

Department 9 - Swine

- Entries close August 1, 2026 –
NO MAIL-IN ENTRIES

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Judges: Showmanship, Open and Youth Breeding Swine – TBD

2026 Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibited in Michigan
<https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/exhibitions>

ARRIVAL TIMES:

Beginning Wednesday, September 2nd 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm (or check with superintendent)

Ending Thursday September 3rd 9:00 am

All Swine must be in place by 9:00 am on Thursday, September 3rd - NO LATE ARRIVALS

DEPARTURE TIMES:

All swine depart on Monday, September 7th after 3:00 pm

Swine Judging Schedule

OPEN AND YOUTH BREED SHOWS

2:00 pm	Thursday	September 3	Youth Showmanship – breed shows to follow Berkshire Chester White Duroc Hampshire Landrace Poland China Spots Yorkshire Any Other Breed Commercial Sows
6:30 pm	Sunday	September 6	Steve Masters Master Showman
10:00 am	Monday	September 7	Youth Livestock Judging Contest
12:00 pm	Monday	September 7	“Bill Bowman” Supreme of Supremes (see Department 39 for rules and information)

FEES:

Exhibitor: \$15.00 (required) admits one person. Extra passes are available for \$15.00.

Parking: \$15.00 per weekend (Pass allows access behind the building after Thursday, September 3.)

Per Head: \$7.50 (open classes only)

YOUTH pays exhibitor fee \$15.00 only.

If a youth enters in the open classes – open fee and per head fee apply.

Rules and Regulations Governing the Show – Open & Youth

***** Please check and follow General Agriculture & Livestock Rules *****

THE OWNER OF THE ANIMAL IS THE EXHIBITOR.

Exhibitors name must match the name on registration papers.

1. Exhibitor form, Animal Entry form and Current W-9 (or Canadian) must be filled out and returned. Entries must include fees. Complete the stall reservation card and return with entry blank.
OWNER IS THE EXHIBITOR – Animals owned in partnership or syndicate may be shown in the name of the partnership or syndicate only.

2. **Entries must include fees.**
3. All entries must be made in accordance with general livestock terms and conditions. Please go to: www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com and enter online by August 1, 2026. **LATE ENTRIES: Entries received between August 2, 2026, and August 7, 2026, will incur a \$50.00 Late Entry Fee.**
4. **CAMPING.** Camping **MUST BE** registered for **SEPERATELY**. Please use this link to apply: <https://www.eventeny.com/events/applications/application/?id=8661>
5. An exhibitor may substitute an animal within the same class as entered at no charge. The exhibitor will be charged a fee of \$5.00 to substitute an animal into a different class.
6. All purebred animals must be registered in their respective registries. Registration papers are due at time of check-in. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor 30 days prior to the show day. **Substitutions may occur, providing registration papers are provided to entry office 24 hours prior to show.** The exhibitor **must be** the owner as indicated on the registration form. **Animals registered in Farm or partnership names must be entered and exhibited in the farm and/or partnership name.** The official ring man will inspect ear notches prior to placing. An animal that is exhibited and not properly identified will be barred from showing. Registration paper must be available for inspection during show.
7. To be eligible for competition all sows in Junior Yearling classes must have produced living offspring within six months preceding the first of September of the year shown, and all boars of like age must have sired pigs within the same time. Affidavits may be required to substantiate the above.
8. If the superintendents deem there are insufficient entries, at time of show, to form a competitive class, they may combine classes.
9. "Open" Breeds. A minimum of six (6) entries per breed must be shown in each of the Breeds or the entries will be shown in the Any Other Breed Class Section.
10. Manure removal from the swine pens must be completed before 9:00 a.m. each morning. If not completed by that time, further removal of manure must wait until the next morning.
11. **Aisles are to be clean and swept the entire time the fair is open to the public.**
12. Only water or designated swine show products may be used on hogs.
13. Each exhibitor should plan on stalling two hogs per pen. It will be the exhibitor's responsibility to bring their own divider gate if necessary.
14. **The floor in the livestock area is polished concrete. For the safety of the animals and exhibitors, The Michigan State Fair LLC is providing plywood in each swine pen. Exhibitors are responsible if additional flooring is desired. Examples of coverings may be: roofing paper, carpet, deep bedding, rubber mats or other suitable material to prevent animals from the risk of injury. Aisles will have rolled roofing or other covering on them for movement to and from the rings, etc.**
15. **Youth exhibitors will be permitted to enter a maximum of seven head in the Youth breeding classes. A Youth exhibitor may not show more than two (2) animals in any swine breeding class. Open to Michigan youth only.**
16. **Youth may not enter an animal in the same class for in-person and 4-H virtual show. (Example: if a youth enters a Duroc Fall Sow Pig in the in-person show, they may not enter a Duroc Fall Sow Pig in the 4-H Virtual Show).**
17. Youth Exhibitors that will be competing in the junior division of the show must show their own animal unless species chairpersons grant special permission. In the event that a substitute showperson is approved, the substitute showperson must be a registered junior exhibitor in this show. Proper identification of junior exhibitor may be required, at the discretion of the show committee.

*****Making Entries for the Michigan State Fair indicates acceptance of the Michigan State Fair Code of Conduct, which is found in the General Rules.*****

DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. A Junior Yearling is one farrowed December 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
2. A Senior Pig is one farrowed July 1 through November 30, 2025.
3. A December Pig is one farrowed after December 1, 2025.
4. A January Pig is one farrowed after January 1, 2026.
5. A February Pig is one farrowed after February 1, 2026.
6. A March Pig is one farrowed after March 1, 2026.
7. Senior Champion boars or sows must have been farrowed before January 1, 2026.
8. Junior Champions must have been farrowed on or after January 1, 2026.

Commercial Sow Show- Section CS

PREMIUMS – SINGLE CLASSES

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$45	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20

Champion & Reserve Champion Sow Rosette

- This show is open to all exhibitors.
- Exhibitors can show up to two (2) head per individual weight class.
- Commercial Sows will be shown by weight, with a class minimum of five (5) head.
- Sows will be weighed in before they show.

Use table below for Section and Class #.

<u>Section</u>	<u>Class</u>	
CS	1	Commercial Sow (enter class 25 – Sows will be placed in proper class after being weighed)
CS	2	Weight Class
CS	3	Weight Class
CS	4	Weight Class
CS	5	Weight Class
CS	6	Weight Class
CS	7	Pair

Supreme Champion – Section 1

Class	Description	
1	Supreme Champion Boar	Banner / \$100.00
2	Supreme Champion Sow	Banner / 100.00
3	Overall Supreme Swine	\$100

Over the Hill Showmanship – Section 2

(Non-Premium)

Class	Description
1	22 and older showman

Largest Sow – Section 3

Class	Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1	Largest Sow	\$50	\$25	\$25

Rules:

1. Entries must be made on Michigan State Fair LLC entry forms.
2. Sows of any age or breed or combination of breeds are eligible. They must meet all health regulations for exhibition.
3. Sow must show in regular Individual class.

Sow & Litter – Section 4

Class	Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
1	Sow & Litter – Largest Litter	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$30

Rules:

1. Entries must be made on Michigan State Fair LLC entry forms.
2. Sows of any age or breed or combination of breeds are eligible. Their litter must be at least 4 days of age and not over 5 weeks of age.
3. They must meet all health regulations for exhibition.
4. Largest litter is based on the number of offspring in the litter.

Special Contests – See Department 39

Educational Contest

“Bill Bowman” Supreme of Supremes

Department 10 – Youth Swine

Youth may not enter an animal in the same class for in-person and 4-H virtual show.

SWINE PREMIUMS YOUTH

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$22	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14

Use tables below for Section and Class #
(Example – Hampshire January Sow Pig would be Section YHM Class 10)

<u>BREED</u>	<u>Open Section #</u>	<u>BREED</u>	<u>Open Section #</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
				<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>P</u>
	<u>SECTION #</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>U</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>K</u>
Any Other Breed	YAO	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Berkshire	YBK	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Commercial Sows	YCS	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Chester White	YCW	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Duroc	YDU	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Hampshire	YHM	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Landrace	YLR	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Poland China	YPC	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Spots	YSP	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Yorkshire	YYK	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
December Boar Pig		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
January Boar Pig		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
February Boar Pig		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
March Boar Pig		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Champion & Reserve Boar Pig – Rosette		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Junior Yearling Sow Pig		6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Fall Sow Pig		7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
December Sow Pig		8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Senior Champion & Reserve Sow Pig – Rosette		9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
January Sow Pig		10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
February Sow Pig		11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
March Sow Pig		12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Junior Champion & Reserve Sow Pig – Rosette		13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Pair of Gilts		14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Grand Champion & Reserve Sow Pig – Rosette		15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15

Youth Commercial Sow Show- Section YCS

PREMIUMS – SINGLE CLASSES

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$22	\$20	\$28	\$16	\$14

Champion & Reserve Champion Sow Rosette

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YCS	3	Weight Class
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CS	5	Weight Class
CS	6	Weight Class
CS	7	Pair

Youth Supreme Champion – Section Y1

Class	Description	
1	Supreme Champion Sow	Banner / \$50.00

Youth Swine Showmanship – Section Y2

Entries in this section will be accepted up to show time.

PREMIUM SCALE

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5

Champion – Rosette

Reserve Champion – Rosette

RULES

1. Exhibitors who own and show an animal in a youth breeding class are eligible for the fitting and showing class using one of their own animals.
2. Exhibitors are eligible to compete in showmanship in each species exhibited by the exhibitor. The animal used by an exhibitor must be one used in a regular breeding class.
3. The class winners in each species will compete for champion showman in that species. The dates for computing the age of showman will be January 1 of the current year.
4. All junior exhibitors at the Michigan State Fair LLC are eligible for the Showmanship Contest. Post entries will be accepted up to show time in all species classes.

CLASSES

<u>Class #</u>	
1	7 through 11 years of age
2	12 through 15 years of age
3	16 through 20 years of age
4	Champion and Reserve Champion Showman

Special Contests – See Department 39

Educational Contest

Youth Scholarship

Youth Livestock Judging Contest

Steve Masters Master Showman