

SWINE

05 - Junior Swine Show

Superintendent: Eric Fugate (#217-898-0825)

Junior Purebred Gilt Class Premiums Offered: \$3,400.00

Land of Lincoln Purebred Gilt Class Premiums Offered: \$6,273.00

Junior Crossbred Gilt Class Premiums Offered: \$600.00

Junior Purebred Barrow Class Premiums Offered: \$4,622.00

Land of Lincoln Purebred Barrow Class Premiums Offered: \$3,540.00

Junior Crossbred Barrow Class Premiums Offered: \$1,683.00

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

INFORMATION

Entries

Required fees include \$10.00/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. 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 on or before July 15, 2025. Fees will not be refunded.

Notice to Exhibitors

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

Deadlines and Check-in

Pens Available	Tuesday, August 5, 6:00 a.m.
Health Checks	Tuesday, August 5 from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 pm. To 11:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 6 from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Animals must be penned as follows:

Gilts	Wednesday, August 6, 8:00 a.m.
Barrows	Thursday, August 7, 10:00 p.m.

Ring Cards Issued:	Date:	Location:
Crossbred Gilts	Wednesday, August 6, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	West Side of North Showring, Junior Barn
Purebred Gilts	Wednesday, August 6, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	East Side of North Showring, Junior Barn
Barrows	Thursday, August 7, 8:00 a.m.	East Showring of Open Swine Barn
Premiere Barrows (Following Junior Barrow Check-in)	Thursday, August 7	East Showring of Open Swine Barn

Animals Released	Saturday, August 9 Immediately following Junior Barrow Show
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**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

Start times may vary slightly from the published schedule. Exhibitors should watch and listen for announcements.

Thursday, August 7

5:00 p.m. – Showmanship (Open Swine Barn Showring)

Friday, August 8

7:00 a.m. – Junior Gilt Show (North Showring – Junior Barn)

Saturday, August 9

7:00 a.m. – Junior Barrow Show (Open Swine Barn Showring)

5:30 p.m. – Junior Show Grand Champion Barrow Selection (Coliseum)

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 Junior Livestock Division.
2. Each exhibitor must be present to show their own animals unless exempted in advance by the superintendent due to an identified, eligible conflict.
3. Junior Show exhibitors are reminded they must adhere to the Junior Show registration and ring card distribution requirements to exhibit in the Junior Show. Open Show registration does not fulfill Junior Show requirements.
4. All entries in the Junior Swine Show must have a properly registered 840 tag and accompanying paperwork. All entries in the Junior 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. Only those animals listed in the online entry system by ear notch will be allowed to exhibit at the Fair.
6. Animal health papers will be checked prior to animal unloading. No animals may be unloaded prior to veterinary inspection of both the animals to be shown and the health papers.
 - a. Trucks and trailers with swine must enter Gate 8 of the Fairgrounds where they will be directed to veterinary inspection lines.
 - i. Inspections will occur on the following schedule:
 1. Tuesday, August 5 from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 pm. To 11:00 p.m.
 2. Wednesday, August 6 from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - b. Inspectors will reference animal health papers using EID tags for identification.
 - c. Exhibitors shall provide two (2) physical copies of health papers at the time of veterinary inspection.
 - d. Animals will be visually inspected for precluding health issues.
 - e. At the completion of inspection, the veterinary staff will stamp the health papers and the exhibitor will be allowed to proceed to unloading areas.
 - f. Any exhibitor that unloads without the prescribed veterinary health inspection and stamped health papers will be disqualified from exhibiting and will be ordered to immediately remove their animals from the fairgrounds.
 - g. Exhibitors will be allowed to unload tack and set up pens prior to conducting the veterinary inspections, but no swine are allowed in either barn until they have been inspected by the veterinary teams.
7. Original registration papers will be required in all purebred classes. Certificates from breed association representative will not be accepted in lieu of registration papers. Additionally,

- a. Registration must show ownership of the animals in the name of the exhibitor or ownership by immediate family members including the exhibitor for the period required in the 4-H or FFA projects.
 - b. In extreme emergencies, a faxed copy of the registration paper(s) from the National Association with a cover letter will be accepted two (2) hours before the start of the barrow or breeding stock check-in.
 - c. To be eligible to show, all purebred animals must meet all requirements for registration in accordance with their respective breed associations. Each breed will need a representative present during check-in to screen animals.
 - d. All of these requirements will be examined by the Superintendent and his/her assistants or appointed committee who, along with the General Livestock Superintendent, shall have full authority regarding show eligibility.
8. All purebred animals exhibited are subject to DNA testing for verification of pedigree, parentage and/or purity by the National Swine Registry or Certified Pedigreed Swine. DNA testing requirements for each breed can be found on their respective breed websites.
 9. No boars will be shown in the Junior Swine Show.
 10. All pens will be assigned by the Superintendent 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. Additional pens, for any reason, will be at the discretion of the Superintendent. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring their own pen dividers to accommodate individual penning needs. No feed, equipment, or show boxes will be allowed in pens.
 11. No equipment owned by counties or exhibitors will be allowed to block aisles.
 12. No turbofans, appliances, misters, swamp blasters, air conditioning units, or cooling systems, bicycles, skateboards or scooters of any kind will be allowed in the barns.
 13. Special awards presented by Breed Associations are the responsibility of those associations and the Department Superintendent or Illinois State Fair.
 14. The following grooming practices are prohibited in the Junior Swine Show:
 - a. The use of any substance to alter or enhance the color of animals, including hide and hooves.
 - b. The use of any substance, material or product to build, change or alter the shape or conformation of animals.
 - c. The use of any substances of augmentations that adversely affect a carcasses ability to enter the food chain may result in disqualification at the discretion of the superintendent and General Livestock Superintendent.
 - d. Animals will be subject to a white or black towel test as they enter the show ring. Detection of substances to alter or enhance animals will result in disqualification of the animals.

Specific Rules for Gilts and Barrows

Gilts

15. All gilts will be penned in the Junior Barn (30 Building) by County.
16. Gilts must have been farrowed on or after January 1, 2025, and must have been the property of the exhibitor and part of his/her project as of June 1, 2025. The date shown on the registration papers will be taken as the effective date of ownership.
17. Gilt exhibitors are not required to have completed Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) Certification.
18. An exhibitor is limited to entering and showing four (4) head in the Junior Gilt Show.

19. An exhibitor may show up to four (4) gilts with a maximum of two (2) animals in the same class. Gilts may be purebred, crossbred or any combination.
20. Gilts may be pregnancy checked using ultrasound. The Illinois State Fair Junior Gilt Show is restricted to open gilts. Any gilts detected as pregnant will be disqualified.

Purebred Gilts

21. To be eligible to show, all purebred gilts must meet all requirements for registration in accordance with their respective breed associations. A committee of two (2) breed representatives, appointed by the Department Superintendent, will screen all gilts to check registration papers and breed character.
22. Purebred gilt classes will be split equally by total number of gilts checked-in per breed. All class breaks for purebred gilt shows will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.

Crossbred Gilts and Barrows

23. Crossbred gilts and barrows will be divided into light and dark class divisions as follows:
 - a. Light Cross classes will include animals with white, red and/or blue only.
 - b. Dark Cross classes will include animals with any black pigmentation, including black spots, ears, tails, legs, etc.
 - c. The superintendent has the authority to move any animal from a Light Cross weight class to the corresponding Dark Cross weight class if black marking is evidenced at check-in.
 - d. Both the Light Cross and Dark Cross champions are eligible to show in the overall grand champion drive.
24. There is no minimum weight for crossbred gilts, but the maximum weight is 380 pounds.
25. Crossbred gilt classes will be placed into weight classes based upon weigh-in weight at check-in. All class breaks for the crossbred gilt show will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.
26. Practice scales will be available in the barns for use by exhibitors. There will be no re-weighing at the conclusion of judging for each weight class.
27. Crossbred gilts are eligible for the Grand Champion Gilt competition.

Barrows

28. All barrows will be penned in the Open Swine Barn by County.
29. Barrows must have been farrowed on or after January 1, 2025, and must have been the property of the exhibitor and a part of his/her project as of June 1, 2025.
30. Barrows must be completely healed from castration and not show any scabs.
31. Premiere barrow exhibitors only must have completed the Youth Quality Assurance (YQCA) Certification and submit his/her certification number at the time of premiere barrow check-in. Direct questions to Dan Jennings at 815-218-4358.
32. An exhibitor is limited to entering and showing four (4) heads in the Junior Barrow Show with a maximum of two (2) barrows allowed to show in the same class. If properly nominated, two (2) of the four (4) barrows may be carcass barrows.

33. Barrows will be placed into weight classes based upon declared weights made at check-in. Purebred classes will have approximately twelve (12) animals per class and crossbreds approximately fourteen (14) per class. All class breaks for purebred or crossbred shows will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.
34. Practice scales will be available in the barns for use by exhibitors. At the conclusion of judging for each weights class, the top two (2) placing animals will be re-weighed for weight verification. Animals that vary more than fifteen (15) pounds from the declared weight will be disqualified.
35. The check-in card, registration paper, health papers, and for premiere barrows the PQA Certificate, must be submitted at the time of check-in.
36. Barrows must have a declared weight of at least 220 pounds and not more than 320 pounds, except for carcass barrows, to be eligible to show. The Superintendent, along with the General Livestock Superintendent, shall have full authority regarding show eligibility.
37. All barrows must vacate the Open Swine Barn immediately after the conclusion of the Open Barrow Show on Sunday, August 10. Only Carcass 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

38. 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).
39. 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.
40. Pedigrees must have stress negative status printed on the pedigree.

Chester White

41. Only stress negative breeding stock are allowed to be exhibited.
42. The Junior Show Champion Chester White Gilt 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

43. All spotted swine exhibited at the Illinois State Fair must meet any requirements set by the National Spotted Swine Registry.
44. A purebred spotted gilt, with a purebred spotted pedigree is eligible to show.
45. 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.

Landrace

46. Landrace swine may not exhibit "excessive" skin pigmentation or any hair color. "Excessive" is defined as other three (3) pigmentation spots, any one (1) of which is larger than the size/diameter of one (1) U.S. minted quarter.

Special Awards

Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, and Runners-up Gilts: An award will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the exhibitors of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Gilts of the Junior Show at the Illinois State Fair, as well as to the exhibitors of the Second, Third, and Fourth Runners-Up.

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Junior Barrows: An award will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the exhibitors of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Barrows, as well as the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Land of Lincoln Junior Show Barrow. Additionally, the Grand Champion Junior Show Barrow and Grand Champion Land of Lincoln Junior Show Barrow will sell at the livestock auction of the 2025 Governor's Sale of Champions.

Champion Swine Showman: An award will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the Champion Showman of each age division, as well as the Overall and Reserve Overall Champion Swine Showman of the 2025 Illinois State Fair Junior Show.

Junior Swine Family Award: Upon decision of the Swine Superintendent, an award will be given by the Illinois State Fair to a family that assists their own junior exhibitors, as well as other junior exhibitors in preparing for processing, weighing, and showing in an exemplary manner.

CLASSES

Division 0501 – Barrows

Breed	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Berkshire		A	*
Chester White		B	*
Duroc		C	*
Hampshire		D	*
Hereford		E	*
Landrace		F	*
Poland China		G	*
Spotted		H	*
Tamworth		I	*
Yorkshire		J	*
Crossbred - Light		K	N/A
Crossbred - Dark		L	N/A
Carcass		M	*

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

Division 0502 – Gilts

Breed	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Berkshire		A	*
Chester White		B	*
Duroc		C	*
Hampshire		D	*
Hereford		E	*

Landrace	F	*
Poland China	G	*
Spotted	H	*
Tamworth	I	*
Yorkshire	J	*
Crossbred - Light	K	N/A
Crossbred - Dark	L	N/A

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

Division 0503 – Showmanship

1. The Showmanship Contest is open to all exhibitors in the Junior Swine Show of the 2025 Illinois State Fair. Each exhibitor is required to pre-enter Showmanship classes online by the published Junior Department entry deadline.
2. The Showmanship Contest will be held Thursday, August 7, 5:00 p.m. in the Open Swine Barn Showing.
3. Exhibitors must show an animal he/she has exhibited or will exhibit in the Junior Show.
4. Exhibitors will be divided into five (5) divisions based on number of participants and exhibitor age as of August 7, 2025. Class breaks will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.
5. The winners of each age division will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion Swine Showman.
6. Showmanship classes will be evaluated on the following criteria: 45% on Showing and Appearance of the animal, 10% on Dress of the Exhibitor, 5% on Equipment in the showing, 20% on Knowledge of Swine, 20% on Courtesy to the Judge and other Exhibitors.

Division 0503 – Showmanship

	Open Class
Showmanship	01

Champion and Reserve Champion Showman will be named.

Division 0504 – Carcass

	Open Class
Carcass Barrow	01

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

Junior Pee-Wee Pig Show

Sunday, August 17, 2025 – 12:00 p.m.

Open Swine Barn Showring

Registration: Sunday, August 17, 10:00 a.m.

Department Rules

1. The Pee-Wee Show is for children unable to show in the Junior Show of the Illinois State Fair due to age limitations. Exhibitors should be under ten (10) years of age as of September 1, 2024.
2. Participation is subject to parents' discretion and parents must be Illinois residents.
3. There will be a \$20.00 entry fee per head and all money, after award expenses, will be jackpotted. Checks should be made payable to Mark Anderson and given to him at check-in, the day of the show.
4. Animals may arrive on the day of the show, Sunday, August 17, 2025, or Saturday, August 16, 2025, once the Berkshire show has ended.
5. All animals exhibited must comply with the General Health Regulations of the Illinois State Fair. Exhibitors will be required to present a certified health paper for the animal exhibited.
6. Purebred animals must have registration papers.
7. Breeding classes will be divided based on number of animals and animal ages.
8. Barrow classes will be divided based on number of animals and animal weight.
9. The Show Coordinators shall have complete authority to organize and conduct the show in a manner they deem appropriate to ensure a safe, fair, and efficient show.
10. All questions should be directed to Mark Anderson at phone number 217-720-7172.