

Section H – YOUTH SWINE SHOW

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A. RULES AND REGULATIONS

NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS

A photocopy of health papers does not need to be sent with entry form. Therefore, it is IMPERATIVE that original health papers must accompany the animal for inspection upon arrival on the Fairgrounds.

Health Requirements

All cattle and swine must be identified by an official USDA radio frequency identification (RFID) ear tag, commonly referred to as an “840 RFID tag,” or an equivalent official RFID tag if the animal was tagged in another country. Cattle and swine which are already identified by 840 visual ear tags will be exempt from the 840 RFID tag requirement.

The Department will supply a limited number of 840 RFID tags to producers for cattle and swine going to fairs. To order 840 RFID tags, please use the Order Form for Free Producer Ear Tags.

https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/03/ai-489_order_form_producer_ear_tags_0.pdf

1. **All entries must be completed and submitted online by Monday, August 10, 2026 at 11:59 pm here:** <https://nysfys.fairwire.com/>
For instructions on using the online entry system visit www.nysfair.ny.gov/competitions/how-to-enter/
 - a. All New York State Fair Dept 51 entries must be quality endorsed by a 4-H Cornell Cooperative Extension Youth Educator, or by an Agricultural Education (FFA) Advisor, or by an authorized representative of a qualified related youth organization before they can be accepted by the NYS Fair.
 - b. 4-H'ers are responsible for emailing their entry receipt to their County Educator and Department Superintendent. A directory of these contacts is located at www.nys4-h.org/new-york-state-fair
 - c. 4-H youth unable to qualify through their county due to illness, family travel, etc. should notify their CCE Educator as soon as possible of desire to qualify through other means. Non-4-H youth should contact the youth goat superintendent for other avenues of qualifying their animals for NYS Fair Youth Goats.
 - d. In no case will an entry be accepted after 5:00 p.m., on Friday August 2. In situations where Cornell Cooperative Extension entries cannot be finalized until after the State Fair BENTRY DEADLINE of Aug. 2 at 5:00 pm.
2. All Youth Swine must conform to the rules and regulations of the Animal Health Regulations of the Department of Agriculture and Markets.
3. All swine over 3 months of age must be “off label” vaccinated for rabies. See page 11.
4. All Youth Swine must be housed in the Open Class Swine barn in the area specifically designed for Youth, and will be shown in the Open Class Swine barn show ring.

NOTE – ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

Youth Swine will be accepted Sunday, August 30th, 5:30 am – 7:30 am

NO YOUTH SWINE WILL BE CHECKED IN EARLIER

Youth Swine will depart Monday, August 31st between 11:30 pm and 1:30 am

7. Each exhibitor is limited to showing not more than four (4) hogs in the show, but no more than two (2) may be market hogs.
8. Each exhibitor must show in the appropriate fitting and showmanship class.
9. No more than two (2) entries per class will be permitted. Only one (1) entry of market hogs may be made in the pen class and in classes 44 and 45.

To enter the Youth Contest, one (1) hog, used in compiling records, must be entered in the market class. The exhibitor must show in the appropriate fitting and showmanship class (32, 33, 34 or 35). For showmanship, youth must use their declared contest market hog, not a breeding animal unless the exhibitor has only breeding animals at the Fair or is not participating in the contest. If the exhibitor/contestant enters more than one Youth Project hog in the fair, the one hog to be used in the contest must be designated at the time of contest program check in.

10. Gilts entered in breeding classes may not be shown in market classes. Gilts entered in market classes may not be shown in breeding classes. Hogs may be purebred, or crossbred, but papers on **registered** breeding and market classes will be checked as they are unloaded or prior to showing.
11. All hogs must have been personally owned and cared for by the exhibitor by no later than May 15, 2026 of the current year and breeding class gilts must be appropriately identified.
12. Additionally, if the market animal has been through a sale after June 1 of the current year, they will be considered ineligible for this program.
13. Exhibitors are responsible for helping to weigh their hogs. Exhibitors unable to help weigh their hogs must make arrangements with someone else to help during the weighing of their hogs. No hogs will be weighed unless the exhibitor or an appointed replacement contacts the supervisor during these times. Any hogs not weighed cannot be shown in the market classes. Hogs will be weighed only once.
14. All swine exhibitors must show their own animals.
 - a. If an exhibitor has two entries in a class, the second entry must be shown by another youth who is also exhibiting in the 4-H Swine Show.
 1. In the contest, entries must show their declared market hog. If exhibitors have two hogs in one class and show the hog not declared having another exhibitor show the declared market hog, they will forfeit their confirmation points.
 - b. In emergency situations, exceptions can be made. Reasons for exceptions and arrangements must be cleared with the Youth Swine Show Superintendent.
 - c. Included with showing hogs comes the responsibility for keeping pens and alleys clean. Exhibitors will receive only one warning from the show supervisor or appointed assistant concerning the appearance of their pens and alleys. If the problem persists, exhibitors will lose the right to show their animals and their premiums will be withheld.
 - d. All Youth Swine exhibitors must show in the Swine Fitting and Showmanship class (Class 32, 33, 34 or 35).
15. All Youth Department Swine participants staying overnight on the New York State Fairgrounds are to sleep in the Youth Dormitories. No Swine Youth Department participants may sleep in the Youth Department animal exhibit areas. The only exception for these overnight rules is for parents or legal guardians to stay in area hotels or campers on the State Fairgrounds. Parents and legal guardians who choose this option must turn in the Housing Exception Form available from their local Cornell Cooperative Extension Office. This exception does not include lodging or staying in an animal barn. Parents or legal guardians will assume full responsibility for the action and well-being of each of their children for whom an exception is requested and approved.
16. Making Open Class entries: Youth Swine exhibitors must enter prior to the show, no exceptions.
17. All work on Youth animals at State Fair should be done only by Youth exhibitors.
18. Any unsportsmanlike behavior or actions by an exhibitor or their parent or guardian will be grounds for dismissal of that exhibitor. Exhibitor will forfeit Premiums/ Scholarship Monies/Prizes if dismissed from the show.
19. Your pig(s) may be chosen to be used for the Livestock Judging Contest.
20. Leave enough room by your equipment and feed for the public and exhibitors to walk through.
21. No painting will be allowed on show day's. If animals rub paint off onto pens, panels, gates, and or exhibitors animal will be disqualified from the show.

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Champion & Reserve Champion of Breeds.

3. **Section HK – Market Hogs.** (Contest hogs must be entered in an appropriate market class.) **All hogs entered in a market class will be tagged. The Empire Market Hog book can be downloaded from the following link site – <https://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/livestock/swine>**

Class No. 37

Underweight market hog – barrow or gilt, any breed. Under 220 pounds. (cannot compete for champion)

Class No. 38

Lightweight market hog – barrow or gilt, any breed. *Minimum 220 pounds*.

Class No. 39

Medium weight market hog – barrow or gilt, any breed.*

Class No. 40

Intermediate weight market hog – barrow or gilt, any breed.*

Class No.41

Heavyweight market hog – barrow or gilt, any breed. *Maximum 300 pounds.*

Class No. 42

Overweight market hog – barrow or gilt, any breed. Over 300 pounds
(cannot compete for champion market hog)

*Groups will be determined by a sort of the weights of the entered animals. Based on this sort, entries will be divided into approximately four equal weight groups (light, medium, intermediate and heavy). Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog will be awarded.

Class No. 43

Best Bred and Owned Market Hog. Sow must have been owned by exhibitor at the time it was bred. Registration papers must be available at the Fair for pigs in this class. Rosette for top winner. **Exhibitor may enter only 1.**

Class No. 44

Best Bred and Owned Registered Female. Gilt must have been owned by exhibitor at the time it was bred. Registration papers must be available at the Fair for pigs in this class. Rosette for top winner. **Exhibitor may enter only 1**

Class No. 45

Pen of market hogs. A pen shall consist of three barrows and/or gilts and can be owned by 4-H members in the same family. Each hog must have been entered as a market hog.

4. Youth Contest

This contest is hosted in conjunction with the Great New York State Fair Swine Show. This contest is open to all youth market hog exhibitors, ages 8-18 years of age. Points are awarded through participation in an array of activities. Each event is worth a designated points value and points contribute to an overall contest placing. See the complete list of points and additional division information below:

Youth completes all components of the contest with a market hog. Market hog must weight between 220 – 300 lbs. If your market hog does not make weight, you forfeit the confirmation points. Prizes awarded in Junior and Senior Divisions.

- Interviews: 20 Points Total, 10 Points Per Station.
- Swine Exam : 50 points
- Showmanship: TBD
 - 2 Additional Points for Grand Champion Overall
 - 1 Additional Point for Reserve Grand Champion Overall
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 - 2 Additional Points for Grand Champion Overall
 - 1 Additional Point for Reserve Grand Champion Overall
- Skillathon Contest: 40 Points, 10 Points Per Station
- Swine Judging: 20 Points (Breeding and Market classes)
- Contest Records: 30 Points
- Poster/ Educational Display :20 points
- Public Presentation: 20 Points (Score of 85 – 100) / 15 Points (Score of 70 – 84) / 10 Point (Score of 69 – 0)

ADDITIONAL POINTS AVAILABLE:

Interested participants can contact Ashley McFarland at / 315-406-3963 for more details. The event theme for 2026 is :
“ Red Carpet” youth participants are encouraged to decorate and celebrate the theme as they prepare for and attend the contest.