

**4-H SWINE DEPARTMENT**  
**4-H Swine Team**  
**Superintendent - Dr. Jodi Sterle, Ames**  
**Assistant Superintendent - Mike Fay, Clive**

**SCHEDULE:**

**Thursday, August 20**

5:00 a.m. Swine may arrive  
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Check-in all swine (swine will remain in stalls)  
Check declared weight cards, purebred registration papers  
T-shirt, exhibitor number, animal care disclosure form

Noon Swine must be in the barn  
4:00 p.m. Exhibitor's Meeting - Swine Barn Show Ring

**Friday, August 21**

8:00 a.m. Breeding Gilt Show (commercial gilts will be shown first)  
Following Breeding Show Breeding Gilts released

**Saturday, August 22**

8:00 a.m. Market Swine Show (Show Order - lightest to heaviest gilts, followed by purebreds, followed by barrows)  
After Show All pigs released  
7:00 p.m. Swine must be out of the barn

**ENTRY DEADLINE - JULY 10 through Fair Entry**

**GENERAL SWINE RULES**

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. It is suggested that market swine are to be farrowed on or after February 1 of this year and must be enrolled as a 4-H Market Swine Project. All purebred hogs and all commercial breeding gilts must be farrowed on or after January 1.
3. **ALL** pigs must be pre-nominated. All 4-H market and breeding swine must have been ear notched, tagged and identified, as well as had a DNA ear punch sample taken from nominated animals. All information must be in 4hOnline by June 1.
4. All market and breeding pigs entered in the purebred classes must be identified as purebred pigs in 4hOnline.
5. Pedigrees will be required for all purebred market and breeding swine. The original registration paper must be presented at check-in time. No faxes or copies will be allowed. The registration paper must be in the 4-Her's name or show a logical family relationship. (For example, Jon Smith can have pigs registered under Smith Farms, but not under SMJ Farms or Cedar Valley Farms). Litter registrations from the National Swine Registry will be accepted. Information in 4hOnline MUST match the registration paper.
6. The entry fee of \$15 per head must be sent with entry form. No more than four pigs per pen. No refunds.
7. 4-H'ers must complete the 4-H Swine Check-In Form prior to check-in at the show. This form along with a completed Animal Care and Management Drug Disclosure Statement must be presented at check-in. Only pigs listed in 4hOnline by June 1 may be exhibited. **No changes will be allowed after the check-in form has been submitted during check-in on Thursday, August 20.**
8. Pens will be assigned by the Superintendent. All swine must be penned in the designated 4-H section. Due to the constraints of pen space, exhibitors should be prepared to use fewer pens if necessary. Please refrain from preparing sleeping quarters in pens. 4-H exhibitors must clean stalls before departure. Failure to clean stalls before departing will result in exhibitor forfeiting premium money.
9. No pig movers or portable pens on wheels are allowed.
10. Limits: Breeding Gilts - An exhibitor may enter three purebred breeding gilts per breed. Additionally, each exhibitor is limited to entering three commercial breeding gilts. Limits: Market - The maximum number of market pigs is 12, with a maximum of six as crossbred.
11. All market pigs and commercial breeding gilts will have a declared weight.
12. **NEW FOR 2020:** The 4-H market swine show will be non-terminal. ALL swine, both breeding and market hogs will return home.
13. EXHIBITOR APPAREL - Exhibitors shall wear the 4-H participation t-shirt. If these are not available, a white t-shirt or blouse may be worn.
14. There shall be no coloring agents, powder or oil used on hogs. The use of ether is strictly prohibited. Pigs in violation will not be allowed to show.
15. Hair should not be shorter than 1/2 inch. **Reminder: NO** clipping on the Fairgrounds.
16. The judge and show officials will have the authorization to disqualify any pigs that are severely unsound or exhibit any of the following abnormalities:
  - a. Pigs with serious injury, evidence of stress susceptibility or other heritable defects.
  - b. Pigs that are structurally unsound.
  - c. Pigs that exhibit cryptorchidism or objectionable traits that appear to be the result of management practices.
17. For both the market and breeding divisions, should a first placed animal be disqualified after winning its class, the second and third place animals will move up to first and second in the class and compete for champion. If a second place animal is disqualified, the third place animal will move up.
18. **NEW FOR 2020:** Entries will receive ribbons for each entry in each class (Purple, Blue, Red, White). The top 3 placings in each class will receive monetary premiums.

**BREEDING SWINE**  
**PUREBRED BREEDING GILTS**  
**RULES**

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this division. Also, see general rules for 4-H Swine Department.
2. All animals offered for sale at a previous show are terminated as a 4-H project and not eligible to show.
3. Purebred gilts will be shown by age. Gilts must be farrowed on or after January 1 of the current year.
4. All gilts shown in purebred breeding classes must meet all registry requirements for show as established by the breed association.
5. Each exhibitor may show a maximum of three gilts per breed. No limit on the number of breeds shown.
6. Judging of purebred gilts, in order of breeds listed below, will start immediately following the commercial gilt judging, Friday, August 21.
7. When there are fewer than five head in any one breed, they will show as Other Breeds.

- Placings will be by ribbon grouping; purple, blue, red or white, but placed individually.
- All breeding gilts will return home. No breeding gilts will be allowed to sell.

**CLASS**

- Berkshire
- Chester White
- Duroc
- Hampshire
- Landrace
- Poland China
- Spotted
- Yorkshire
- Purebreds, Other Breeds (if needed)

**COMMERCIAL BREEDING GILTS  
RULES**

- General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this division. Also, see general rules for 4-H Swine Department.
- Commercial breeding gilts cannot be from the same litter from which gilts are shown in purebred breeding classes.
- Each exhibitor may show three commercial breeding gilts.
- No more than 25 gilts will be put in any class and classes will be divided based on declared weight.
- All breeding gilts will return home. No breeding gilts will be allowed to sell.

**CLASS**

- Commercial Gilt

**MARKET SWINE  
RULES**

- General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this division. Also, see general rules for 4-H Swine Department.
- Open to barrows or gilts. Each exhibitor may show a total of 12 market pigs. A maximum of six can be crossbred.
- Classes in this division will be made using declared weights submitted by the exhibitor - not more than 25 pigs per class.
- 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 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 its official weight will be disqualified. All market swine are subject to be selected to be weighed.
- Only market pigs weighing 230 pounds and above (absolute weights) are eligible to be shown in this division.**
- New FOR 2020: There will not be a maximum weight of 300 lbs., since pigs will not be sold to the packer
- Classes will be provided for crossbred and purebred market pigs. If fewer than five head are entered for any given purebred class those entries will be shown in the Other Breeds Class. The following divisions will select a champion; crossbred market gilt, purebred market hog and crossbred market barrow. These three division winners will compete for champion in the Market Swine Division.

**CLASS (This is not the show order)**

- Berkshire Market Pigs (gilts & barrows)
- Chester White Market Pigs (gilts & barrows)
- Duroc Market Pigs (gilts & barrows)
- Hampshire Market Pigs (gilts & barrows)
- Landrace Market Pigs (gilts & barrows)
- Poland China Market Pigs (gilts & barrows)
- Spotted Market Pigs (gilts & barrows)
- Yorkshire Market Pigs (gilts & barrows)
- Other Breeds Market Pigs (gilts & barrows)
- Crossbred Market Gilts
- Crossbred Market Barrows

**4-H SWINE SPECIALS**

To Be Announced