2018 State Fair of Virginia
Junior Breeding Gilt and Market Hog Show

Nominations Due August 1
Entries Due August 15

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Judge: Andy Rash, Illinois

2018 Official Schedule
See Master Schedule for items pertaining to Junior Swine schedule

Junior Market Gilt and Market Barrow Show Rules:

The State Fair General Rules, the Livestock Rules and the Show Ring Code of Ethics apply to the Junior Swine Show. By submitting an entry you agree to read and abide by these rules.

1. See General Livestock Rules for information pertaining to health regulations. The National Show Ring Code of Ethics shall govern the livestock show as found in the General Livestock Rules. The State Fair of Virginia reserves the right to test any entry for volatile drug residues as described in the National Show Ring Code of Ethics.

2. **Participants must enter the FairEntry system through the Youth Livestock web site. For State Fair entry system go to www.ext.vt.edu/youthlivestock under 'Shows' and then 'State fair' prior to August 15th. Entries must be made online, printed, signed (FFA Only) and mailed by August 15.**

3. The State Fair of Virginia Junior Swine Show is open to all Virginia 4-H and Virginia FFA youth which are in good standing with their respective organizations and meet the entry requirements of each species division. Exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age by September 30 of the current year (exception for 8 & under sheep/goat costume class) and must not have had their 19th birthday before January 1 of current year. Exhibitor eligibility and entries must be verified through the 4-HOnline system or signature of an FFA advisor on the entry form.

4. All youth exhibiting beef, meat goats, sheep, and swine must be YMQA (Youth Meat Quality Assurance) certified before August 15th. For more information about YMQA or to be YMQA certified please contact your local county Extension agent.

5. Swine which have participated in any sale or premium auction associated with another fair or livestock show after the State Fair of Virginia ownership deadline are ineligible for exhibition. This rule applies even if there was not a change in ownership (i.e. swine are ineligible even if they are "bought back" or "no-saled").

6. All youth beef, sheep, goat and swine entries are subject to on-farm inspections to verify entry information. All exhibitors agree to accommodate such inspections.

7. All animal are subject to be used for educational purposes (skillathon contest, judging classes, etc.) upon request by show staff/superintendents. Upon entry, exhibitors agree to providing animals for these purposes upon request.

8. Exhibitors must show their own entries unless the exhibitor has more than one animal in the same class, or permission is given by the show superintendent. Substitute show persons must be eligible 4-H or FFA member with swine entries.

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9. Exhibitors are required to care for their hogs and to keep their pens and walkways clean at all times until hogs are loaded to return home or on the sale truck. Awards will be withheld if this rule is violated.

SPECIAL RULES - MARKET HOGS & BREEDING GILTS

1. To be eligible for exhibition, all hog entries must have been nominated and tagged through the alternative swine nomination procedures. Nominations require tagging the hogs with an **official State Fair of Virginia Youth Livestock tag** (or other approved RFID tag) and taking a profile picture, as well as a picture with the tag in the hog's ear. Tags can be obtained by contacting the State Youth Livestock Specialist. **All swine nominations need to be submitted to the State Youth Livestock Office by August 1, 2018,** in order to be eligible to show at the State Fair of Virginia It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to properly self-nominate his or her hogs. Only hogs that have been nominated and properly identified will be eligible to show at the State Fair of Virginia. Exhibitors are limited to nominating 12 market barrows, market gilts and/or breeding gilts.

2. Exhibitors are allowed to show a maximum of 6 total hogs. **Each exhibitor is limited to showing a maximum of four (4) market hogs (either sex) or four (4) breeding gilts**. Designation of market gilt or breeding gilt is determined at time of nomination.

3. Hogs entered in the Market hog show are not eligible for Breeding Gilt classes and Breeding Gilt entries are not eligible for Market Hog classes.

4. Hogs must be owned, separated, and cared for by the exhibitor on or before the date of nomination and continuously thereafter.

5. Market Hog Show will be open to barrows or gilts. Barrows and Gilts will be shown separately except for overall Grand and Reserve Champions

6. Market hogs must weigh between 220 lbs. and 300 lbs**.** in order to be eligible to show in market classes. Hogs will be weighed only once.

7. Market hogs not meeting the weight range of 220 lbs. – 300 lbs. are eligible to be shown in showmanship, as well as in a separate market class. All market swine that are above or below the acceptable weight range of 220 lbs. and 300 lbs. will not be eligible for premiums and scholarships awarded in the market classes.

8. **Hair Clipping**: For show eligibility, hair length on the pig body (hams, top, sides and shoulders) must be at least one-half inch. Pigs with body hair length less than one-half inch are not eligible for the show.

9. The market hog show will be terminal for the Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion. Exhibitors of these hogs qualify for the Scholarship Program (see Scholarship documents for specific policies, regulations. and details). Class winners are also eligible for the Scholarship Program, and to qualify for the Scholarship Program class winning market hogs must also be sold (terminal). Participation in the scholarship program for class winners is optional. The opportunity will be provided at the show to sell hogs at an established market price. Exhibitors will designate sale hogs at the show.

10. Health certificates will be required on all hogs.

11. Purebred breeding gilts and purebred market hogs (barrows or gilts) must be recorded with, and have registration papers issued from, a national breed association. Registration certificates must be issued in the name of the exhibitor prior to August 1 of the current year (farm names not accepted). Registration papers must be available for inspection at the fair.

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Show Classification

Market Hog Classes: Classes will be offered for purebred and crossbred market barrows and gilts**.**

Crossbred Market Barrows and Market Gilts- Classes will be established by weight after entries are received with a reasonable number of hogs per class (Not to exceed 20 classes). Market barrows and market gilts will be shown separately. Market Barrows and Market Gilts will be split into Light, Medium, and Heavy Divisions with approximately the same number of animals and classes within each Division. Class weight breaks and Division assignments will be made at the discretion of show officials. A Division Champion and Reserve for each weight division will be selected from the class winners (and seconds as appropriate) within each division. A Champion and Reserve Crossbred Market Barrow and Champion and Reserve Crossbred Market Gilt will be selected from among the appropriate weight division winners in each show.

Purebred Market Barrows and Market Gilts- Must have registration papers transferred into the exhibitors name prior to August 1, 2018 (Farm names not accepted). Purebred market hogs (either barrows or gilts) of any breed are eligible. Class weight breaks and Division assignments will be made at the discretion of show officials (ie. depending on number of entries, classes may be split based on gender, breed, and/or weight). A Champion and Reserve Champion Purebred Market Hog will be selected from the division.

The Champion and Reserve Crossbred Market Barrow, Champion and Reserve Crossbred Market Gilt, and Champion and Reserve Purebred Market Hogs will compete for Overall Grand and Reserve Champion Market Hog.

Breeding Gilt Classes:

Weight –Gilts must weigh 200-350 lbs.

Divisions – Gilts will be divided into three categories:

a. **Purebred Gilts**- Must have registration papers transferred into the exhibitor's name prior to August 1, 2018 (Farm Names not accepted)
b. Lightweight Commercial Gilts- (based on average of the group)
c. **Heavyweight Commercial Gilts-** (based on average of the group)

A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand champion will be selected from each division.

Classes: The number of classes within each of the three divisions will vary based on the number of entries (Minimum of 10 head in the division is required to be eligible to split classes).

Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Gilts: The Grand Champion gilt will be selected from the three division champions. After the Grand Champion is selected the Reserve Champion from that division will return to compete for the Overall Reserve Grand Champion gilt.

SPECIAL RULES - SHOWMANSHIP

1. Only exhibitors entered in the Junior Swine Division are eligible for showmanship classes.

2. Showmanship competition for market hog and breeding gilt exhibitors will be combined. There will not be separate showmanship divisions for market and breeding.

3. Showmanship classes will be divided by age as follows:
    a. Novice Division- for exhibitors showing for the first time at the State Fair, and who are 12 years of age or younger on September 30 of current year
    b. Junior Division- exhibitors 12 years of age and younger on September 30 of current year
    c. Intermediate Division- exhibitors 13 to 15 years of age on September 30 of current year
    d. Senior Division- exhibitors 16 years of age and older on September 30 of current year

4. Classes with a large number of participants may be divided into smaller preliminary classes.

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5. Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship. The animal must be entered in the junior swine show. Exhibitor's swine that are eliminated from the show due to weight requirements may be used in showmanship.

6. Participation in showmanship is required to be eligible to receive Scholarships through the Swine Premier Exhibitor Program.

Premiums and Special Awards

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Market Hog Classes and Showmanship	**$75**	**$50**	**$40**	**$30**	**$20**	**$15**	**$14**	**$13**	**$12**	**$11**
Breeding Gilts	**$30**	**$20**	**$16**	**$12**	**$10**	**$7**	**$5**	**$5**	**$5**	**$5**

Grand Champion Market Hog **$400, Banner, Scholarship and Market price for their animal**
Reserve Champion Market Hog **$250, Banner, Scholarship and Market price for their animal**

Grand Champion Market Barrow **$150, Banner**
Reserve Champion Market Barrow **$125, Banner**

Grand Champion Market Gilt **$150, Banner**
Reserve Champion Market Gilt **$125, Banner**

Grand Champion Purebred Market Hog **$150, Banner**
Reserve Champion Purebred Market Hog **$125, Banner**

Division Champion **$100, Banner**
Market Barrows & Gilts (max of 6 divisions total; 3 market barrow; 3 market gilt)
Reserve Division Champion **$50, Banner**
Market Barrows & Gilts (max of 6 divisions total; 3 market barrow; 3 market gilt)
Class Winners (Scholarship eligible)– **Scholarship and Market price for their animal**
Market Barrows & Gilts

Overall Grand Champion Breeding Gilt **$150 and Banner**
Overall Res. Grand Champion Breeding Gilt **$100 and Banner**

Division Champion Breeding Gilts **Rosette**
Reserve Division Champion Breeding Gilts **Rosette**

(Scholarship requires animal to be sold to slaughter through the State Fair)

All participants in the sale of hogs will receive market price

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SPECIAL RULES - PREMIER EXHIBITOR PROGRAM

1. The Premier Exhibitor Program is designed to recognize junior swine exhibitors which demonstrate comprehensive skills related to the swine project and industry; including knowledge of production/management practices, genetics, carcass and end product traits, animal health, and nutrition, along with animal evaluation, showmanship, and live animal show ring performance.

2. Premier Exhibitors will be divided into the following age categories for recognition and awards:
    a. Junior Division- exhibitors 12 years of age and younger on September 30 of current year
    b. Intermediate Division- exhibitors 13 to 15 years of age on September 30 of current year
    c. Senior Division- exhibitors 16 years of age and older on September 30 of current year

3. Ranking of exhibitors within each age category will be based on the following:
    a. 35% Swine Skillathon Contest – The swine Skillathon will take place at a predetermined time, and exhibitors are responsible for completing the various stations of the contest during the advertised time. The skillathon will test exhibitors' knowledge in four basic areas: nutrition, products, genetics/reproduction, and management. Portions of the skillathon contest may be separate for Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors.
    b. 30% Swine Quiz – The quiz will be a component of the Skillathon.
    c. 20% Showmanship – Exhibitors must participate in showmanship.
    d. 15% Swine Placing – Highest placing on any one swine exhibited (market barrow, market gilt, breeding gilt).
    e. Ties in total score within an age category will be broken sequentially on quiz score, skillathon score, and showmanship score.

4. Exhibitors must participate in all areas of Premier Exhibitor program to be eligible for recognition and awards. Exhibitors participating in all categories will automatically be considered for awards.

5. Appropriate recognition and awards will be provided for each age division.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM- SWINE

All market hog entries/animals (barrows and gilts) qualifying and designated for the Scholarship Program must be sold and slaughtered. If the animal is condemned for any reason, neither payment nor scholarship will be awarded and the competitor must accept the consequences without recourse against the State Fair of Virginia.

Upon qualifying for and agreeing to participate in the Scholarship Program, the entry will become the property of the Scholarship Program and the exhibitor will be compensated for his/her entry as set forth in the Scholarship Program.

Overall Grand Champion – Market Hog	$1,000.00 Scholarship
Overall Reserve Grand Champion – Market Hog	$900.00 Scholarship
Class Winners – Market Hogs	$100.00 Scholarship (Limited to a max of 20)

Qualifying entries for the market hog scholarships must sell their animal (terminal). Scholarships are not cumulative for the same animal. Exhibitors may receive multiple market hog scholarships, which may include any combination of the Grand and Class Winner awards detailed above.

Premier Exhibitor Scholarships - 9 Scholarships (by age group):

Junior	1st	$300.00	2nd	$200.00	3rd	$100.00
Intermediate	1st	$350.00	2nd	$250.00	3rd	$150.00
Senior	1st	$400.00	2nd	$300.00	3rd	$200.00

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ENTRIES

1. **Participants must enter the FairEntry system. For FairEntry system go to www.ext.vt.edu/youthlivestock under 'Shows' and then 'State Fair' prior to August 15th. Entries must be made online, printed, signed (FFA only) and mailed by August 15.**
2. A $12 entry fee (per head) will be charged to all animals entered. **Entry fees need to be made payable to Virginia 4-H Foundation.**
3. Include exhibitor birth date on entry form for use in showmanship class determination.
4. Market swine and breeding gilt entries: Exhibitors are allowed to show a maximum of 6 total hogs. Each exhibitor is limited to showing a maximum of four (4) market hogs (either sex) or four (4) breeding gilts. Nomination tag numbers will be required for entry of breeding gilts and market hogs (gilt and barrow).

FAIRENTRY SYSTEM

We are utilizing FairEntry to capture entries. This system is tied to 4-HOnline. Please see the tips below for more information on how to best utilize the system. A help sheet with screenshots can be found at:

http://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/youth-livestock/shows/state-fair.html

If you are a 4-H Member:

1. Sign-in using your 4-HOnline Family information.
   a. **CLICK ON THE GREEN "SIGN IN TO 4-HOnline" BUTTON FIRST!**
   b. If you forgot your password, there is a link to reset it.
   c. If you reset your password, please remember to reset it in 4HOnline. . Please contact Jessica Dotson (ejessica@vt.edu), with any questions.
2. Please choose your family member (exhibitor). Only one child can be entered at a time.
3. Please verify your contact information, including mailing address. ***This step is very important, as premium checks will be mailed to this address.***
4. Be sure to enter **ALL EXHIBITORS** within the family prior to clicking submit.
   a. Once you click submit, your entries are locked until they are approved. Additional family member entries cannot be accepted until they have been approved.
5. Once all family members and exhibitors have been entered, make sure you click submit to finalize your entries. Entries are not final until you have clicked submit.

FairEntry

Tips for Exhibitors making Online Entries:

- Recommended browsers: Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox. Older versions of Internet Explorer may cause unexpected results.
- Register all entries for each exhibitor in the family before proceeding to the Payment section.
- Be sure to click the "Submit" button when you have completed your entries. Entries are not final until they have been submitted.
- Check your email inbox for a confirmation email with a list of your entries and any related fees.
- You will receive a second email when your entries have been approved by your fair.

If you are a FFA member:

1. You will need to create a new account under FairEntry.
   a. Please use a valid email account, as you will be receiving confirmation messages about your entries.
2. Once you have completed the entry process, make sure you click submit to finalize your entries. Entries are not final until you have clicked submit.

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You will receive a confirmation email with your entries and invoice. Please make sure that you complete the following to finalize your entry into the State Fair:

1. **Print a copy** of the email from FairEntry.
2. **IF YOU ARE AN FFA member, have FFA advisor sign the top of the email.**
3. Enclose a $12/head registration fee (check payable to VA 4-H Foundation)
4. Mail printed entry form and **payment payable to VA 4-H Foundation** to the following address:

ATTN: Scott Greiner
State Fair of Virginia Entries
366 Litton Reaves Hall (MC 0306)
Blacksburg, VA 24061-0306

Virginia Pork Industry Special Award

The **Virginia Pork Industry Association** will award a silver tray to the sweepstakes winner in the Junior Market Hog show. The winner is to be selected by the total number of points accumulated in the show by the following point system: 1st—5 points 2nd—4 points 3rd—3 points for placing in the single classes and showmanship classes. In case of a tie the tying exhibitor placing highest in showmanship will receive the award.

Swine Promotion & Herdsman Award

1st Place: $100 and Rosette
2nd Place: $ 80 and Rosette
3rd Place: $ 40 and Rosette

Awarded to the Youth Market Hog exhibitor whose pen area demonstrates outstanding cleanliness and visitor appeal, and promotes the market hog industry. Educational content of the exhibit, as well as cleanliness and appearance of the entire pen area and display, will be judged. Exhibitors should be knowledgeable about their exhibit and market hogs in general, courteous and friendly to fellow exhibitors and Fair guests.

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Skillathon

Sponsored by Land of Promise Farm

Juniors (age 9-12): 1st place - $75, 2nd place - $50, 3rd place - $25
Intermediate (age 13-15): 1st place - $75, 2nd place - $50, 3rd place - $25
Seniors (age 16-19): 1st place - $75, 2nd place - $50, 3rd place - $25