



Jackson County Fair Swine Project Expectations

Swine Superintendents

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Band App

Jackson County Fair Swine

<https://band.us/band/99246986>

(Primarily will be used for week of fair)

Important Dates for the 2026 Jackson County Fair

Date	Event
Friday, May 1st Time: 5pm Where: MSU Extension Jackson County	DNA paperwork, hair samples, pictures, RFID tag numbers, YQCA certification, and flu vaccine (H1N1) verification BY 5 P.M Friday May 1st: - DNA must be brought to the Jackson MSU Extension Office - Pictures and paperwork may be brought in with DNA or emailed to jacksoncountylivestockassoc@gmail.com *REMEMBER MUST have RFID TAG NUMBER ON FORM, DNA AND PICTURES
June TBA	FAIR ENTRY & LIVESTOCK GATE PASS DUE
Sunday, July 26th Time: 10 a.m. Where: Jackson County Fairgrounds	Pen Set Up/Barn Clean Up -NO tack or decorations are to be brought in at this time as sanitation will happen after gate set up
Saturday, August 8th Time: 6-9 p.m. Where: Jackson Co. Fairgrounds	Fair Check In -NO lightweight hogs will be allowed to stay for fair week -Hogs will be weighed off the trailer
Tuesday, August 11th Time: 8 am	Swine Show - Show order is listed later in packet
Thursday, August 13th Lunch starts at 12:30 p.m.	Livestock Auction
Thursday, August 13th	Load Out Begins at 11 p.m.
Saturday, August 15th	<u>Decoration Tear Down and Barn Clean Up-</u>

Project Information

Possession of swine project deadline is May 1st

Paperwork Deadline: May 1st at the end of the business day at the Jackson MSU Extension Office.

- DNA Paperwork and hair samples, RFID tag numbers, YQCA certification, flu vaccine verification are due May 8th but you will be able to drop off your paperwork, pictures and DNA samples etc. to the MSU Extension Office the week leading up to May 1st and the paperwork can also be e-mailed to: jacksoncountylivestockassoc@gmail.com
- YQCA Certificate is Mandatory! It can be done online or in person, link and times TBA
- Swine projects **must have an RFID tag from the breeder** to show and be auctioned at the fair.

Jackson County Fair also requires your swine project to have the flu vaccine prior to the fair. You must have written verification on file with the superintendents. If you are having difficulty with finding the flu vaccine there will be a limited quantity of the vaccine available at Pre-Fair Check In for you to purchase from the superintendents. Price TBA.

- **Please notify the swine superintendents if you need to purchase the vaccine so we do not run out.**

All Large animal and small animal pen set up for Fair July 26th at 10:00 am

Load in and weigh in off the trailer: August 8th 6pm-9pm

NO RE-WEIGHING OF ANY ANIMAL

Class weights from 220 lbs. minimum to 300+ lbs.no maximum

No Lightweight hogs will be allowed to stay for fair week.

Hogs must be unloaded and weighed off of trailer.

NO Tack will be unloaded during Swine Load in it can be in the barn prior to Saturday night.

Breeding Stock Gilt class - any 4-H or FFA exhibitor wanting to exhibit breeding stock are eligible to show 1 gilt and also bring 2 other hogs for the market show or purebred show with a total of 3 hogs to exhibit and 2 to auction off
Reminder you are responsible in finding transportation for your breeding stock animals for load out night and informing the swine superintendent's who will be picking up.

Load out Thursday August 13th at 11 pm after the auction

Barn Rules

- Walkways and aisles must be kept free of clutter and swept
- Pens need to be cleaned daily by 9am
- Animals need to be fed by 9 am daily
- Tack and feed should be kept in designated areas
- Be respectful and courteous of your fellow 4-H'rs and FFA peeps!

Show Attire

- No flip flops or open toed shoes of any kind in the arena
- No baseball caps
- Nice short and long sleeve shirts/blouses with no writing or logos on them.
- No low-cut tops
- You are allowed to show with a whip or cane or plastics pipes.

Show Day Tuesday August 11th at 08:00am promptly

Show Line-up

- Cloverbuds will take place on Tuesday of fair week. Time TBA will be later in the day. This will allow all cloverbud species to participate in one day.

Junior showmanship Ages 8-11

Intermediate showmanship Ages 12-15

Senior showmanship Ages 16-19

Champion Overall Showmanship Drive

Breeding Stock Classes

Purebred/Homegrown Classes

Barrow Market Classes

Champion Drive Barrows

Gilt Market Classes

Champion Drive Gilts

Overall Champion Drive

(Breaks will be up to Judge and swine superintendents)

Auction: Thursday August 13th, 2pm

- Registration and Luncheon: 12pm.
- Auction Order: Hogs, Dairy Basket, Beef, Sheep
- **All 4-H and FFA members are expected to help set up in the arena and help serve the Buyers dinner in the arena**
- Please be aware of your Auction placement and that you are ready in your pen with your animal to go out to auction them.
- One Hog Shows in the auction arena even if you are selling two hogs. Under extreme heat or sickness for the animal it will be under the discretion of the superintendents to run the animals through the auction arena or just the exhibitor will be allowed to walk through.

2026 Swine Project Pre-Fair Check In

Pictures need to be submitted (in one email per family) to the swine superintendents at jacksoncountylivestockassoc@gmail.com by May 1st, 2026.

All forms, DNA, YQCA, H1N1 documentation, and RFID tag # are due by Noon on May 1st, 2026
New website for YQCA- <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Instructions for Paperwork and Pictures:

- Attach the form below with all portions filled out.
- Attach 4 pictures of each animal
 - Must have: 1 picture of the head with a legible ear notch and 1 of each side of the animal. Ear notches in the pictures will be compared to paperwork at check in. Make sure each one can be read.
 - One of your pictures must have the youth member in the picture and each picture must have the ear notches wrote out on the picture. (Either on a sign being held in the frame or by digitally adding to the picture)
 - This new rule is to reduce error when comparing paperwork with pictures

Side View Examples



- Attach verification that your animal has received the H1N1 vaccine. **Before paperwork collection, we will determine how many animals still require H1N1 vaccination and will work with members to get the vaccination. Cost will be determined by the number of animals that need vaccination.**

Instructions for DNA and YQCA

- DNA- 25-30 hairs with the root follicles attached
 - Place in a plastic bag with members name and ear notches (if present) written in permanent marker on the outside
 - Use a separate bag for each animal
- Print YQCA certificate and include this in the envelope with your DNA

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*Please note: immediate family members living at the same address may enter animals as a family. Only one form is needed per family. All member's names must be on the paperwork.

Member(s) Name: _____

Club Name: _____

Member Email: _____

Have your animals received the H1N1 Vaccine? (check one) Yes No

If yes, please attach a copy of proof with your email (such as receipt from breeder or vet)

It is the expectation that all exhibitors be involved in the care of their livestock project(s) during the ownership time frame specified for each species.

All Swine exhibitors need to complete the information requested below and bring the completed form with you.

Exhibitor Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Will the animal(s) be housed at your address above? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please sign below and turn in.

If no, complete the following:

Why will the animal(s) be housed at an address different from the above address?

Address where animal will be housed:

I hereby acknowledge that I am to be extensively involved in the care of the animals designated for entry in the Fair. I grant permission for my project leader, superintendent, or Extension staff to perform unannounced spot checks to ensure that the animal is housed in the location stated above. By signing below, I acknowledge that I am required to notify the superintendents if I remove the animal from the location listed above. I also acknowledge that I am required to notify superintendents before the change with the exception of transporting animals to livestock exhibitions.

Exhibitor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Name and signature of property owner if animal is being housed at a location other than your home:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Please refer to the Large Animal Association By-laws for rules on projects housed at an address different from yours