HOGS

2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Jeff Hartman co-chair & Brad Woodruff co-chair, Melissa Alexander, Tim Alexander, Renee Achtermann, Roger Bentley, Ruth Earley, Scot Gerber, Jay Holland, Sherri Kile, Perry Milner, Kasey Smith, and Martin Woodruff.

March 15	**Project Enrollment Deadline**
March 21	**Swine Start Up Meeting & QA, Saturday, 9:30 a.m., Fairground-Expo OR Extension Office**
April 18	**Swine Start Up Pick Up, 10 a.m., Saturday, Fairground, Hog Barn**
May 1	**Project Possession Deadline**
May 1	**Swine Market & Breeding Entries due to OSUE Office**
May 1	**Premise ID, All new swine members must submit ID to OSUE Office**
July 12	**Swine Breeding Projects in Place, Sunday, 11:00 a.m., Hog Barn**
July 12	**Swine Breeding & Swine Breeding Showmanship: Sunday, 1:00 p.m., Hog Barn**
July 12	**Breeding Hogs Must be Removed: Sunday, 11 p.m., Hog Barn**
July 13	**Market Hog Arrival: Monday, 6 p.m. to Tuesday, July 14, 8 a.m., Hog Barn**
July 14	**Market Hog Weigh In: Tuesday, 8:00 a.m., Hog Barn**
July 14	**Skillathon, Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Fairground, Hog Barn**
July 15	**Swine Showmanship: Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., Hog Barn**
July 16	**Market Hog Show; Thursday, 3:00 p.m., Hog Barn**
July 18	**Sale of Champions: Saturday, 1:00 p.m., Fairground-LEC**
	Sale order: All grand champions & reserve grand champions, goat, lamb, beef, poultry, rabbit, dairy & swine
	No equipment or projects are to be moved during the Junior Fair Livestock Sales.

General Hog Project Rules

1. Swine projects must be in the possession of the exhibitor by May 1 and entry forms must be turned into OSUE office by May 1 with ear notches.

2. EAR NOTCHES MUST MATCH ENTRY FORM FOR MARKET AND BREEDING ANIMAL(S) OR THEY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AT JR FAIR WEIGH IN AND/OR BREEDING SHOW.

3. A member can enter a maximum of 5 market hogs by May 1. The member may exhibit up to 3 market hogs of which 1 or more must be a purebred barrow at time of exhibition.

4. Purebred barrow has to be declared at the May 1 entry deadline. Animals identified (breeding/market) can be entered by the member's family name. Members must specify their individual project(s) (market/ purebred) at the weigh-in at the county fair. Purebred papers must be in the 4-H/FFA Members name and presented at weigh in and/or breeding show."

5. Market hogs cannot be shown as a breeding project and breeding projects cannot be shown as market hogs. Members may use their fourth hog as a breeding project if the member is enrolled in swine breeding project **(140BR)** by the 4-H project enrollment deadline. Hog projects registered as breeding must be exhibited as breeding at fair. A gilt project registered as market may be shown as market or breeding if exhibitor is enrolled in the correct project.

6. The Market Hog Show will be a Market Hog Barrow Show and a Market Hog Gilt Show, with a Grand and Reserve overall. An exhibitor may show THREE market hogs but is limited to selling only ONE market project. EXIBITORS MAY ONLY SHOW THREE MARKET HOGS. **For the exhibitor to be eligible to show three market hogs one must be a purebred barrow and the other two can be any combination of crossbred or purebred barrows or gilts.** An Exhibitor must be enrolled in the Market Swine project **(140MA)** by the 4-H project enrollment deadline.

7. All market hogs must be in place at the fairground no earlier than 6 p.m. Monday, July 13 and no later than 8 a.m. Tuesday, July 14.

8. Weighing of market hogs by aisles will start at 8 a.m. Tuesday, July 14 and continue until all market hogs are weighed. The first three market hogs across the scales that make weight **(220-290)** will be the member's exhibit. (If a project weighs less than 210 or over 300 they will not be reweighed.) The three market hogs that make weight will be tattooed at the scales area. Re-weighs will be periodically during the weigh-in. They will be called to the scales by the Swine Committee. Exhibitors must be present to assist with the weighing or the animal(s) will not be eligible for competition. The Swine Committee will have the final decision on all classes. Market hogs must weigh between 220 and 290 pounds to be eligible to sell in the Junior Fair hog sale. Only market hogs weighing less than 220 pounds or over 290 pounds will be allowed to re-weigh once.

9. All market hogs will be tagged at the scales. No foreign matter can be applied to a pig to make it weigh more, i.e. No mud can be packed on the animal to enhance its weight.

10. Pen assignments will be made by the Swine Committee. Exhibitors must stay in assigned pen unless otherwise reassigned by Swine Committee chairs.

11. All hogs must have a measurable ½ inch of body hair. Ears, underline and tail may be a shorter length. The reason we have this rule is because the packers are having trouble dehairing hogs with less than ½ inch of hair. We need to keep the packers happy so they will buy our hog projects in the future. No clipping in the barn. The committee reserves the right to check any hogs and disqualify them from competition and sale. All market hogs will be checked. Hogs that don't meet the requirement will be subject to disqualification under the Ohio Revised Code.

12. The Grand Champion Overall and Reserve Grand Champion Overall market hogs must sell in the Junior Fair market hog sale and count as the exhibitor's eligible sale animal. If a member has both the Grand and Reserve Champion pigs, both hogs must sell.

13. **Exhibitors wishing to sell a market project(s) to United Producers Livestock Inc. must turn in a weigh card by the end of the market show.** The committee will make announcements during the market show with more information.
    a. Persons wishing to sell their under 220 or over 290 market hogs, or open show pigs not eligible to sell in the Jr. Fair sale may sell (at current market price) to United Producers Livestock Inc. An announcement will be made when the hogs will be loaded onto United Producers Livestock trucks, and members must be present to help load. Exhibitors must bring weigh slips to load out.

14. Pens must be cleaned and empty by the end of fair.

15. Exhibitors may participate in the premium auction with the option of taking their project home or selling it to United Producers.

16. All NEW members exhibiting market swine will need to obtain a Premise I.D. number by **May 1.** One per family. Additional information will be available online and at the Extension office. This form only needs to be completed one time per family.

17. Howard Hackney Outstanding Junior and Senior Market Hog Exhibitor Award recognizes one junior swine exhibitor and one senior swine exhibitor each year that excels in swine knowledge, showmanship, and market hog placings. Based on a total point system of ninety (90) points; 1/3 will be the exhibitor's skillathon placing; 1/3 will be the exhibitor's showmanship placing, and 1/3 will be the highest placing of the exhibitors' three market hog placings. Points will be awarded to the three areas as follows:

Showmanship/Placings	Points
1st	30
2nd	25
3rd	20
4th	15
5th	10
6th	5

Ties will be broken as follows:
First tie breaker - skillathon score, second tie breaker - highest showmanship placing, third tie breaker - placing of the exhibitor's highest placing market hog, fourth tie breaker - placing of the exhibitor's second market hog. If a tie still exists, an interview will be conducted between the individual exhibitors and the designated members of the Swine Committee.

Points are awarded per class based.

18. Purebred barrow class
    a) Purebred barrow exhibitors must identify barrows on entry form.
    b) Original purebred registration papers in the 4-H/FFA member's name must be shown at weigh in or they will be classed in the regular market show.
    c) Purebred barrows will be shown by individual breeds.
    d) Champion and reserve purebred barrows will go to the championship drive.

BREEDING GILTS
Sunday, July 12, 1:00 p.m.

1. All breeding hogs must be in the possession of the exhibitor by May 1 and turn in a completed entry to OSUE Office by May 1 with ear notches.

2. The swine committee can use current 840/EID tag identification numbers for county breeding gilt project registration.

3. Market hogs cannot be shown as a breeding project and breeding projects cannot be shown as market hogs.

4. Breeding Gilts must have been farrowed after Dec. 1, 2025 and not after Feb. 28, 2026. No more than 2 entries per class are permitted.

5. Exhibitors must show a breeding gilt, not a market hog in breeding showmanship. Hog must be exhibitor's designated breeding gilt for showmanship.

6. Breeding animals need to be in place by Sunday, July 12, 11:00 a.m.

7. Breeding animals will be released at the conclusion of the breeding show and out of the barn by Sunday, July 12 at 11:00 p.m.

8. All breeding gilts must be signed up on the announcement board by 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 12. The exhibitor must register the breed, the month farrowed, ear notches and the exhibitor's name. Exhibitors must also sign up for breeding showmanship at this time.

BREEDING CLASSES SHOW ORDER:
Dec. Purebred
Jan. Purebred
Feb. Purebred
Dec. Commercial
Jan. Commercial
Feb. Commercial
Breeding Showmanship

MARKET HOG SHOWMANSHIP
Wednesday, July 15, 10:00 a.m.

1. Exhibitor must show a market hog, not a breeding gilt in showmanship. Hog must be exhibitor's designated market hog for showmanship.

2. Showmanship participants must show his/her own designated Junior Fair project animal.

3. Junior fair members will compete in their respective age classes. Heat and class winners will compete in their respective showmanship divisions.

4. Junior Fair members can win their showmanship division more than once. Members cannot advance to the next showmanship division until they reach the division age. Example: A 12-year old who wins his/her age class and the junior showmanship division this year competes in the 13-year-old class in the junior division next year.

5. Showmanship classes with be divided by age.

6. Final drive order will begin with the senior division.

7. The current senior showmanship division winner represents the department in the Sweepstakes Showmanship Contest.

8. All age division winners will complete for an overall outstanding showman.

SHOW ORDER
Senior Showmanship Division
Classes: 18 yr. olds, 17 yr. olds, 16 yr. olds, 15 yr. olds and 14 yr. olds
Intermediate Showmanship Division
Classes: 13 yr. olds, 12 yr. olds
Junior Showmanship Division
Classes: 11 yr. olds, 10 yr. olds
Beginner Showmanship Division
Classes: 8 yr. olds, 9 yr. olds

MARKET HOGS
Thursday, July 16, 3:00 p.m.

Classes determined by weight: 220 - 290 pounds. Underweight and overweight hogs will be shown for grade only.

Show Order

1. Under weight and overweight hogs
2. Market Hog Barrow Show by weight
3. Market Hog Gilt Show by weight

Each market hog show will be divided into divisions by weight. Each division winner will show for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of their respective shows. The Grand and Reserve Champions of the Barrow and Gilt Market Hog Shows will show for overall Grand and Reserve Champion of the Market Hog Show. All market livestock will be handled by Producers Livestock Assn. All livestock loaded on Producers trucks will be harvested immediately.

2026 Swine Start - Up Program

- This program is for first time swine exhibitors.
- Youth wanting to participate in the program must contact the OSU Extension at 937-382-0901.
- The price for the Start-Up Program is $200 to the exhibitor. (The checks need to be made payable to the Clinton County 4-H
- Committee.)
- The $200 non-refundable fee must be paid to enroll in the program. The deadline is March 15 at the OSU Extension office. The program could fill up before March 15.
- Exhibitors must sign up for a market swine project **(140MA)** when completing 4-H/FFA enrollment.
- The animal can't be shown as a breeding gilt.
- A maximum of 12 participants and a minimum of 5 participants. Exhibitors will be notified of acceptance by the OSU Extension office.
- Limited to one animal per exhibitor.
- Exhibitors must show the same animal in the market show by weight and sex.
- This class will not be considered for Outstanding Market Exhibitor or sale order.
- The hogs will be tagged with county fair tags at time of pick up.
- Exhibitor meeting and QA will be held **March 21 at 9:30 a.m.** required for participants and a parent/legal guardian.
- Hogs will be available for pick up **April 18 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Clinton County Fairground, Hog Barn.
- Members will draw numbers for order of selection.
- Only the members that have registered for the Swine Start Up Program may show this project.
- This project counts as one of the four market hogs tagged for the exhibitor.
- The member may exhibit three market hogs at the Clinton County Junior Fair and the Swine Start Up project hog must be one of them exhibited. (The member may exhibit up to 3 market hogs of which 1 or more must be a purebred barrow at time of exhibition.)
- There isn't a weight limit for the start-up class only.
- All other market class and junior fair rules apply.
- The Swine Start Up class will be shown after the purebred market barrows on market show day.
- A clinic for Start Up participants might be held on June 27, 2026.
- The Swine committee has the discretion to split the class based on participant numbers.

Outstanding Start-Up Swine Exhibitor

The Outstanding State Up Exhibitor Award recognizes one start up swine exhibitor each year that excels in swine knowledge, showmanship, and start up market hog placings. Based on a total point system of ninety (90) points; 1/3 will be the exhibitor's skillathon placing; 1/3 will be the exhibitor's showmanship placing, and 1/3 will be the highest placing of the exhibitors' three market hog placings. Points will be awarded to the three areas as follows:

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Clinton County Pork Industry Queen or Princess

Teens interested in running for Clinton County Pork Industry Queen or Princess need to contact Ruth Earley at 937-302-7194.

NOTE: Additional rules are under Junior Fair Rules and Livestock Rules.