premise ID is for the location where animal(s) are housed, not necessarily in the Exhibitor's Name.

Exhibitor retains one copy to accompany animal to scale at final weighing; second copy is filed in your county Extension Office; third copy to **Shelby Carlson, University of Illinois, 180 S. Soangetaha Rd, Suite 108, Galesburg, IL 61401.**

Example photo below

