



SWINE

2026 EXHIBIT GUIDE

OCTOBER 17-19
SWINE/SHEEP/GOAT ARENA

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Physical Location:

SC State Fair
1200 Rosewood Dr
Columbia SC 29201

Mailing Address:

SC State Fair
P. O. Box 393
Columbia 29202

Exhibitors: Enter Gate 1 on Rosewood Drive

Swine / Sheep / Goat Barn

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IMPORTANT DATES

2026 South Carolina State Fair: October 15-25

Open Entry Registration: July 1 - Sept. 1

All entries must be received in the Entry Office by midnight of the closing date. Late entries will not be accepted.

CHECK IN:

Wednesday, Oct 14 – 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Thursday, Oct 15 – 8:00 am - 12:00 pm (noon)

**Enter Gate 1, Rosewood Drive – All hogs, except Jr Market hogs, must be checked in no later than Thursday, 12:00 pm (noon)*

Saturday, Oct 17

1:00 pm – Jr Swine Showmanship

2:00 pm – Open & Jr Swine Show

Sunday, Oct 18

1:00 pm – Costume Contest

1:45 pm – Open Swine Showmanship

2:30 pm – Open & Junior Swine Show

Monday, Oct. 19

8:00 am – 9:00 am – Jr Market Hogs Weigh-In

10:00 am – Jr Market Hogs Educational Contest

1:00 pm – Jr Market Hogs Showmanship Classes

2:00 pm – Jr Market Hog Show, Awards & Scholarship Presentations

RELEASE:

- Open & Jr Swine – Sunday Oct 18, following conclusion of show
- Jr Market Hogs – Monday, Oct 19, following conclusion of show

SHOW INFORMATION

FEES & PARKING

- ENTRY FEE: \$5 per head
- Swine Exhibitors receive one (1) complimentary Gate 1 parking pass.
- RV Camper: (see Reserve RV Parking)

TOTAL PREMIUMS OFFERED

- \$35,385 (*This figure does not include value of other awards, i.e., ribbons, rosettes, banners, belt buckles, scholarships, etc.*)

PREMIUM CHECKS

1. Exhibitors awarded over \$599.00 must produce a valid, signed W-9 to be awarded premium (prize) monies.
2. Premiums will be paid within thirty (30) days after the close of the Fair.
3. Premium checks not cashed in ninety (90) days of issue date become void and will not be reissued.

4. Lost or stolen premium checks will not be reissued past sixty (60) days of original issue date.
5. No claim that a premium(s) has not been paid, or that there was a discrepancy in payment of the premium(s) won, will be considered when claim is made later than November 30 following the Fair.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- The Farm Bureau Federation of South Carolina is proud to offer a \$2,500 scholarship annually.
- For more information on livestock scholarships, please visit:
<https://www.scstatefair.org/competitions/livestock-scholarships/>

BREEDS

Duroc, Hampshire, Berkshire, Yorkshire, All Other Breeds, Commercial Gilt

DIVISIONS

Open Swine, Junior Swine, Jr Market Hogs

CDC HEALTH ADVISORY

Swine exhibitors are asked to take extra precautions by exhibiting only healthy pigs at the South Carolina State Fair. Please click on the links below and read additional news regarding H3N2v.

- Variant Influenza Virus (H3N2v) Infections
- Key Facts for People Exhibiting Pigs at Fairs (CDC Site)
- Prevent Spread of Flu Between People and Pigs at Fairs (CDC PDF)

RULES & REGULATIONS

The South Carolina State Fair General Rules and Regulations shall apply. As an exhibitor in the SC State Fair, you agree to the following:

1. *I have reviewed and agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in the online 2026 SC STATE FAIR EXHIBITS GUIDE.*
2. *Upon delivery of my entry, I acknowledge that others will be using said facilities and premises at the same time and that the State Agricultural & Mechanical Society of South Carolina, aka The South Carolina State Fair, is not responsible for the acts, property, equipment and animals of others or the acts or products of any concessionaire.*
3. *I agree that photos of exhibits taken by official fair representatives may be used on the South Carolina State Fair website and social media outlets, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, etc.*
4. *I acknowledge that the State Agricultural & Mechanical Society of South Carolina, aka The South Carolina State Fair, is not responsible for any loss, injury, illness, or damage to any animals or property or exhibit articles and that such understanding and agreement is a condition of my entry or exhibit.*
5. *Further, I agree to and hereby indemnify the State Agriculture & Mechanical Society, aka The South Carolina State Fair, from any loss, injury, damage or claim of any third person caused by any animal, exhibit, entry or property of mine or any act of anyone or mine acting on my behalf.*

EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY

1. Open Shows – Open to the World
2. Junior Shows – Open to South Carolina and out-of-state 4-H and FFA members. Exhibitors must be no younger than 5 years of age as of the show date and no older than the 4-H or FFA membership requirement age as of January 1 of the current year.

ENTRY REGISTRATION

1. Online entry registration is the preferred method for registering entries. A link to the ShoWorks entry system is found on the SC State Fair website at www.scstatefair.org/competitions
2. Online entry registrations are confirmed at time of submission.
3. Please print/save and bring your confirmation on Delivery Day.

4. An exhibitor may opt to mail an entry form and must include a self-addressed, stamped legal size envelope to receive a return confirmation that the entry form was received.
5. The Show Manager may reject any applications that are not properly prepared or that are received or postmarked after September 1.

REGISTRATION NOTES

1. **IMPORTANT:** Anyone showing swine in any class, including Showmanship, is considered an exhibitor, and must be registered under his name to receive premiums and awards, this includes persons showing in Adult Showmanship, Costume, and Junior Market Hog classes.
2. All persons showing in any Swine classes must be registered during the Entry Registration Period to receive payment of premiums. Any NON-registered person participating in these classes may receive ribbons and/or rosettes; however, all premiums will be forfeited.
3. Junior Show entries in Open Show must be registered in farm or partnership or be a child of the owner.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

1. Swine are to be inspected on the farm of origin by a veterinarian prior to shipment and receive a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)* valid for 30 days and have Official Identification. Official ID must be recorded on the CVI*. (*Or approved movement documentation.)
2. Official Identification for swine: Official ear tags: Imprinted with Official Ear Tag US Shield and nationally unique official animal identification number. Examples - NUES, Official AIN tags, Official RFID tags
3. Ear notching if the ear notching has been recorded in a swine registry association's book of record.
4. Tattoos on the ear or inner flank if the tattoo has been recorded in a swine registry association's book of record.
5. USDA back tags for moving directly to slaughter, not exhibition.
6. Group/Lot Identification for moving directly to slaughter, not Exhibition.
7. Swine imported into SC that are consigned directly to slaughter are not required to have a CVI.
8. Animal Registration papers must be in the name of the individual, FFA Chapter, 4-H Club, or farm.
9. The age shown on the certificate must conform strictly with the animal.
10. Exhibitors must furnish their own troughs and are responsible for keeping pens clean and in good condition.
11. All Health Regulations are subject to change by Clemson University Livestock-Poultry Health Division.

OUT-OF-STATE SWINE: Please provide the following information to your veterinarian as he/she completes your interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection to come to the SC State Fair.

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection - CVI (valid for 30 days) with destination listed as SC State Fair, 1200 Rosewood Dr., Columbia, SC 29201. Official Identification must be recorded on the CVI for each animal.
2. Official Identification for swine:
 - a. Official ear tags: imprinted with Official Ear tag US Shield and nationally unique official animal identification number.
Examples - NUES, Official AIN tags, Official RFID tags
 - b. Ear notching if the ear notching has been recorded in a swine registry association's book of *record.
 - c. Tattoos on the ear or inner flank if the tattoo has been recorded in a swine registry association's book of *record". The "record" book must be available for review.
3. Entry permit required for all out-of-state feeding or breeding swine (issued by the State Veterinarian, call 803-788-2260).
4. To obtain a SC entry permit the swine must originate from a Validated Swine Brucellosis-Free herd and Qualified Pseudorabies-Negative herd or tested negative within 30 days *record of testing must be recorded on the CVI).
5. No testing is required if originating in a commercial swine operation located in a Swine Brucellosis and Pseudorabies Free state. Permit not required for exhibition.

JR MARKET HOG RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The South Carolina State Fair Rules and Regulations and Open Swine Show Rules and Regulations shall apply.
2. All Jr Market Hog Exhibitors must register during the Open Registration Period. The entries will be placed on file for three (3) years in accordance with the National Animal Identification System (NAIS).

3. Jr Market Hog exhibitor must be minimum five (5) years of age.
4. Jr Market Hog exhibitors will be classified by the following age divisions:
 - Showmanship - Novice, age 5-9 as of January 1 of current year
 - Showmanship - Junior, age 10-14 as of January 1 of current year
 - Showmanship - Senior, age 15-18, as of January 1 of current year, must be enrolled in high school
 - Showmanship - Collegiate, age 17-21 as of January 1 of current year, must be enrolled in college or technical school
5. Only barrows and gilt will be accepted.
6. Pigs must be castrated and healed before the weigh-in day.
7. All Jr Market Hog entries will be weighed starting at 8:00 am on show day and must be in barn by 9:00 am.
8. For each age division (Junior and Senior) the Final Exhibitor Placings will be determined by adding the actual placing in each class (Showmanship, Educational Contest, and Record Book) with the lowest sum placing first.
9. Plaques will be given in each class.
10. The Overall Champion Award is sponsored by the South Carolina Pork Board. This winner will be determined by adding the actual placing in each of the following classes: On Foot + Showmanship + Record Book + Educational Contest. The lowest number is the Overall Champion. Ties will be broken by: (1) Record Book Placing (2) Showmanship Placing (3) Educational Contest Score.
11. All Jr Market Hogs must be removed after completion of show.
12. NOTICE: Any change from this schedule without the consent of the Superintendent will result in forfeiture of all prizes and premiums

AWARDS

SC STATE FAIR PRESIDENT'S CHOICE AWARD

Open Swine – Silver Belt Buckle +\$100
Junior Swine – Silver Belt Buckle +\$125

Purpose:

The President's Award was designed to bestow the highest recognition to an outstanding exhibitor of the South Carolina State Fair who has demonstrated exceptional involvement in the livestock industry and is an advocate for agriculture and livestock education. The president's Choice Award is considered the highest honor at the South Carolina State Fair.

Selection:

The President Award Recipients will be selected in the following species: Jr Beef, Open Beef, Jr Dairy, Open Dairy, Dairy Goat, Jr Market Goat, Jr Market Lamb, Jr Sheep, Smallstock, Jr Swine, Open Swine, and Youth Horse.

Guidelines:

- The South Carolina State Fair President's Competition is open to all 2026 South Carolina State Fair youth and open exhibitors (exhibitor is defined as an individual that exhibits an animal show in a minimum of one class in one specie show and receives an official placing by the judge.)
- Contestants may only compete in one specie area in which they are currently exhibiting.
- Once a youth exhibitor is recognized with the President's Award, they will not be eligible to compete for this award in the same species again. Youth winners are eligible to compete in the open division in future years.
- Once an open exhibitor is recognized with the President's Award, they will not be eligible to compete in future years.

Selection Information:

- This distinguished award will be selected by the specie superintendent and the specie support staff.

The intent of this prestigious award is determined on the following criteria:

- Exhibits will be evaluated each day of the designated specie show by the specie superintendent and the South Carolina State Fair Show Staff.
- Cleanliness of the exhibit area from the conclusion of species check in through the conclusion of the specie show.
- The aisles must be kept clean. Feed and water pails should be neat, clean, and removed from the stalls/pens when not in use.
- Identification such as stall cards, farm signs are highly encouraged.
- Manure must be removed from stalls/pens and placed in appropriate containers/areas.
- The appearance of animals should be clean and always cared for.
- Livestock should be in the barn/stall area when not being groomed or shown.
- Courtesy to other exhibitors, spectators and show officials will count towards the award. Disregard for show and facility rules and regulations will count against award calculations.
- Positive interaction with the public during the designated specie competition time frame.

OPEN SWINE

DIVISION PREMIUMS

1st - \$50, 2nd - \$45, 3rd - \$40, 4th \$35, 5th - \$25, 6th - \$25, 7th - \$25, 8th - \$25, 9th - \$25, 10th - \$25

DIVISION AWARDS

Grand Champion Gilt – Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Gilt – Banner
Grand Champion Boar – Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Boar – Banner
Grand Champion Showmanship – Banner

DIVISION 1502 - DUROC

201	May Gilt - Farrowed in May 2026
202	April Gilt - Farrowed in Apr 2026
203	March Gilt - Farrowed in Mar 2026
204	February Gilt - Farrowed in Feb 2026
205	May Boar - Farrowed in May 2026
206	April Boar - Farrowed in Apr 2026
207	March Boar - Farrowed in Mar 2026
208	February Boar - Farrowed in Feb 2026

DIVISION 1503 - HAMPSHIRE

301	May Gilt - Farrowed in May 2026
302	April Gilt - Farrowed in Apr 2026
303	March Gilt - Farrowed in Mar 2026
304	February Gilt - Farrowed in Feb 2026
305	May Boar - Farrowed in May 2026
368	April Boar - Farrowed in Apr 2026
307	March Boar - Farrowed in Mar 2026
308	February Boar - Farrowed in Feb 2026

DIVISION 1504 - BERKSHIRE

401	May Gilt - Farrowed in May 2026
402	April Gilt - Farrowed in Apr 2026
403	March Gilt - Farrowed in Mar 2026
404	February Gilt - Farrowed in Feb 2026
405	May Boar - Farrowed in May 2026
406	April Boar - Farrowed in Apr 2026
407	March Boar - Farrowed in Mar 2026
408	February Boar - Farrowed in Feb 2026

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DIVISION 1505 - YORKSHIRE

501	May Gilt - Farrowed in May 2026
502	April Gilt - Farrowed in Apr 2026
503	March Gilt - Farrowed in Mar 2026
504	February Gilt - Farrowed in Feb 2026
505	May Boar - Farrowed in May 2026
506	April Boar - Farrowed in Apr 2026
507	March Boar - Farrowed in Mar 2026
508	February Boar - Farrowed in Feb 2026

DIVISION 1506 – ALL OTHER BREEDS (AOB)

601	May Gilt - Farrowed in May 2026
602	April Gilt - Farrowed in Apr 2026
603	March Gilt - Farrowed in Mar 2026
604	February Gilt - Farrowed in Feb 2026
605	May Boar - Farrowed in May 2026
606	April Boar - Farrowed in Apr 2026
607	March Boar - Farrowed in Mar 2026
608	February Boar - Farrowed in Feb 2026

DIVISION 1507 – COMMERCIAL GILT

701	May Gilt - Farrowed May 2026
702	April Gilt – Farrowed April 2026
703	March Gilt - Farrowed in March 2026

DIVISION 1508 – SHOWMANSHIP (NO BOARS)

Animals must be registered in the name of the farm in which the showman is family connected.

PREMIUMS

1st - \$50, 2nd - \$45, 3rd - \$40, 4th \$35, 5th - \$30, 6th - \$15, 7th - \$15, 8th - \$15, 9th - \$15, 10th - \$15

801	Showmanship - Novice, age 5-9 as of January 1 of current year
802	Showmanship - Junior, age 5-15 as of January 1 of current year
803	Showmanship – Senior, age 5-18 as of January 1 of current year
804	Showmanship – Collegiate, age 17-21 as of January 1 of current year, must be enrolled in college or technical school
805	Showmanship – Adult, 21+ as of January 1 of current year

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JUNIOR SWINE

DIVISION PREMIUMS (1602-1606)

1st - \$60, 2nd - \$55, 3rd - \$50, 4th - \$45, 5th - \$40, 6th - \$25, 7th - \$25, 8th - \$25, 9th - \$25, 10th - \$25

DIVISION AWARDS

Grand Champion Gilt – Banner
Reserve Champion Gilt - Banner
Grand Champion Boar – Banner
Reserve Champion Boar - Banner
Grand Champion Showmanship – Banner

DIVISION 1602 – DUROC

2001	May Gilt - Farrowed in May 2026
2002	April Gilt - Farrowed in Apr 2026
2003	March Gilt - Farrowed in Mar 2026
2004	February Gilt - Farrowed in Feb 2026
2005	May Boar - Farrowed in May 2026
2006	April Boar - Farrowed in Apr 2026
2007	March Boar - Farrowed in Mar 2026
2008	February Boar - Farrowed in Feb 2026

DIVISION 1603 – HAMPSHIRE

3001	May Gilt - Farrowed in May 2026
3002	April Gilt - Farrowed in Apr 2026
3003	March Gilt - Farrowed in Mar 2026
3004	February Gilt - Farrowed in Feb 2026
3005	May Boar - Farrowed in May 2026
3006	April Boar - Farrowed in Apr 2026
3007	March Boar - Farrowed in Mar 2026
3008	February Boar - Farrowed in Feb 2026

DIVISION 1604 – BERKSHIRE

4001	May Gilt - Farrowed in May 2026
4002	April Gilt - Farrowed in Apr 2026
4003	March Gilt - Farrowed in Mar 2026
4004	February Gilt - Farrowed in Feb 2026
4005	May Boar - Farrowed in May 2026
4006	April Boar - Farrowed in Apr 2026
4007	March Boar - Farrowed in Mar 2026
4008	February Boar - Farrowed in Feb 2026

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DIVISION 1605 - YORKSHIRE

5001	May Gilt - Farrowed in May 2026
5002	April Gilt - Farrowed in Apr 2026
5003	March Gilt - Farrowed in Mar 2026
5004	February Gilt - Farrowed in Feb 2026
5005	May Boar - Farrowed in May 2026
5006	April Boar - Farrowed in Apr 2026
5007	March Boar - Farrowed in Mar 2026
5008	February Boar - Farrowed in Feb 2026

DIVISION 1606 – ALL OTHER BREEDS (AOB)

601	May Gilt - Farrowed in May 2026
602	April Gilt - Farrowed in Apr 2026
603	March Gilt - Farrowed in Mar 2026
604	February Gilt - Farrowed in Feb 2026
605	May Boar - Farrowed in May 2026
606	April Boar - Farrowed in Apr 2026
607	March Boar - Farrowed in Mar 2026
608	February Boar - Farrowed in Feb 2026

DIVISION 1607 – COMMERCIAL GILT

7001	May Gilt - Farrowed in May 2026
7002	April Gilt - Farrowed in April 2026
7003	March Gilt – Farrowed in Mar 2026

DIVISION 1608 – SHOWMANSHIP (NO BOARS)

Grand Champion Showmanship – Banner

PREMIUMS – NOVICE

1st - \$20, 2nd - \$15, 3rd - \$10, 4th - \$5, 5th - \$5, 6th - \$5, 7th - \$5, 8th - \$5, 9th - \$5, 10th - \$5

PREMIUMS – JUNIOR, SENIOR, COLLEGIATE

1st - \$50, 2nd - \$45, 3rd - \$40, 4th - \$35, 5th - \$30, 6th - \$15, 7th - \$15, 8th - \$15, 9th - \$15, 10th - \$15

8001	Showmanship - Novice, age 5-9 as of January 1 of current year
8002	Showmanship - Junior, age 10-14 as of January 1 of current year
8003	Showmanship - Senior, age 15-18, as of January 1 of current year, must be enrolled in high school
8004	Showmanship - Collegiate, age 17-21 as of January 1 of current year, must be enrolled in college or technical school

DIVISION 1609 – COSTUME CONTEST

PREMIUMS

1st - \$85, 2nd - \$60, 3rd - \$35, 4th - \$30, 5th - \$20, 6th - \$20, 7th - \$20, 8th - \$20, 9th - \$20, 10th - \$20

9001	Costume Class
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JUNIOR MARKET HOGS

- Grand Champion Overall – Banner
- Reserve Grand Champion Overall – Banner
- Grand Champion Showmanship – Banner
- Reserve Grand Champion Showmanship – Banner

DIVISION 1701 – MARKET HOGS

PREMIUMS:

1st - \$80, 2nd - \$75, 3rd - \$70, 4th - \$65, 5th - \$60, 6th - \$50, 7th - \$40, 8th - \$30, 9th - \$20, 10th - \$10

Class 101	Market Classes <i>(Number of classes will be determined by number of entries)</i>
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DIVISION 1702 – SHOWMANSHIP

PREMIUMS:

1st - \$60, 2nd - \$55, 3rd - \$50, 4th - \$45, 5th - \$40, 6th - \$35, 7th - \$30, 8th - \$25, 9th - \$20, 10th - \$15

Class 201	Showmanship - Novice, age 5-9 as of January 1 of current year
Class 202	Showmanship - Junior, age 10-14 as of January 1 of current year
Class 203	Showmanship - Senior, age 15-18, as of January 1 of current year, must be enrolled in high school
Class 204	Showmanship - Collegiate, age 17-21 as of January 1 of current year, must be enrolled in college or technical school

DIVISION 1703 – EDUCATION

PREMIUMS:

1st - \$30, 2nd - \$25, 3rd - \$20, 4th - \$15, 5th - \$10, 6th - \$5, 7th - \$5, 8th - \$5, 9th - \$5, 10th - \$5

Class 301	Educational Contest – Novice & Junior
Class 302	Educational Contest – Senior & Collegiate
Class 303	Record Book – Novice & Junior
Class 304	Record Book – Senior & Collegiate

DIVISION 1704 – FINAL PLACING

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$80, 2nd - \$75, 3rd - \$70, 4th - \$65, 5th - \$60, 6th - \$50, 7th - \$40, 8th - \$30, 9th - \$20, 10th - \$10

Class 401	Juniors- Ages 11-14 and under as of January 1 of current year
Class 402	Seniors- Age 15-20, not enrolled in college