

## DEPARTMENT 10 YOUTH SWINE

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**Show Time: Monday - 8:00 a.m.**

Stall Fee: \$5.00 per head

Dress Code: All exhibitors must wear a shirt with collar, slacks or jeans, and hard-soled shoes. No hats.

Age: Exhibitor must be 5 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

### Rules:

1. All swine shall be identified with an official ear tag or tattoo which includes the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) code from the state of origin or, only for registered swine accompanied by registration papers, or by ear notches.
2. Swine superintendents are required by MDARD to report to the State of Michigan Veterinarian any swine with a fever above 105°F.
3. Swine imported into Michigan for exhibition shall be accompanied by an official interstate health certificate or official certificate of veterinary inspection prepared by an accredited veterinarian from the state of origin.
4. Importation of swine vaccinated against pseudorabies is prohibited.
5. Any exhibitor owning/showing swine that tests positive for **Ractopamine** during the fair will result in that exhibitor and their swine being removed from the fairgrounds and that same exhibitor being responsible for all cost associated with the testing and the loss of income by any exhibitors also showing at the fair due to the use of Ractopamine. **All exhibitors will be required to sign an affidavit on the day of weigh in, before unloading, stating that their animals were not fed ractopamine in their feed or as a top dressing.**
6. A person shall not bring swine into this state from auction sales or other collection facilities where slaughter swine are handled.
7. A person shall not import or release live feral swine or any crosses of feral swine in this state for any purpose without permission from the director, due to invasive species order in place by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.
8. Pigs imported from out of state shall meet one of the following requirements:
  - a. Originate directly from a pseudorabies free state or region as designated by the United States Department of Agriculture or as determined by the director, OR
  - b. Originate directly from a qualified negative pseudorabies free herd or directly from a feeder pig monitored herd, OR
  - c. Originate directly from a state which participates in pseudorabies testing program that is approved by the director, OR
  - d. Individually test negative for pseudorabies within thirty (30) days prior to importation.
8. All market swine must be in possession and tagged according to livestock rules but no later than the first Saturday of May.
9. All swine information placing sheets will be turned into the barn superintendent by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday of ship in, or Swine Barn Superintendent will place swine in the classes as they see fit. All animals must be shown by the person who is identified on the sheet.
10. All livestock animals must be on the fairgrounds on Sunday, August 9, 2026 by 2:00 p.m.
11. All market hogs must be weighed on arrival at Fairgrounds. Weigh-in of hogs will be limited to three per exhibitor.
12. Body clipping of hogs will be permitted so long as the hair is clipped no shorter than ½ inch. Swine Show products and grooming products will be permitted. Legal or illegal substances or practices used to artificially alter the conformation or structural appearance of an animal entered in livestock events is prohibited.
13. All hogs washed on Sunday must be done by 10:00 p.m.
14. No swine will be allowed out of their pens after Sunday unless they are going to or from the show area. Only exhibitors and persons authorized by the Swine Barn Superintendent will be allowed in the show arena during the show.
15. Each exhibitor must sign up for barn duty per the instructions on the sign-up sheet.
16. An exhibitor may not show more than one animal per class, except where progeny necessitates duplication. Exhibitors are limited to only one (1) pen of two (2) hogs.
17. In addition to the conformation class, exhibitors must enter and compete in the Showmanship class.
18. Exhibitors must maintain clean animals and pens throughout the Fair or forfeit all ribbons, and trophies from this division. **All animals must be fed, and pans removed from the pens before 10:00 a.m. every morning and fed and pans removed from the pens before 6:00 p.m. every evening.**
19. Market swine must meet the minimum weight of 180 lbs. and maximum weight of 300 lbs. in order to be exhibited in Section 1 - Market Hog Individual classes and the Pen of Two classes.  
Swine exhibiting in Showmanship classes, Gilt/Barrow classes and Pig Trail classes must meet a minimum weight of 150 lbs. and a maximum weight of 320 lbs. to be eligible to show at the Wayne County Fair (these classes are not auction eligible). **HOG PARTICIPATION IN THIS CLASS WILL NEED PERMISSION FROM BARN SUPERINTENDENT AND/OR VETERINARIAN IF UNDER 180 POUNDS.**
20. Grand & Reserve Champion market animals must be sold at auction.
21. The Wayne County Fairgrounds no longer runs a terminal sale since pseudorabies are no longer found in this area of Michigan. Pseudorabies tests are not required as directed by the State Department of Agriculture. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Wayne County Fair reserves the right to declare a terminal sale in the best interests of the Fair.
22. All General Dairy, Livestock and Exhibitor Dress Code rules also apply. See that section in the Fair Book.

23. Failure to follow the above rules or other rules posted by the Barn Superintendent will result in forfeiture of awards in this division.
24. Entry deadline is **JULY 15<sup>th</sup>, ALL CLASS ENTRIES MUST BE ENTERED BY JULY 15TH. PEN FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY. Absolutely NO ENTRIES will be accepted after JULY 15th, 2026.**
25. If you choose to wash your pigs in the morning of the show, they must be returned to their pens no later than 7:00 a.m.
26. Animals will not be released from their stalls until August 16, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. unless given approval by barn superintendents. Early removal without approval will result in the loss of all premiums. Market animals may leave with the processor after 11:00 p.m. on Saturday of Fair week. Auction animals may be taken to a livestock sale barn after 11:00 p.m. on Saturday of Fair week.
27. All stalls must be cleaned by the youth and inspected by the Barn Superintendent upon final departure.
28. All barn decorations may be removed after 11:00 p.m. on August 15, 2026.

## **DIVISION - 1: Showmanship**

### **Rules:**

Presented to the top swine showman as determined by the judge, based on:

1. Showmanship of owner.
2. Fitting of the animal.
3. Training of animal: Exhibitors must personally own, fit, and show the animal.
4. All 1st and 2nd place showmen will come back in the arena to then compete for Best Overall Showman  
1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> - Rosette

### **Class:**

01. Beginner Fitting and Showmanship 5 - 7: Judged only on fitting, showing, and general neatness.
02. Junior Fitting and Showmanship 8 - 11: Judged only on fitting, showing, and general neatness.
03. Intermediate Fitting and Showmanship 12 – 15: Judged only on fitting, showing and general neatness.
04. Senior Fitting and Showmanship 16 - 20: Judged only on fitting, showing, and general neatness.

## **Grand Champion Overall Showman – Award Reserve Grand Champion Overall Showman - Award**

## **Section - 2: Pee-Wee Showmanship**

1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> Rosette

### **Class:**

01. Peewee Exhibition Class Ages 2-4 Children must be able to communicate and walk. Must have a Parent or Guardian Accompany in the class.

## **DIVISION - 3: Market Hogs**

### **Rule:**

The exhibitor must be the owner of all market livestock.

1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> - Rosette

### **Class:**

01. Individual - Lightweights (180-220)
02. Individual - Middleweights (221-250)
03. Individual - Heavyweights (251-300)
04. Pen of Two - Lightweight (180-220)
05. Pen of Two - Middleweight (221-250)
06. Pen of Two - Heavyweight (251-300)

**Champion Lightweight - Award, Rosette  
Champion Middleweight - Award, Rosette  
Champion Heavyweight - Award, Rosette  
Grand Champion Individual - Award, Rosette  
Reserve Grand Champion Individual -Award Rosette**

**Champion Pen of Two Lightweight - Award, Rosette  
Champion Pen of Two Middleweight - Award, Rosette  
Champion Pen of Two Heavyweight - Award, Rosette  
Grand Champion Pen of Two - Award, Rosette  
Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Two - Award, Rosette**

#### **Section - 4: Gilt/Barrow Class -**

(This class is not rated for Auction placing.)

**Rules:**

**GRAND, RESERVE AND 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE MARKET WINNERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO EXHIBIT IN THE GILT/BARROW CLASS.**

1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> placings      1<sup>st</sup> – Award      2<sup>nd</sup> – Rosette      3<sup>rd</sup> – Rosette

**Class:**

01. Gilt - Weight Class (150- 320)

02. Barrow- Weight Class (150-320)

#### **DIVISION – 5: COSTUME CLASS**

1<sup>st</sup> thru 6 placings      1<sup>st</sup> – Award      2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Rosette

**Class:**

01: Costume Class 5-20      1 exhibitor- 1 hog

#### **DIVISION - 6: Pig's Trail**

**Show Time: TBD**

**Rules:**

1. All exhibitors must be registered in the Youth Swine Division, to be eligible to enter this event. All participants must use the animal they exhibited at the Fair.
2. All exhibitors must comply with the general and health rules regarding livestock set forth by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (see Fair Book Rules).
3. Casual dress is preferred, but with limitations (respectable shirt, hard-soled shoes, no shorts, sandals, or tennis shoes).
4. Animals must be clean when entering class.
5. This is a timed event with obstacles, which may vary from year to year - Superintendent will distribute General Rules regarding this event on the first day of the Fair.
6. In the event of a tie between two top contestants in either the junior or senior division, a tiebreaker question(s) regarding swine shall be chosen.
7. No Styrofoam canes may be used.
8. Hog participation in this class will need permission from the barn superintendent and/or veterinarian if under 180 lbs.

**Award:** Gift

**Class:**

01. Pig Trail Overall Winner