

Arkansas State Fair Swine Handbook



Section 1: Market Hogs

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Minimum weight for Market Hogs is 220 pounds. Maximum weight is 290 pounds.

Market Hog ownership deadline: July 15, 2024

Each exhibitor is limited to three market hogs in the show. No more than two crossbred, light or dark, market hogs. (If an exhibitor chooses to exhibit three market hogs, one must be a breed classified hog. If that hog does not meet breed standards during classification, the exhibitor must choose which two crossbred hogs they would like to exhibit).

All hogs must participate in the validation system through the Arkansas Validation Program.

Either barrows or gilts may be shown.

Show classes will be divided by weight.

Exhibitors will declare show weights. A 5 % weigh-back policy is in place for the market hog show and any hog is subject to being weighed back. Top three hogs in each class may be weighed back.

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If a hog is entered as a breed it may be moved to a crossbred class per the decision of the classifier. If a hog is entered as a crossbred originally, it will not be an option to move to a breed class.

Registered gilts in the market show may also enter the breed show classes.

Crossbred gilts (two per exhibitor) in the market show may also enter the commercial gilt show.

Any hog is eligible to show during the Crossbred Division.

Market Hogs will be shown in the following divisions:

- Berkshire
- Chester White
- Duroc
- Hampshire
- Hereford
- Spotted
- Yorkshire
- AOB (Landrace, Poland China, Tamworth)
- Light Cross
- Crossbred

*If a breed currently in AOB has 10 or more hogs exhibited, that breed will pull out of AOB and have a breed show. (Awards will be given at a later date, for classes added during the fair).

Any Division may be split into classes/divisions as show management see fit by weight

Market Hog Breed Characteristics:

Berkshire:

- A black and white animal with erect ears exhibiting Berkshire character.
- A Berkshire must have white on all four legs, face, and tail (unless tail is docked). One of the white leg points may also be missing.
- Must be ear notched.
- A Berkshire must NOT have a solid white or a solid black face from the ears forward.
- A Berkshire must NOT have a solid black nose (rim of nose).
- White is allowed on the ears, but NO solid white may appear on the ears.
- Occasional splash of white may appear on the body.

Chester White:

- Must possess Chester White breed characteristics.
- Must be ear notched.
- Must be solid white in color, no color on the skin larger than a silver dollar, no colored hair.
- Any skin pigmentation other than white that exceeds five in number are disqualified.
- Ears must be down and medium size.
- Any signs of weighted ear tags or evidence of past existence of such ear tags are determined to be not permissible and are grounds for disqualification.

Duroc:

- Must be red in color and possess Duroc breed character. (Ears must be down and medium size)
- Must be ear notched.
- Must NOT have any white hair located on the animal.
- Must NOT have any black hair located on the animal.
- Must NOT have more than three black spots on the skin, and none of these spots can be larger than two inches in diameter.
- Must NOT have any shading or indication of a belt.

Hampshire:

- Must be black in color with a white belt starting on the front leg. The belt must totally encircle the body.
- Must possess Hampshire breed character. (ears must be erect and not rounded)
- Can have white on the back legs, as long as it is from the hock down.
- No white from the sheath/navel back to flank is allowed.
- Must be ear notched.
- Must NOT have any white hair or indications of streaking on the forehead.
- Must NOT have any red hair.

Hereford:

- Must be red, light, or dark red with at least 50% white face, at least 50% red body and at least two white feet.
- Must be ear notched.
- Ears must be at least broke forward.

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Landrace:

- Must be white in color and possess Landrace breed character. (ears must be down)
- Must be ear notched.
- Must NOT allow any color other than white.
- Must NOT allow more than three spots of skin pigmentation.

Poland China:

- Must possess Poland China breed characteristics.
- Must be ear notched.
- Must be black with six white points (face, feet, and switch) with an occasional splash of white on the body. A hog may not possess more than one solid black leg and be determined as a Poland China. Tail docking is permissible.
- Ears must be down.
- Must NOT have evidence of a belt formation.
- Cannot have red or sandy hair and/or pigment.
- Hogs that have weighted ear tags or evidence of tampering of ears with possible ear tags are ineligible.
- Must NOT have any colored hair other than white.
- Must NOT have colored skin pigmentation larger than one U.S. minted silver dollar.
- Must NOT have marking above the eyes larger than a silver dollar.

Spotted:

- Must be black and white in color.
- Must possess Spotted breed characteristics.
- Must be ear notched.
- Ears must be down and reasonably sized. Ears cannot be erect.
- Any red tinted or brown spots are ineligible.
- No solid black head from the ears forward.
- No white belt pattern (hair or skin) encircling and extending down and onto each shoulder.

Yorkshire:

- Must be white in color and possess Yorkshire breed character. (ears must be erect)
- Must be ear notched.
- Must NOT have any color hair except white.
- Must NOT have more than two pigmentation spots larger than a U.S. minted silver dollar.

Show Waves

The Market Hog Show will be divided in to a two day show:

- Breeds and Light Crossbreds (color) will be shown during Market Hog Show Wave 1.
 - A light cross is a hog that is white or blue hided (no black pigment).
- Crossbreds will be shown during Market Hog Show Wave 2.
 - Any market hog is eligible for this division.
- There will be a classifier on site during check-in for ALL exhibitors who declared a breed.
- There will be no hogs allowed to stay in the barns outside of their show wave. During wave one, only hogs showing in wave one will be allowed to stay in the swine barn. During wave two, only hogs showing in wave two or the gilt show will be allowed in the swine barn. If you are needing to house a hog outside of your show wave, you will need rent a stall in a separate barn (see Livestock office).
- Market Hog Showmanship integrity rule applies. An exhibitor showing a hog in each show wave may only participate in Showmanship one time.

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Market Hog Show Premium Scale

Payouts will be based on percentages of entries.

Section 2: Commercial Gilts

Commercial Gilts are defined as any crossbred or any purebred gilt that is ineligible for registration. The minimum weight for a Commercial Gilt is 220 pounds. There is no maximum weight. Exhibitors will declare show weight. There will be a random 5 % weigh back at the discretion of show management.

All hogs must participate in the validation system through the Arkansas Validation Program.

Gilts will be assigned to class by weight by show management.

Exhibitors are limited to two entries.

If the commercial gilt was also entered in the market show, a different weight card for the gilt will be declared for entry in the commercial gilt show. Market hog show weights will not be considered in any way, and will not be used for entry into the commercial gilt show.

Hogs that show in the market hog show are **NOT** automatically entered in the commercial gilt show. Separate entry in the commercial gilt division is required for each hog with a separate weight card submitted.

Top five overall commercial gilts will be selected and banners will be awarded.

Grand Champion Commercial gilt will receive a belt buckle and will compete for Supreme Gilt.

Junior Commercial Gilt Show Premiums

Payouts will be based on percentages of entries.

Section 3: Registered Breeding Swine

The following rules will be enforced for the Junior Breeding Swine Show:

- An exhibitor may enter no more than two animals in each class.
- All exhibitors are responsible for making sure their animals meet the breed color marking requirements for exhibition. All animals not meeting the breeds marking requirements for exhibition will be disqualified and will NOT receive a refund of entry fees.
- Registration papers are required and will be inspected during check-in for proof of ownership and age of animals entered.
- All animals shown must exhibit well-healed litter marks.
- Pigs farrowed after May 31 of current year are not eligible for competition.
- There will be not be a Breeding Boar Show

Breed Show Requirements: All breeds recognized in the handbook for the current year fair will have a breed show at the state fair regardless of number of entries. Superintendent will review entry information each year and determine eligible breeds. Any breed that does not have a recognized show will compete in AOB. If a breed has more than ten entries at the fair, that breed will have a recognized show at that fair.

2024 Arkansas State Fair Recognized Swine Breed Shows
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Berkshire • Chester White • Duroc • Hampshire • Hereford • Poland China • Spot • Yorkshire • AOB (Landrace & Tamworth)

Breeding Swine Show Premiums

Payouts will be based on percentages of entries.

Junior Breeding Swine Show Classes

Breeding Swine		
1	January gilt; farrowed during January 2024	Premium
2	February gilt; farrowed during February 2024	Premium
3	March gilt; farrowed during March 2024	Premium
4	April gilt; farrowed during April 2024	Premium
5	May gilt; farrowed during May 2024	Premium
	BREED CHAMPION GILT	Banner
	BREED RESERVE CHAMPION GILT	Banner
	GRAND CHAMPION BREEDING GILT	Banner & Buckle

Supreme Gilt will be chosen following the breed and commercial gilt shows. The Supreme Gilt is chosen from the Grand Champion Commercial Gilt and Grand Champion Breeding Gilt.

Supreme Gilt – Grand and Reserve will be recognized and awarded.

Bred & Owned Gilt Show:

Exhibitors may indicate during the registration process that their registered gilt is bred and owned and be eligible for bred and owned prizes during the Junior Breeding Swine Show.

- Classes will be the same as the Junior Breeding Swine classes.
- Exhibitor must have owned the dam at time of breeding.
- NJSA Bred & Owned rules will be followed pertaining to ownership and registration papers.
 - Siblings living at the same address can be listed on the same pedigree as the breeder and owner and qualify for the Bred & Owned show.
 - The owner number and breeder number must be identical to qualify.
- Bred & Owned entries must be signified during the registration process. No on-sight entries.