

SWINE

06 - Open Swine Show

Superintendent: Dave Deters

Open Breeding Class Premiums Offered: \$12,793.00

Land of Lincoln Breeding Class Premiums Offered: \$22,166.00

Open Barrow Class Premiums Offered: \$6,170.00

Land of Lincoln Barrow Class Premiums Offered: \$9,101.00

**Premiums will be pro-rated according to participation and pay up to six (6) places.*

INFORMATION

Entries

Required fees include \$15.00/head (entry fee) and \$5.00/head (manure). Entries in all classes shall be made through the online fair entry system at the Illinois State Fair website. Entries in all classes shall be made through the online fair entry system at the Illinois State Fair website. Payment must be made via credit card at the time of entry. No other type of entry will be accepted. Assistance with entries is available at the Competitive Events Office, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All entries must be submitted online by 12 noon on July 15, 2024. Fees will not be refunded. Late entries will be accepted through July 31, 2024, with an additional \$50.00/exhibitor charge assessed.

Notice to Exhibitors

Beginning in 2024, Individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag, ("840" tag), and in 2025, the tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.

Deadlines and Check-in

Pens Available

Junior and Open Barrow Show Exhibitors	Tuesday, August 6, 8:00 a.m.
Open Breeding Swine Exhibitors	
Hampshire, Yorkshire, Duroc, and Crossbred	Sunday, August 11 after Barrows vacate. Penned in the South end of the Open Swine Barn
Chester White, Spotted, Herefords, and Poland China	Monday, August 12. Penned in the North end of the Open Swine Barn.
Tamworth	Tuesday, August 13 after 8:00 p.m. Penned in the South end of the Open Swine Barn
Berkshire	Thursday, August 15. Penned in the North end of the Open Swine Barn.

** Special Note: Pen cleaning starts at 8:00 p.m.*

Animals must be in place as follows:

Barrows in Junior and Open Show	Thursday, August 8, 8:00 a.m.
Barrows in Open Show Only	Friday, August 9, 9:00 a.m.
Open Breeding Swine	
Hampshire, Yorkshire, Duroc, and Crossbred	Monday, August 12, by 12:00 p.m.
Crossbred	Monday, August 12, by 1:00 p.m.
Chester White, Spotted, Hereford, and Poland China	Tuesday, August 13, by 10:00 a.m.
Tamworth	Thursday, August 15, by 10:00 a.m.
Berkshire	Friday, August 16, by 10:00 a.m.

Check-in:

Barrows in Open Show Only	Friday, August 9, 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Open Breeding Swine	
Hampshire, Yorkshire, and Duroc	Monday, August 12, by 1:00 p.m.
Crossbred Gilt Weigh-in	Monday, August 12, 2:00-2:30 p.m.

Crossbred Boar Weigh-in	Monday, August 12, 2:30-2:45 p.m.
Chester White, Spotted, Hereford, and Poland China	Tuesday, August 13, by 11:00 a.m.
Tamworth	Thursday, August 15, by 11:00 a.m.
Berkshire	Friday, August 16, by 11:00 a.m.

Animals Released:

Barrows	Sunday, August 11, immediately following individual classes
Breeding Swine	
Hampshire, Yorkshire, Duroc, and Crossbred	Tuesday, August 13, immediately following sale
Chester White, Spotted, Hereford, and Poland China	Wednesday, August 14, immediately following sale
Tamworth	Friday, August 16, immediately following show
Berkshire	Saturday, August 17, immediately following sale

**Special Note – No grooming or exhibitor tents larger than 10’x12’ will be allowed and all tents around the Open Barn must have one side touching the brick wall and located only in areas where vehicles can still park perpendicular to the building between the tent and roadway without impeding traffic flow on the road.*

Show Schedule

Breeds will show in the Open Swine Barn Showrings and will be in the order listed with breeds following sequentially. Start times may vary slightly from the published schedule. Exhibitors should watch and listen for announcements.

Sunday, August 11

8:00 a.m. – Open Barrow Show

Tuesday, August 13

8:00 a.m. – Yorkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, and Crossbred (Sale following completion of all shows)

Wednesday, August 14

8:00 a.m. – Hereford, Poland China, Chester White, Spotted Swine (Sale following completion of all shows)

Friday, August 16

8:00 a.m. – Tamworth

Saturday, August 17

8:00 a.m. – Berkshire (Sale following completion of show)

Sunday, August 18

11:00 a.m. – Pee-Wee Pig Show entries due

1:00 p.m. – Pee-Wee Pig Show

Department Rules

1. Each exhibitor must comply with the Illinois Exhibition Health Requirements; Animal Care, Drug, Testing and Welfare Policies; and General Rules of the Open Livestock Division.

**Special Note: All in-state and out-of-state boars and gilts entered in breeds conducting breeding stock sales must meet the following testing requirements:*

Brucellosis: Breeding swine four (4) months of age and older shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within the past thirty (30) days prior to entry or originate immediately and directly from a validated brucellosis-free herd.

Pseudorabies: Swine shall be negative to an official test for pseudorabies conducted within the past thirty (30) days prior to entry or originate immediately and directly from a qualified pseudorabies negative herd.

2. All entries in the Open Swine Show must have a properly registered 840 tag and accompanying paperwork with a premise ID.
3. Open Show exhibitors are reminded they must adhere to the Open Show registration and ring card distribution requirements in order to exhibit in the Open Show. Junior Show registration does not fulfill Open Show requirements, except for Junior Barrows showing in both Junior and Open Shows.
4. All entries in the Open Swine Show must be properly ear notched. Both ears must be notched, and all ear notches must be completely healed and visible. Ear notches will be read on the purebred system. If the exhibitor uses another system, he/she must draw a diagram. Any animal whose ears show signs of being tampered with will be disqualified.
5. All purebred animals entered in the Open Swine Show must be registered in the recognized National Breed Association record of their respective breed in the name of exhibitor, partnership or farm name.
6. All swine entries must have been farrowed between December 1, 2023, and March 31, 2024, and exhibitors are limited to twenty (20) total entries, ten (10) boar entries and ten (10) gilt entries, in December through March purebred boar and gilt classes. When making entries, designate only the number of December through March boars and gilts you plan to bring to the State Fair.
7. Exhibitors must complete and submit an entry card, available from the Superintendent at the State Fair, for each animal to be shown. The cards must be completely filled out and legibly written providing the exhibitor's full name and address and the breed, class, ear notch, 840 tag number, registration number and for barrows, the declared weight. The entry card, stamped by the State Veterinarian, registration paper, individual health papers for each animal, and for Premiere Barrows, a PQA Certificate, must be submitted by the identified deadline for check-in the day before the scheduled show. Registration papers will be checked against entry cards and held, along with health papers for the Breed Association until after the Breed Sale.
8. Entry cards will be used to divide animals into classes for the shows. In no case will there be more than thirty (30) animals in a class or greater than a twenty-one (21) day age spread except for March pigs which will all be shown in a single class. Boar and gilt classes will be shown from youngest to oldest. In all cases, class breaks will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.
9. Pens will be available on a first come, first served basis. In order to reserve or hold a pen, an animal must be in the pen. Wood shavings should be used for bedding and all pens should be cleaned each day before 8:00 a.m.
10. Each breed, including Crossbreds, must paint brand the boars and gilts by exhibitor number. Each breed association will supply the paint brands and paint for their breed.
11. Each breed must provide an announcer for their show.
12. Only those showing hogs (not more than one per animal) and officials of the State Fair will be permitted in the showing during the course of judging. An exception will be made in senior boar classes and older where not more than two (2) persons per animal will be permitted. No entry will be passed upon by the judge if it fails to comply with this rule. In all Boar Classes, for safety reasons, drivers must be thirteen (13) years of age or older.
13. The Illinois State Fair strongly encourages the exhibitors in boar drives to use show boards. The Fair will have boards available to assist exhibitors. However, the swine ring staff employed by the Illinois State Fair will not assist in breaking up boar fights.
14. The class winning purebred gilts and boars are eligible for Junior and Senior Championship drives and will be determined upon the number of classes. Grand Champions will be selected from Junior and Senior Champion animals.
15. No turbofans, appliances, misters, swamp blasters, air conditioning units or cooling systems of any kind will be allowed in the barns due to the excessive electrical draw they require. Exhibitors may use fans requiring less wattage. Additionally, no bicycles, skateboards or scooters will be allowed in the barns.

16. Special awards presented by Breed Associations are the responsibility of those associations and not the Department Superintendent or Illinois State Fair.

Specific Rules for Barrows

17. All Open Barrow pens will be assigned by the Open Swine Superintendent in the Open Swine Barn on the basis of a minimum of two (2) head per pen, unless an exhibitor has only one (1) entry. Animals must be penned according to these assignments. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring their own pen dividers to accommodate individual penning needs. Additional pens, for any reason, will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.
18. Barrows must have been farrowed on or after January 1, 2024, except Premiere Barrows which must have been farrowed on or after February 10, 2024.
19. Each exhibitor is limited to showing four (4) barrows, Junior and Open Show entries combined, and a maximum of two (2) barrows will be allowed to show in the same class. If properly nominated, two (2) of the four (4) barrows may be premiere barrows. Any exhibitor exceeding this rule will be disqualified from the show.
20. Barrows must weigh at least 220 pounds and not more than 320 pounds, except for premiere barrows, to be eligible to show. The Superintendent, along with the General Livestock Superintendent, shall have full authority regarding show eligibility.
21. Barrows must be completely healed from castration and not show any scabs.
22. 840 tag numbers must be listed on the entry form for the Premiere Class.
23. All barrow entries including the Illini Pork Premiere must be shown on foot to be eligible for carcass competition. Premiere barrows will be shown in a separate class.
24. Premiere barrow exhibitors only, must have completed the Youth Quality Assurance Certification (YQCA) and submit his/her certification number at the time of premiere barrow check-in. Questions may be directed to Dan Jennings at 815-218-4358.
25. Barrow exhibitors must complete and submit a check-in card, available from the Superintendent at the State Fair, for each barrow. The cards must be completely filled out and legibly written providing the exhibitor's full name and address and the breed, class, ear notch and declared weight of the barrow. The check-in card, registration paper, health papers, and for premiere barrows a PQA Certificate must be submitted at the time of check-in.
26. Barrows entered in both Jr and Open Shows will be checked-in only at Junior check-in.
27. Barrows will be placed into weight classes based upon declared weights made at check-in. No show class will exceed thirty (30) barrows in number. All class breaks will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.
28. Practice scales will be available in the barns for use by exhibitors.
29. Once a Premiere barrow crosses the scales, it will be sent to the packing plant.
30. The National Pork Producers Council Procedures to Evaluate Market Hog Performance will be used to evaluate barrows.
31. All barrows must vacate the Open Swine Barn immediately after the conclusion of the Open Barrow Show. Only premiere barrows will be loaded for the packing plant at the conclusion of the Open Barrow Show. All other barrows are the responsibility of the exhibitor and must be removed from the building. Pens will be available in the Junior Barn (30 Building) following the Open Barrow Show. At the discretion of the Open

Swine Superintendent, there may be pens available on the far north end of the Open Swine Barn, but availability is not guaranteed.

Specific Breed Rules

Berkshire

32. Berkshire swine must be registered by the American Berkshire Association (ABA), 2637 Yeager Rd., Lafayette, IN 47906. The ABA is the only Berkshire registry recognized by the National Association of Swine Records (NASR) and the National Pedigreed Livestock Council (NPLC).
33. Pedigrees must have stress negative status printed on the pedigree.
34. All gilts must have a minimum of six (6) quality teats on each side to be eligible to show. A Berkshire cannot have white skin or hair that continuously encircles the body anywhere between the base of the ear and the base of the tail and must meet all registry requirements, including no swirls on the upper half of the body. All eligibility concerns shall be brought to the show committee which has the authority to disqualify any animal in question.
35. For Premiere Sire and Premiere Breeder Awards, the Berkshire breed will add the total number of placings in each class for an exhibitor. The exhibitor is limited to twenty (20) entries but has no control over the number of the total twenty (20) entries credited in any one class.

Chester White

36. Only stress negative breeding stock are allowed to be exhibited.
37. The Champion Chester White Gilt of the Junior Show may sell at the Open Chester White Sale as long as the gilt is also shown in the Open Show. The sale position will be determined by the sale committee.

Spotted Swine

38. All spotted swine exhibited at the Illinois State Fair must meet any requirements set by the National Spotted Swine Registry.
39. A purebred spotted gilt, with a purebred spotted pedigree is eligible to show.
40. A spotted pietrain gilt is eligible to show and must be three-quarters (3/4) spotted blood concentration or higher with the remaining percentage being pietrain.
41. A barrow must be officially registered through the National Spotted Swine Record (NSSR) Appendix Registry Program and an official Spotted Appendix Registry Certificate AR Registry for a specific gilt must be furnished at the State Fair.
42. To be eligible to show, an animal must meet NSSR requirements for registration and cannot have a solid black head. Further, it must meet specific Spotted Breed characteristics including:
 - a. No red tinted hair or brown sandy spots.
 - b. No distinct white belt pattern encircling and/or extending down and onto each shoulder; and
 - c. Spotted Breed character is required; that is, ears down and reasonably sized, black and white or any combination of black and white, etc.

Poland China

43. Boars must be stress identified on pedigree or with a certificate at time of check-in.

Specific Rules for Crossbreds

44. No purebred animals will be allowed to show in the Crossbred Show.
45. Crossbred Boar and Gilt Classes will be placed into weight classes based upon weight determined at weigh-in. There is no weight limit and classes will be determined based upon weight and the number of animals entered. All class breaks will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.
46. Practice scales will be available in the barns for use by exhibitors. There will be no re-weighing of boars and gilts at the conclusion of judging for each weight class.

Special Awards

Grand Champion Boar and Grand Champion Gilt of each breed: A plaque will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the exhibitors of the Grand Champion Boar and Grand Champion Gilt of each of the Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Poland China, Spotted Swine, Tamworth and Yorkshire Breeds of the Open Show at the 2024 Illinois State Fair. Additionally, a plaque will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the exhibitors of the 2024 Grand Champion Land of Lincoln Boar and Gilt of those breeds.

Open Show Championship Premium Awards: The exhibitors of the Junior and Senior Champion Boars and the Junior and Senior Champion Gilt of the Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Poland China, Spotted Swine, Tamworth and Yorkshire Breeds of the Open Show at the 2024 Illinois State Fair will receive an additional premium award of \$20.00.

Land of Lincoln Grand Champion Premium Awards: The exhibitors of the Land of Lincoln Grand Champion Boar and Gilt of the Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Poland China, Spotted Swine, Tamworth and Yorkshire Breeds at the 2024 Illinois State Fair will receive an additional premium award of \$45.00.

Grand Champion Barrow: A plaque will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the exhibitors of the Grand Champion Barrow of the Open Show and the Grand Champion Land of Lincoln Barrow at the 2024 Illinois State Fair.

Premiere Sire and Premiere Exhibitor Awards: A rosette for the Premiere Sire Award will be presented to the exhibitor in each of the Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Poland China, Spotted Swine, Tamworth and Yorkshire Breeds whose boar has sired animals winning the highest total premiums in the Open Breeding Swine Classes at the 2024 Illinois State Fair. A banner for the Premiere Exhibitor Award will be presented to the exhibitor in each of the same breeds whose owned animals win the highest total premiums in the Open Swine Classes at the 2024 Illinois State Fair. In both awards, credits are limited to two (2) placings per class, except in the Berkshire Breed.

Grand Champion Barrow: Additional monetary awards of \$500.00 to the Grand Champion Open Show Barrow, \$200.00 to the Reserve Grand Champion Open Show Barrow, \$200.00 to the Grand Champion Land of Lincoln Barrow, and \$100.00 to the Reserve Grand Champion Land of Lincoln Barrow will be made.

CLASSES

Division 1050 – Barrows

Breed	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Berkshire	Barrow	01	*
Chester White	Barrow	02	*
Duroc	Barrow	03	*
Hampshire	Barrow	04	*
Hereford	Barrow	05	*
Landrace	Barrow	06	*
Poland China	Barrow	07	*
Spotted	Barrow	08	*
Tamworth	Barrow	09	*
Yorkshire	Barrow	10	*
Crossbred	Barrow	11	N/A
Premiere	Barrow	12	*

Champion and Reserve Champion Barrow will be named in each breed. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Barrow, and 2nd-4th Runner-up will be selected from breed champions.

Division 1051 – Breeding Swine

Breed	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Berkshire	Boar	01	*
Berkshire	Gilts	02	*
Chester White	Boar	03	*
Chester White	Gilts	04	*
Duroc	Boar	05	*
Duroc	Gilts	06	*
Hampshire	Boar	07	*
Hampshire	Gilts	08	*
Hereford	Boar	09	*
Hereford	Gilts	10	*
Poland China	Boar	11	*
Poland China	Gilts	12	*
Spotted	Boar	13	*
Spotted	Gilts	14	*
Tamworth	Boar	15	*
Tamworth	Gilts	16	*
Yorkshire	Boar	17	*
Yorkshire	Gilts	18	*
Crossbred	Boar	19	N/A
Crossbred	Gilts	20	N/A

Junior Champion & Reserve, Senior Champion & Reserve for Boars and Gilts will be awarded in each breed. Premiere Sire & Exhibitor will be awarded in each breed.

** Special Note: See Premiere Carcass Premium Book Section for complete rules.*

Sales

1. Sales will be held in the showring of the Open Swine Barn following the breed shows.
2. Gilts and boars will be offered for sale as determined by a designated sale line-up committee of the respective state breed associations.
3. All gilts and boars must have been properly entered with Illinois State Fair Entry Department and shown in the assigned Open Swine Show class to be eligible to sell. This also applies to Junior Show animals. Exceptions to this rule are a) a Judge will be allowed to consign one (1) animal in a breed sale and b) the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Gilts from Junior Livestock Breed Shows will be allowed to sell.
4. The following Specific Breed Sale rules will be enforced with no exceptions:
 - a. **BERKSHIRE:** The Judge and/or Auctioneer will select which hogs will be included in the sale. Minimally all 1st and 2nd place Boars and all 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Gilts will be selected. Not all hogs shown will be selected for the sale. If a hog is selected for the sale it must come to the sale ring and be offered for sale unless excused by show officials because of injury or illness. An Exhibitor may consign additional hogs to the sale for a fee of \$20.00 per head that will go towards the commission if sold or forfeited if not sold. This must be done within 15 minutes following the champion drive. Illinois Berkshire membership must be paid up or will be deducted from the selling price. Out-of-state exhibitors are exempt from the membership rule but will have a \$20.00 selling fee deducted from the selling price. Sales commission will be no more than 15% or less than 10%. The Buyer has the right to test stress negative status on any animal purchased within 60 days of the sale and receive a full refund plus testing cost if the animal is found to carry the stress gene. This guarantee is solely between the buyer and the seller, the Illinois Berkshire Assn. assumes no liability in connection with this warranty. All hogs over five months of age (not used for breeding under seven months of age) are sold as breeding animals for breeding purposes and are sold with a warranty that they are capable of and will breed. When any animal does prove to be a non-breeder, the seller shall make an adjustment to the satisfaction of the buyer, provided the buyer informs the seller of the situation within 90 days after purchase. All adjustments are between the buyer and seller.
 - b. **CHESTER WHITE:** All swine through the Chester White Show and Sale will be under National Chester White Association Guarantee Rules, including stress policy which states, "only stress negative breeding stock are allowed to be exhibited and/or sold". For a copy of the policy, contact CWSRA at 309/691-0151. An exhibitor may elect to consign a hog(s) to the sale for a fee of \$20.00 per head that will go towards the commission if sold or forfeited if not sold. All animals in sale require a health paper and registration paper for each individual to be collected prior to sale. Junior Show gilts that have been properly entered in the Open Show will not be required to participate in the sale but may choose to do so.
 - c. **DUROC:** Champion and Reserve Champion boar and gilt must sell, unless the gilt is a Hog College Gilt. Sale animals will be picked by a sale committee after placing each class. Also, an exhibitor may elect to consign hogs to the sale for a fee of \$25.00 per head that will go towards the commission if sold or forfeited if not sold. All animals selected must go through the sale. Forty (40) plus boars and forty (40) plus gilts will sell.
 - d. **HAMPSHIRE:** The top 10-25 head of boars and top 30-40 head of gilts, as selected by the Judge and National Staff must go through the sale. Also, an exhibitor may elect to consign a hog to the sale for a fee of \$20.00 per head, that will go towards the commission if sold, or will be forfeited if not sold. Individual health papers for each animal must be presented at check-in.

- e. POLAND CHINA: All first (1st) and second (2nd) place boars in the December through March classes must sell, with five (5) boars to sell optionally as picked by the sale committee. A total of twenty (20) boars will sell. All first (1st) place gilts must sell. The gilt which stands second to the Champion Gilt must sell. Twenty (20) gilts will be sold optionally as picked by the committee. Dues must be paid prior to sale. Any person having a hog selected for the sale, shall pay the applicable membership fee to the Illinois Poland China Association. Also, an exhibitor may elect to consign a hog to the sale for a fee of \$20.00 per head that will go towards the commission if sold or will be forfeited if not sold.
 - f. SPOTTED: Animals will not be required to participate in the sale but may choose to do so.
 - g. YORKSHIRE: The top 30-40 head of boars and gilts will sell. These will be selected by the Judge and National Staff. Individual health papers and individual pedigrees for each hog must be presented after check-in with the Swine Superintendent.
 - h. CROSSBRED: A minimum of 60% of the crossbreds shown will be selected for the sale by the sale committee and must sell. By entering the sale, sellers are providing a personal guarantee that their gilts will breed and settle. At the time of the sale, the gilts must be guaranteed open.
5. If selected for the State Fair sale, boars and gilts are required to go through the sale unless the sale committee determines the animal is sick or injured or breed specific rules state otherwise. The sale committee will provide the State Fair Sale Clerk with a list of approved animals that did not go through the sale ring.
 6. Exhibitors of animals not approved by the sale committee to be pulled from the sale order, and who choose not to run their animals through the sale ring, will be charged commission on the breed's average selling price for that sex. Further, the exhibitor and immediate family will not be allowed to participate in future State Fair sales until the commission has been paid.
 7. The cost of selling in the sale will be 15% of the selling price. All checks should be paid payable to the respective state breed association.
 8. All financial arrangements will be between the buyer and the seller. The Illinois State Fair and respective breed association will not be responsible in any way.
 9. Exhibitors will take any purchases home when the breed is released.
 10. The Illinois State Fair would like a report from each breed association stating the total amount of the breed sale and the date the 1% checkoff was sent to the Illinois Purebred Swine Council. Please send such report to the Illinois State Fair, Entry Department, P.O. Box 19427, Springfield, IL 62794. In addition to the 1% check-off, each breeder must comply with the National Legislative Pork Check-off at a rate of .45 of 1% (.0045) of the gross value. This additional check-off must be sent by the breeder to the National Pork Board.
 11. The Illinois State Fair and respective breed associations assume no liability associated with these sales.