

**Department 50
Open Swine Show**

Saturday August 8th - Open and Youth
Livestock Arena

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ENTRIES CLOSE JULY 1, 2026

No late entries, no refund on entries

- 1. Read General Rules.** All entries and awards within this show will be subject to the General Fair Rules and Regulations published for Swine.
Arrival: Friday August 7th
Show: Saturday August 8th in the Livestock Arena – Open and Youth
Release: One hour after show conclusion
Awards for Champion Market Hog and Overall Champion Breeding Gilt
- 2. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and caring for their own animals.** Shavings will be provided by The AG division, but exhibitors may provide their own.
- 3. Any pig used in fitting and showmanship classes must be eligible to and be shown in another class listed in these rules.** Fitting and showmanship exhibitors must own the pig that they exhibit in the fitting and showmanship class and show this pig in either a market hog class or a breeding gilt class. Exhibitors showing in a fitting and showmanship class must be entered in the appropriate fitting and showmanship class either on-line or by paper entry by July 1, 2026. Please include the show person's date of birth.
- 4. Upon arrival at the NJSF/SCF&HS, pigs will be identified to show management as either breeding stock or market hogs.**
- 5. Breeding gilts must be born January through April 2026.** Must be registered and identified in accordance with their respective breed organization. Registration papers must be available at the show. All breeds maybe shown together, unless there are 3 or more animals of the same age and breed, and then separate breed classes will be held. Please enter breed of gilt on the entry form. Gilts shown in breeding gilt classes may not be showing in any of the market hog classes. Please note entries will be separated by the following breeds: York, Hampshire, Duroc, Berkshire, Poland, Other, Landrace and Crossbred. (This will also be the show order.)
- 6. Boars and Breeding Gilts may not be shown in market hog classes.**

7. Junior Market Hogs classes are open to any exhibitor 18 or under (animals will be divided into classes of approximately equal numbers).
8. Open Market Hogs. Animals will be divided into classes approximately equal numbers).
9. Group Classes. Each hog must have been shown in an individual class.
10. Junior market hogs will automatically be entered in the Open Market Show. Please note entries will be separated by the following breeds: York, Hampshire, Duroc, Berkshire, Poland, Other, Landrace and Crossbred. (This will also be the show order.)
11. This show requires interstate health papers issued by your state in compliance with the state of New Jersey Division of Animal Health.
12. Unloading your animals can be done at the end of the barns closest to the wash rack. All trailers and vehicles will be parked in the designated area outside the show fence after unloading.
13. Entries must be made on printed entry forms (or copies, etc.) furnished by The New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show or online. All information and signatures asked for on the entry form must be furnished. Entries will not be accepted unless this information is provided.
Due to limited space we need to limit entries this year to no more than 5 hogs per exhibitor.
14. **ENTRIES MUST BE POST MARKED OR RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JULY 1st.** There will be an entry fee of \$8.00 per animal. **Makes checks payable to: the New Jersey State Fair ®/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show** and mail to: Ag. Office, Attn: swine Show; PO Box 600, Augusta, NJ 07822. Entry fees must accompany entries and will not be refunded. There will be a \$35.00 charge for checks not honored by the exhibitor's bank.

Participating in this event is at your own risk and that of the health of your animals

The pole barns are open and well-ventilated for every-one's comfort. The wash rack is situated for easy access to the barns. As in previous years, the food booth (which provides the funds to build and repair the buildings), will be open early for breakfast and throughout the day for other meals. Rest rooms with showers are available in close proximity.

PREMIUM SCHEDULE

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6
	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$8	\$5

SECTION CODE: SHO – SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS NUMBER with description

1. PeeWee Showmanship – under 8 years
2. Junior Fitting and Showmanship (8 yrs. - 11 yrs. old*)
3. Intermediate Fitting and Showmanship (12 yrs. - 14 yrs. old*)
4. Senior Fitting and Showmanship (15 yrs. - 18 yrs. old*)
5. Advanced Sr. Fitting and Showmanship (19-21 yrs. old*)
6. Champion/Reserve Showmanship (Junior, Intermediate and Senior Classes Only)

*Age as of day of show

THESE SECTIONS HAVE THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

BER – Berkshire; **CRO** – Crossbred; **DUR** -Duroc; **HAM** – Hampshire;
LAN -Landrace; **OTH** – Other; **POL** – Poland; **SPO** -Spot; **YOR** - York

CLASS NUMBER with description

4. January 2026 Gilt
5. February 2026 Gilt
6. March 2026 Gilt
7. April 2026 Gilt
9. Grand/Reserve Champion Gilt

SECTION CODE: MAR – Markek Hog Classes

CLASS NUMBER with description

Junior Market Hog (180 lb. minimum, 320 lb. maximum)

1. Lightweight Hog
2. Mediumweight Hog
3. Heavyweight Hog
4. Grand/Reserve Champion Junior Market Hog

Open Market Hog (180 lb. minimum, 300 lb. maximum)

5. Lightweight Hog
6. Mediumweight Hog
7. Heavyweight Hog
8. Overweight Hog
9. Grand/Reserve Champion Hog: Open Market Hog

SECTION CODE: GRP – Group Classes

1. Pen of 2 Market Hogs: To consist of animals from individual market hog classes owned by an individual owner or farm group (one entry per farm).
2. Best Two Females: Any females, any age, no market hogs, all owned by one exhibitor or farm group.
3. Club Herd: To consist of four hogs, one each being raised by a recognized 4-H or FFA youth, being shown by 4 youths

Premier Exhibitor will receive a banner

THE NEW JERSEY STATE FAIR® / SUSSEX COUNTY FARM & HORSE SHOW

EXHIBITOR & GENERAL INFORMATION

***No Vehicles are permitted in the ag. area after 10am, they must be parked in a designated parking lot. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense. The New Jersey State Fair/ Sussex County Farm & Horse Show Association will not be responsible for any damages to your vehicle**

NOTE: All premiums will be mailed within ten days of the show, unless noted otherwise in department rules

The following are some general information for livestock exhibitors that will assist you in planning your trip to the show. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Director of your show.

1. **Livestock barns** - Barns measure 40' x 200' and have open sides (no walls), except for barn #6, which is enclosed. Barn #6 houses the small animals (rabbits, cavy, etc) and poultry. Although barns are well ventilated, since it is August, you are encouraged to bring fans and 50' extension cords.
2. **Your Housing** - If you plan to stay overnight, there are a number of motels within 20-30 minutes. Be sure to make a reservation soon. There are also a number of "hook-ups" for campers or RV's on the fairgrounds. If you plan to camp, please indicate it on your application so we can reserve a spot for you.
3. **Security** - Gates on the ends of the barns are closed during the night and security personnel patrol the fairgrounds.
4. **Restrooms & Showers** - There are restroom and shower facilities near the agricultural area.
5. The New Jersey State Fair® /Sussex County Farm & Horse Show is not responsible for omissions or printing errors
6. All exhibits must remain on display at the Fairgrounds until 5:00 pm on the second Saturday, unless otherwise noted.

7. **Dog, Pet, and Exotic Animal Policy** - None allowed except with the following exceptions:
- Handicapped persons requiring trained and controlled animal assistance
 - When they are a part of an approved exhibit, show or display and are controlled
 - Livestock exhibitors
 - Horse Show exhibitors
 - Concessionaires/carnival living area.

Permits must be filed for the above exceptions for the full time the animal will be on the grounds. The Dog, Pet and Exotic Animal permit may be found on the Exhibitors page of our website. Please send permits with your entries, when possible. Otherwise, you must file permits with your department chairperson. You will be given a copy as proof of filing. Please come to the Agricultural office in the Administration building to pick up your copy.

Rules for the preceding exceptions

- The PERMIT must be presented by the person controlling the animal at the request of any fair official or representative.
- All animals must be on a leash or confined at all times and controlled by an adult. Animals used for Fair approved demonstrations (i.e.-accompanying carriages, herding sheep, etc.) may be unrestricted while they are doing their performance, but must be controlled by an adult.
- Animals must remain in the specific area they are cleared to (i.e.-horse stall or trailer area, cow or sheep barn)
- Animals must not be walked around the other parts of the Fair Grounds nor in the vicinity of a crowd in their area or near any food concessions.
- Handicapped persons requiring trained and controlled animal assistance (i.e.-Seeing Eye dogs) may be excused from rules 2, 3, and 4, but must have a permit.
- Animal's owner is responsible for clean-up of all wastes generated by the animal(s).

IT IS ILLEGAL TO LEAVE YOUR PET IN A CAR OR SIMILAR VEHICLE.

- 8. The water may contain chlorine to combat harmful bacteria**
9. Participation in this event is at your own risk and that of the health of your animals

NJ STATE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Any exhibitor showing at the The New Jersey State Fair®, Sussex County Farm & Horse Show must be in compliance with the New Jersey Division of Animal Health recommendations for New Jersey fairs, shows and sales. All animals must be free from infectious or contagious diseases. The recommendations made are in keeping with good management practices to minimize the risk of disease introduction and spread, with specific recommendations for Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) prevention. New Jersey Department of Agriculture's (NJDA) Animal Health staff along with veterinarians, farmers, and producers is encouraged to remain vigilant for any signs of unusual diseases in an animal, flock, or herd.

Specific signs that may indicate exposure to an infectious or toxic agent include:

1. Excessive discharges from body orifices
2. Off-feed or weight loss
3. Skin lesions including blisters, pustules or Discoloration around animal's mouth, nose, teats or hooves
4. Abnormal behavior; excessive vocalization, depression
5. Excessive urination, excessive salivation; Excessive tearing
6. Lameness, off balance, falling down, difficulty rising: circling, partial or complete paralysis
7. Muscle tremors, seizures
8. Sneezing, open mouthed breathing, gasping for air, nasal discharge coughing, difficulty breathing
9. Diarrhea, vomiting, constipation, Excessive dry manure
10. Twisting of head and neck
11. Foaming at mouth or nose
12. Head pressing, stargazing, no menace
13. Drooping wings, feathers or hair loss, excessive loss of mane and tail hairs
14. Partial to complete drop in egg production production of tearing thin-shelled eggs
15. Swelling of tissues around eyes, neck or legs; cloudiness of eyes
16. Abortions, still births, weak neonates
17. Abnormal body temperature
18. Unusual ticks or maggots
19. Staggering, falling or central nervous system disorders

If you observe any of the above symptoms or suspect a disease transmission, contact your veterinarian, NJDA's State Veterinarian at 609-671-6400 or USDA's Veterinary Services at 609-259-8387 IMMEDIATELY.

All animals will be inspected by an accredited Veterinarian prior to entering the fair. It is the discretion of the veterinarian in charge to allow animals to enter and remain on the fair/show grounds. (PLEASE NOTE: NO animals will be permitted to off load without a health check, if you arrive at a time when there is no Vet available you will not be allowed to unload your animals. *In addition to the regular health papers required by our Fair . . . ALL sheep and goats to be shown at this fair shall also be identified by USDA official identification (ear tag and/or approved registry tattoo) in compliance with the federal regulations regarding the Scrapie Eradication Program.)

Any animals showing obvious clinical signs of warts, ringworm, foot rot, parasites, pink eye, draining abscesses or open wounds must not be exhibited or allowed to remain on the fairgrounds.

Any food animal should have a Drug Use Form accompanying it to the fair. This form will certify that the market animal is free of any medication – which means that the animal has not been treated with drugs, or the animal does not contain a drug for which the withdrawal period has not yet elapsed per label directions. If the animal has received drugs for medications for which the withdrawal period has not yet elapsed, this must be documented on the form. The animal identification, drug name, date(s) of administration, the route of administration and the drug withdrawal time prior to slaughter must be documented.

LIVESTOCK FROM OUT OF STATE entering New Jersey must be in compliance with NJ health requirements & regulations. An official health certificate approved by the state of origin must accompany livestock entering NJ. Animals must also be in compliance with General Requirements, and inspected by an Accredited Licensed Veterinarian approved by the Animal Health Official from the state of origin.

Animal Health Documentation

Fair/show management is responsible for ensuring that animals to be exhibited enter the grounds in good health and with proper documentation:

- **Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs)** - CVIs are completed and signed by accredited veterinarians for any animal being transported **interstate**. (e.g. Pennsylvania to

New Jersey) CVIs are valid for 30 days from the date of examination. The official CVI shall include the following:

- Complete name and complete address of exhibitor
- Complete address of the premises of origin
- **Complete name and complete address of the fair/show to be attended. A separate CVI needs to be completed for each individual fair/show to be attended.**
- Species, breed, sex, and age of animals
Cattle and swine shall be identified by at least one of the following methods: official electronic ID, unique ear tag, tattoo or registration name or number with registration papers.
- Statement that the examining veterinarian personally inspected the animals described and found them free from visible symptoms of infectious, contagious and/or communicable disease or known exposure thereto within 30 days of shipment.

NEW JERSEY SWINE ATTENDING A NEW JERSEY FAIR/SHOW:

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI or AHC

IMPORTED SWINE ATTENDING A NEW JERSEY FAIR/SHOW:

- Shall be accompanied by an official CVI
- Shall be negative to an official brucellosis test within 30 days prior to entry – swine from a validated brucellosis-free state or a validated brucellosis-free herd are exempt from testing
- Shall be negative to an official pseudorabies test within 30 days prior to entry – swine from a pseudorabies State IV or V State/ Area or originate from a qualified pseudorabies negative herd are exempt from testing.

Please check with your veterinarian for any updated tests that are required by the New Jersey Department of Animal Health.

**IAFE
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND
EXPOSITIONS) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING
ETHICS**

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior, as well as open class exhibitors, who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial, and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards, and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animals health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.

4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. This act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainers and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs from other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved, all procedures of said collection and preservation transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate. The report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only, and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices, such as striking animals to cause swelling using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show official before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect. No person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expos* and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by this code. It is further a consent that an action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.