

SWINE DEPARTMENT
 Superintendent - Ernie Barnes, Earlham

2026 SWINE SCHEDULE

	Tues., Aug. 11	Wed., Aug. 12	Thurs., Aug. 13	Fri., Aug. 14	Sat., Aug. 15	Sun., Aug. 16	Mon., Aug. 17	Tues., Aug. 18	Wed., Aug. 19	Thurs., Aug. 20	Fri., Aug. 21	Sat., Aug. 22	Sun., Aug. 23
MAY ARRIVE	1:00 a.m. FFA Swine		7:00 a.m. Big Boar		1:00 a.m. 4-H Swine				5:00 a.m. Open Swine			5:00 a.m. Hawkeye Market Swine	
MUST BE IN	9:00 a.m. FFA Swine		10:00 a.m. Big Boar		9:00 a.m. 4-H Swine				9:00 a.m. Open Swine			8:00 a.m. Hawkeye Market Swine	
SHOW		10:30 a.m. FFA Swine Showmanship followed by Premier Exhibitor	8:30 a.m. FFA Purebred Market, Comm Gilts & Reg. Breeding Swine 1:00 p.m. Big Boar 2:00 p.m. FFA Carcass Value Swine	8:30 a.m. FFA Crossbred Market Swine		9:00 a.m. 4-H Swine Skillathon 1:00 p.m. 4-H Swine Showmanship	8:30 a.m. 4-H Breeding Swine	8:30 a.m. 4-H Market Swine			8:30 a.m. Open Swine (East Ring & West Ring - Show Order TBD) 4:00 p.m. Swine Sales: All Breeds		8:30 a.m. Hawkeye Market Swine
RELEASED			7:30 p.m. FFA Swine (until 7 am Friday)	After Show FFA Swine			After Show 4-H Brdg Gilts	After Show 4-H Swine			After Start of Sales Open Swine		6:00 p.m. Big Boar
MUST BE OUT				7:00 p.m. FFA Swine				9:00 p.m. 4-H Swine			7:00 p.m. Open Swine		

SWINE SHOW SALE RULES

1. Breed sales will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 21.
2. There will be no maximum requirement.
3. Show judge will select top individuals.
4. All exhibitors are eligible to sell their pigs.
5. Fair Management is not responsible for any swine sold at these sales.
6. Buyer and sellers are responsible for these swine.
7. **Payment must be made on the day of sale.**

SWINE SALE SPECIALS

The **Iowa Duroc Breeders' Association** will be offering four (4) \$300 buying credits in the All-Breeds Sale. These four credits will be drawn prior to the sale and can ONLY be used for the purchase of a Duroc boar or gilt in the sale. The credit will be given in the form of a "reimbursement" check after settling up with the sales clerk for the purchase(s). This buyer's credit CANNOT be used by an exhibitor to "buy back" their own lot by only paying the sales commission of 15%.

The **Iowa Hampshire Breeders' Association** will be offering three (3) \$300 buying credits in the All-Breeds Sale. These three credits will be drawn prior to the sale and can ONLY be used for the purchase of a Hampshire boar or gilt in the sale. The credit will be given in the form of a "reimbursement" check after settling up with the sales clerk for the purchase(s). This buyer's credit CANNOT be used by an exhibitor to "buy back" their own lot by only paying the sales commission of 15%.

For questions, please contact the Iowa State Fair Entry Department at 515-262-3111 ext. 269 or entryintern3@iowastatefair.org.

GENERAL SWINE RULES

1. Open Class Livestock general rules, regulations and health requirements apply in this department. In case general rules conflict with Swine Department general or special rules, the latter shall govern.
2. **ALL OUT OF STATE BREEDING SWINE MUST BE TESTED FOR PSEUDORABIES WITHIN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO SHOW.**
3. **SUBMITTING ENTRIES.** Entries **must be made online** at <https://www.iowastatefair.org/>.
4. **ENTRY DEADLINE IS JULY 1. ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE JULY 1.**
5. **LATE ENTRIES.** Entries submitted July 2 - July 8 will be charged a late fee of \$10 per head in addition to regular entry fees. No entries will be accepted after July 8. Entries are accepted according to earliest submit date.
6. **4-H AND FFA ENTRIES:** Pigs entered in Iowa State Fair 4-H and FFA classes **may not** be entered in corresponding Open Classes.
7. **ADMISSION TO THE FAIR.** Each exhibitor must purchase two discounted admission tickets at \$11 each when making entry. Additional tickets may be purchased. Discounted tickets for children 6-11 years old may be purchased for \$7 each. Without admission tickets, the full price of \$16 (adults) and \$10 (children) per day will be charged at the gate.
8. **UNLOAD PERMITS.** Each exhibitor will be given one unload permit. This permit allows a maximum of 30 minutes to unload animals and tack but does **not** provide parking.
9. **VEHICLE PERMITS.** Each exhibitor may purchase a vehicle parking permit at \$10 per day. Each exhibitor is limited to two Fairgrounds lot permits per day. Vehicle permits must be purchased in advance by indicating the specific days needed on the Entry Form. Each vehicle permit will park one car or truck (no trailers) in a Fairgrounds lot for the specified day(s). Vehicle permits are required to park in Fairgrounds lots on a space available basis. Parking will **not** be available at the gate.
10. **OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS.** To be eligible for competition, whether single or in groups, animals must be the bona fide property of and owned by the exhibitor (supported by registry certificate) 30 days before day of the show.
11. **PEDIGREES.** Exhibitor must provide registration papers at check-in. Entries for which registration papers are unavailable are not eligible to show.
12. **ANIMAL OFFICIAL ID.** All open class swine exhibited are required to have an **electronic identification (EID) tag** and individual identification (USDA approved tag or a plastic 4H/FFA tag and ear notch). **An EID tag may also serve as the animal's individual identification if the tag is an USDA approved official tag that has a visible 15-digit number starting with 840 printed on them that matches the electronic chip inside the tag, is stamped with the US shield, and says "unlawful to remove."**
13. No portable fitting pens allowed in the Swine Barn.
14. Each entry will be assigned a catalog lot number and each entry must be properly paint branded with this number.

PUREBRED BREED SHOWS SPECIAL RULES

1. **ENTRY FEES.** Each exhibitor, as a requirement for entry, will pay an entry fee of \$7 per animal. **Entry Fee must accompany entry or it will be returned.**
2. **REFUNDS.** No refunds of fees will be made unless cancellation is received **IN WRITING** (letter or e-mail) by July 21. No refunds will be given on tickets, wristbands or vehicle permits. No refunds of \$10 or less will be issued. Refunds will be made by mail after the close of the Fair (separate from premium checks).
3. On your entry form you must list name, registry number, date of birth, litter number and sire of each entry. Division and class numbers must be included for each entry.
4. You must bring all pedigrees to the Swine Barn Office.
5. A farm, family, firm or partnership is limited to the entry in each breed of a total of eight December thru March boars, and eight December thru March gilts. All entries shown are eligible for placing.
6. **ARRIVAL/RELEASE.** For animal arrival and release dates, please see the Swine Schedule on previous pages. Every effort has been made to minimize conflicts with other State Fair shows. If arrival or release times conflict, please contact the Swine Superintendent prior to the Fair. Early releases will be issued only to exhibitors requesting such in advance and showing receipt of their entry at a fair that will require such early release. **Any exhibitor leaving before release times, without permission from the Superintendent, will forfeit all premiums and be disqualified from showing at the next year's Iowa State Fair.**
7. All Berkshire swine must be registered by the American Berkshire Association (ABA), PO Box 2436, 1769 UA 52 West, West Lafayette, IN 47996. Said registration paper must be presented at time of check in. The ABA is the only Berkshire swine registry recognized by the National Association of Swine Records (NASR) and the National Pedigreed Livestock Council (NPLC).
8. **Standard Swine Classification for All Breeds:**
December thru March boars and gilts shall have been farrowed between December 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026. Entries in this classification will be divided into approximately equal size classes by age, after check-in.
Animals will be divided, in order of farrowing date, into equal size classes of no more than 20 head each. Classes will be formed such that there will be no more than 20 days age difference between oldest and youngest animal in the class.
Champion boars and gilts shall be selected from the winners of the December thru March classes.
Premier Sire Awards: Points for determining winner Premier Sire and Reserve Premier Sire awards in each breed will be scored on premiums won by the get of one sire as follows: the ten highest placing December thru March boars and ten highest placing December thru March gilts for each sire.
Premier Exhibitor Awards: A Premier Exhibitor banner will be awarded in each breed to the exhibitor winning the highest point total in individual breeding classes.
9. **AOB (All Other Breeds):** Division 36 is open to only purebred registered breeds not currently included in other divisions such as Chester White, Hereford, Poland China, Tamworth, etc. If a breed has four or more gilts or boars, a specific breed division within AOB will be established. The division champion will then compete against other AOB entries for champion and reserve rosettes.
10. Premises ID is strongly encouraged.

PUREBRED BREED SHOW DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

	Berkshire Division 31	Duroc Division 32	Hampshire Division 33	Spotted Division 34	Yorkshire Division 35	AOB* Division 36
Boars	100	110	120	130	140	150
Gilts	105	115	125	135	145	155

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PREMIUM SCHEDULE

*As a result of probation status, 25% of the offered premiums will be deducted for the following breed: Yorkshire.
Please review the Breed Probation rule for further information.*

Premiums will be awarded as listed below based on the total number of pigs shown in each class. Ribbons will be awarded through 10th place. Each point is worth \$1. Awards will be given as follows: Champion - rosette; Reserve Champion - ribbon; Premier Sire - banner; Reserve Premier Sire - banner; Premier Exhibitor - banner.

PUREBRED BREED SHOWS PREMIUM SCHEDULE								
Individuals Shown	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
1 or 2 shown <i>(probation premiums)</i>	\$20.00 <i>(\$15.00)</i>	\$17.50 <i>(\$13.13)</i>						
3 or more shown <i>(probation premiums)</i>	\$40.00 <i>(\$30.00)</i>	\$35.00 <i>(\$26.25)</i>	\$30.00 <i>(\$22.50)</i>	\$25.00 <i>(\$18.75)</i>	\$22.00 <i>(\$16.50)</i>	\$20.00 <i>(\$15.00)</i>	\$18.00 <i>(\$13.50)</i>	\$16.00 <i>(\$12.00)</i>

**HAWKEYE MARKET SWINE SHOW AND TRUCKLOAD SHOW
DIVISION 37**

Show: Sunday, August 23 at 8:40 a.m.

Show Order: Truckloads, Purebred Singles, Crossbred Singles, Grand Champions

GENERAL RULES

- ALL BARROWS/GILTS MUST COMPLY WITH HEALTH AND ARRIVAL RULES AS STATED IN SWINE RULES. HEALTH CERTIFICATES for out of state entries must be approved by the Swine Barn Office prior to unloading. Hogs in barn that have been unloaded without following procedure will be ineligible to show.**
- PIGS ENTERED IN IOWA STATE FAIR 4-H AND FFA CLASSES MAY NOT BE ENTERED IN CORRESPONDING OPEN CLASSES. NO 4-H OR FFA PIGS MAY BE 'HELD OVER' FOR THE HAWKEYE MARKET OR TRUCKLOAD SHOWS.**
- Competition is provided for barrows/gilts weighing a minimum of 230 pounds (absolute weights).
- NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE.** Due to the high premium payout of this show, no refunds will be made on entry fees.
- All Barrows/Gilts and Truckload entries may arrive between 5:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 22. Hawkeye Market Swine Show and Truckload Show weigh cards must be turned in between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 22.
- 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 it its official weight will be disqualified. All market swine are subject to be selected to be weighed.
- Truckload exhibitors are encouraged to bring an alternate.
- Only purebred barrows/gilts may be entered in breed classes. Pedigrees will be checked on all purebreds entered in either singles classes or truckloads. This will be done at the scales. No barrows/gilts will be weighed before pedigrees are presented.
- All hogs shown in the Hawkeye Market Swine Show and Truckload Show will be sent back to their pens after each class, except those selected for further competition.
- This is a non-terminal show. All animals will be sent home. Exhibitors should have a good biosecurity plan for returning home.
- Premises ID number must be on entry form to participate in the Hawkeye Market Swine Show.**

**TRUCKLOAD BARROW/GILT SHOW
SPECIAL RULES**

- ENTRY FEES.** Each exhibitor, as a requirement for entry, will pay an entry fee of \$25 per truckload. **Entry Fee must accompany entry or it will be returned.**
- No individual hog in a truckload may weigh less than 230 pounds.
- A load will consist of six market hogs, - three may be gilts, but they all may be barrows. Each category will be divided into classes as follows: up to 10 loads, 1 class; 10-20 loads, 2 classes; 20-30 loads, 3 classes; 30-40 loads, 4 classes.
- There will be two categories in the Truckload Division: Purebred and Crossbred. Loads will be considered purebred if they are eligible for registration in a swine record association. Crossbreds are those not eligible for registration in a swine record association. All purebred barrows and gilts which are part of a truckload must have a certificate which verifies their birth date.
- Exhibitors may enter two crossbred or two purebred truckloads and may enter both the purebred and crossbred categories.

CLASS

- 160 Purebred Truckload
- 165 Crossbred Truckload

TRUCKLOAD PREMIUM SCHEDULE					
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Purebreds	\$150	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$25
Crossbreds	\$200	\$140	\$120	\$100	\$80

Grand Champion Truckload - \$300
Reserve Grand Champion Truckload - \$150

**HAWKEYE MARKET SWINE SHOW
SPECIAL RULES**

- ENTRY FEES.** Each exhibitor, as a requirement for entry, will pay an entry fee of \$15 per animal. **Entry Fee must accompany entry or it will be returned.**
- A breed must have 10 head to have its own class and both sexes will show in the same class.
- No limit on the number of barrows/gilts that may be entered.
- Crossbreds will have separate classes for barrows and gilts.
- If any one breed or cross has more than 20 head weighed to show, the breed or cross will be divided into equal size classes. **NO breed or cross class will exceed 20 head.**
- Awards by the **Iowa State Fair.**

CLASS

- 170 Purebred Gilts
- 175 Purebred Barrows
- 180 Crossbred Gilts
- 185 Crossbred Barrows

HAWKEYE MARKET SWINE SHOW PREMIUM SCHEDULE								
Individuals Shown	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
1 or 2 shown	\$30	\$15						
3 or more shown	\$60	\$30	\$20	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$10	\$10

Grand Champion Barrow/Gilt - \$1,000
Reserve Grand Champion Barrow/Gilt - \$750
Breed/Crossbred Champion (in breeds with more than one class) - \$100
Reserve Breed/Crossbred Champion (in breeds with more than one class) - \$50

BIG BOAR CONTEST - DIVISION 38

In recent years, the trend has been to confine breeding swine classes to younger animals and to more performance records and objectivity in the exhibition of animals. A great percentage of people coming to the Iowa State Fair continue to ask to see the "Biggest Boar" and are disappointed that older boars are not on exhibit. In order to satisfy the spectators who would like to see the larger animals, the Iowa State Fair Board has instituted the "Big Boar Contest".

Premiums Offered:

Big Boar\$1,000
2nd Biggest Boar\$500
All others officially weighed.....\$25

ENTRY DEADLINE - AUGUST 1
No Entry Fee

SCHEDULE:

Thursday, August 13

- 7:00 a.m. Big Boars may arrive
- 10:00 a.m. Big Boars must be in
- 1:00 p.m. Parade and Weighing of Big Boars

Sunday, August 23

- 6:00 p.m. Big Boars released

RULES

- General rules, regulations and health requirements in the Open Class Livestock Premium Book apply in this department. In case general rules conflict with Swine Department general or special rules, the latter shall govern.
- E-mail your intent to enter to entryintern3@iowastatefair.org by **August 1**. Entrants are limited to one entry per exhibitor. There is no entry fee. However, exhibitors will need to pay to get into the Fair. Discounted admission tickets may be purchased in advance. The entry shall give name or some identification of the boar, the boar's breed, exhibitor's name, address and telephone number.
- Any boar which has previously won this contest is not eligible for competition.
- Boar may be purebred or crossbred and owner must produce certificate of registry at weighing time.
- Boar must have been owned 60 days prior to Fair.

6. Boar must be alive and pass health requirements of the Iowa State Fair.
7. Any use of techniques, drugs, procedures or practices to alter weight or appearance of animals shall be cause for disqualification.
8. All boars entered in Big Boar Contest must be de-tusked or shortened. Superintendent's decision will be final
9. All big boars must be brought to the Fair for official weighing. Pens will be furnished for all exhibitors in this contest.
10. Buyers will be provided for exhibitors desiring to sell their boar.
11. The winning boar and reserve are to be displayed through Sunday, August 23 at 6:00 p.m. in a designated educational exhibit area of the Swine Barn. They may be removed from the display for exercise, washing and other essential activities as long as properly handled.
12. The educational exhibit area will be supervised and helpers will be available to care for the boar, doing routine chores, but will not be held responsible in any way for the health and welfare of the boar if the exhibitor elects to have the boar cared for by the Iowa State Fair.
13. The exhibitors of the boars must have adequate liability insurance as most farm protection policies provide.
14. If more than one boar has the same heaviest weight, an Iowa State Fair Official will draw lots for the \$1,000 Big Boar Winner. Second heaviest weight will receive \$500. All other boars weighed and paraded will receive \$25.
15. If a big boar entry has problems unloading or appears to have problems walking or becomes incapacitated in any way, that entry may be disqualified by the Superintendent.
16. If the winning boar dies or becomes incapacitated so it may not be exhibited at the Fair, the next heaviest boar will be the winner.
17. Premiums will be paid with regular State Fair premiums sent as soon as possible after the close of the Fair.

CLASS

190 Big Boar