

TO: FFA Swine Exhibitors
FROM: FFA Entry Department

IowaStateFair NOTHING COMPARES



Thank you for entering the Iowa State Fair! Your exhibitor admission ticket and unload permit have been sent to your advisor. Each exhibitor will be given one load/unload permit that allows 30 minutes to load/unload animals and tack, but does not provide parking. The vehicle load/unload permit has been dated for the FFA Swine Show. Vehicles without a permit will not be allowed to enter the Fairgrounds. *Reminder, streets adjacent to the livestock barns will be reserved for unloading/loading, no parking will be allowed on these streets including during PreFair.

ALL swine brought on to the Iowa State Fairgrounds will be examined before they are unloaded from the truck or mixed with other pigs on-site. We appreciate your cooperation and patience during the inspection process. All swine trailers will come in **Gate 9** off of Dean Avenue. During the vet check a licensed state veterinarian will inspect your swine for any symptoms of illness. Animals will not be removed from the trailer unless the veterinarians are unable to get a satisfactory view. Health papers will be checked at this time. Be sure that your **CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) has been issued within seven (7) days of arrival on the Iowa State Fairgrounds.** Health certificates not completed properly will be denied, and the owner will be required to obtain a new certificate at owner's expense. The Iowa State Fair must be listed as the destination.

SCHEDULE

Monday, August 10

4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Exhibitors may unload tack in the swine barn

Tuesday, August 11

1:00 a.m. Swine may arrive

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Exhibitor check-in

8:00 a.m.- Noon Iowa Purebred Swine Council will check pedigrees for VIP Program

9:00 a.m. Swine must be in

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. All Market Swine check-in and turn in weigh cards

Noon - 4:00 p.m. All Registered Breeding Gilts and Commercial Gilts check-in and turn in weigh cards

Wednesday, August 12

8:00 a.m. – 9 a.m. Carcass Value Swine check-in, scan and turn in weigh cards

10:00 a.m. Exhibitor Meeting (east show ring)

10:30 a.m. Showmanship (east show ring)

Following Showmanship Premier Exhibitor Contest

Thursday, August 13

8:30 a.m. Purebred Market Swine Show (west show ring)

Breeding Swine Show (east show ring) - Crossbred Gilts, Registered Gilts, Supreme Champion Breeding Gilt

2:00 p.m. Carcass Value Show (west show ring)

7:30 p.m. All Commercial and Registered Breeding Gilts, Carcass Value Swine and Purebred Market Swine released

Friday, August 14

8:30 a.m. Crossbred Market Swine Show - Market Barrows, Market Gilts, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Pig (includes division winners in Market Barrow, Market Gilt and Purebred divisions)

After Show Swine released

7:00 p.m.* Swine must be out ***New Time**

Never bring an animal to the Fair that is not healthy. Take special care to thoroughly evaluate your pigs on a daily basis, before leaving for the show. If it appears that your herd is experiencing a disease outbreak, it may be possible for your pigs to infect other animals. Even though your pigs may not appear sick, they could still be contagious. Discuss your concern with your veterinarian and together decide if you and your pigs should attend the show. Always be considerate of protecting the health of all the animals at the show.

All trailers will be parked off grounds. NOTE: Please remember to bring wood blocks to use when parking/setting your trailer.

All Swine exhibitors are required to fill out the Iowa State Fair FFA Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement which can be found at <https://www.iowastatefair.org/competition>. The Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement must be on file before the exhibitor can show their livestock. **ALL treatment given to animals since nomination time must be listed on the Statement.**

Declared Weights: A declared weight system will be used for official weights. A weight card obtained from the superintendent's office must be filled out by all (4-H, FFA, Open Class) Market exhibitors and turned in by the designated time. The weight turned in will become the official weight. If weight cards are not turned in by the deadline those animals will not be eligible to show in their

respective shows. Scales will be provided in areas throughout the barn; such scales are unofficial and are provided for exhibitors' convenience only. Official scales will be used by Superintendents to determine official weights. No other scales will be allowed. The top two animals in each class will be weighed immediately following their class to determine if they are eligible to return for division champions. Pigs not weighing within 15 pounds of its official weight will be disqualified. All market swine are subject to be selected to be weighed.

Please read all FFA Department and General and rules and regulations listed in the Premium Book sections online. A few rules to note:

- All FFA exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves in a cooperative and courteous manner while participating in FFA events at the Iowa State Fair.
- At any time after an animal arrives on the Fair or livestock show premises **medication of any kind is to be administered to livestock animals by an Official Iowa State Fair Veterinarian ONLY**. If an FFA exhibitor or his/her assistant administers a shot or medication, this exhibitor shall be barred from showing and premiums will be taken away.
- **THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS AND THE PRESENCE OF DRUG RESIDUE IS PROHIBITED**. Exhibitors may not use stimulants of food or beverage products that may contain stimulants such as caffeine.
- Only immediate family members, FFA advisors and fellow active FFA chapter members shall be permitted to assist with fitting. Exhibitors who hire professionals shall be disqualified. Family members include and are limited to: parent/legal guardian, brother, sister or step-siblings.

Livestock Release Procedure:

To help alleviate traffic congestion and expedite load out procedures a process for livestock release will be used again this year. Please familiarize yourself with the following steps. Cooperation from all exhibitors is greatly appreciated and will provide a better experience for everyone.

1. Exhibitor will go to the barn office to obtain a release form no earlier than 30 minutes before scheduled release time.
2. Exhibitor will take the release form to the appropriate trailer lot to receive their load-out mirror hanger. **ALL** vehicles picking up livestock **MUST** go to a trailer lot to get a load-out mirror hanger before being allowed on the Fairgrounds.
3. Trucks and trailers will be lined up according to species/barn.
4. Vehicles will be released from trailer lots to the Fairgrounds.

The FFA swine show will be non-terminal; there will not be any swine loaded out for harvest. The only exception will be for the following which are scheduled to be sold in the sale of champions. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion FFA Market Hog.

In coordination with Metro Waste Authority, the Iowa State Fair will dispose of waste livestock bedding as a compostable material. In addition to being environmentally friendly, this program puts our waste to better use and helps reduce disposal costs. We need the help of exhibitors, superintendents and attendees to make this program successful. Please make sure to keep bedding clear of unaccepted material such as paper, cans, show supplies, feed bags or leftover food that could disrupt the composting process. Your cooperation is much appreciated!

Please make every effort to keep your entire area clean and neat. The aisles must be open at all times to the public. Thank you for helping us put on a great display of quality show animals for all visitors and other exhibitors.

It is very important for you to practice good biosecurity both at the show and when returning home. Biosecurity steps to consider when you return home:

- Clean, disinfect and dry all equipment that was taken to the show including trailers, even if the show was terminal
- Isolate any returning pigs from your home herd
- Work with your veterinarian to determine the length of time for isolation and for any health testing requirements
- Monitor returning pigs daily for signs of illness and alert your veterinarian if you have concerns about your herd's health
- If your pigs do get ill, it is very important to allow those pigs to fully recover before going to another show

If you have any questions, please contact the FFA Entry Department at 515-262-3111 ext. 246 or ffa@iowastatefair.org.

Thank you and good luck at the 2026 Iowa State Fair!