

**SWINE SHOW TIME**

Swine Showmanship:
Wednesday, July 22 – 6:00 p.m.
Market Swine Show:
Thursday, July 23 – 5:00 p.m.

Superintendent – D J Jackson

SWINE SHOW CLASSES
4-H/FFA COMBINED

**PROJECT EXHIBIT ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Market Swine Projects in order to enter the Market Swine Shows.
2. Exhibitors must have continuously owned and personally cared for their animals since: May 1, 2026
3. Registered market swine must be ear-notched according to specific breed requirements. All ear notches must be completely healed to be eligible for show.
4. All swine exhibits must arrive between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and be in place by 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 21. Late exhibit arrivals are subject to a \$25 late fee at the discretion of the superintendent.
5. All Swine must remain at the Fairgrounds until all other livestock is released on Sunday, July 26 at 5:00 p.m.
6. All entries made in this department are subject to the Arapahoe County Fair General Rules and Livestock Rules. Please carefully read all rules.
7. A water container with water must always be visible and available for watering on a regular basis in each pen. Nipple waterers must be used for hogs.
8. Feeding of swine will not be allowed in the show ring.
9. Show order for classes will be posted in the stall areas, show ring and the 4-H Fair office.
10. Market swine may not be shown in any breeding class. Breeding Swine may not be shown in any market class.

**FAIR EXHIBIT ENTRY:**

1. All entries made in this department are subject to the Arapahoe County Fair General Rules and Livestock Rules. Please carefully read all rules.
2. Exhibit entry is required for all 4-H/FFA Animal exhibits by entry deadline, Monday, June 15, 2026.
3. Late entries will be accepted up until Monday, June 22, 2026 with a late fee of \$25.00 per exhibitor. Late fees can be paid by mailing a check to:
Arapahoe County Extension Office
Attn: Fair Entry
6934 S Lima St, Suite B
Centennial, CO 80112
4. After Monday, June 22, 2026, absolutely no entries will be accepted.
5. Entry will be done online at [ArapahoeCounty.Fairentry.com](https://www.arapahoe-county.com/fair-entry)

**SWINE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:**

1. All animals must:
 - Originate from herds not under quarantine.
 - Be free of contagious disease, parasites, and other illnesses.
 - Animals deemed by the Superintendent to be unhealthy to show and/or sell at auction, or to pose health or safety risk to other livestock and/or the public will be disqualified and sent home from the Fair.
2. All swine entered and exhibited must meet one of the following requirements:
 - Originate from a qualified pseudo rabies negative herd.
 - Be negative to pseudo rabies test within 60 days if consigned from within Colorado.
 - We strongly recommend the quarantine of all breeding animals for 30 days after Fair time plus a pseudo rabies blood test for gilts shown at any Fair.
3. The exhibitor must strictly comply with Meat, Milk and Egg Quality Assurance Standards and withdrawal periods for any medications given to livestock.



DIVISION – SWINE SHOWMANSHIP (Required)

CLASS 670: Senior

CLASS 672: Intermediate

CLASS 673: Junior



1. Swine Showmanship is required for all 4-H/FFA members showing swine at the Arapahoe County Fair.
2. The swine showmanship time schedule will be at the discretion of the swine superintendent.
3. Exhibitors must enter and show their own animal.
4. The judge will consider:
 - Appearance of animal
 - Showing of animal
 - Appearance, knowledge, and courtesy of exhibitor
5. The swine showmanship contest will be divided into three divisions:
 - Junior division, Ages 8-10, as of Dec. 31, 2025
 - Intermediate division, Ages 11-13, as of Dec. 31, 2025
 - Senior division, Ages 14-18, as of Dec. 31, 2025
6. Depending upon the number of competitors in each age division, the age division may also be sub-divided with the winners in each of these sub-divided classes being considered for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in each age division.



DIVISION – MARKET SWINE

CLASS 676: Market Barrows

CLASS 686: Market Gilts

(Final Classes/Lots assigned at weigh-in)



1. Market hogs should have been farrowed after Dec. 1, 2025.
2. Market swine may be purebred, grade or crossbred barrows or gilts.
3. Market swine will be weighed immediately after market sheep in the East Wing on Tuesday, July 22. See 4-H Livestock And Small Animal Rules for specific weigh-in rules and Auction rules.
4. Swine must weigh a minimum of 220 lbs. and a maximum of 290 lbs.
5. Animals below minimum weight and over maximum weight are not eligible for sale.
6. Show weight of stock will be used for Auction weight.
7. Market hogs will be shown by weight classes rather than by breeds and will be divided into Gilt and Barrow classes based on entry numbers and final weight. The superintendent will make the classes as even as possible according to weight distribution. An exhibitor having more than one market swine with uniform weights may end up with two or more animals in the same class.
8. If an exhibitor in a market class ends up with two animals in the same class, they can elect to move one animal up to the next heavier weight class but not down to the lighter class, or they may ask an Arapahoe County 4-H member in good standing to show for them in the same class
9. There will be feeder classes for those that do not make weight and heavy weight classes for those over the maximum weight.



DIVISION – BREEDING SWINE

CLASS 650: December - January Gilt

CLASS 651: February – March Gilt

CLASS 652: April Gilt



1. All Breeding Swine must remain at the Fairgrounds until all other livestock is released on Sunday, July 26 at 5:00 p.m.
2. A minimum of three breeders is the norm to constitute a breed show. Any breed with less than three breeders represented may be combined with other breed classes. Any breed not specifically listed in the Fair Book in which there are at least three breeders will then constitute a special breed and will show separately from other breeds.
3. Boars may not be shown at the Arapahoe County Fair.
4. Age classifications for breeding swine will be as follows:
 - December/January Gilts - farrowed Dec. 1 2025 – Jan. 31, 2026.
 - February/March Gilts - farrowed Feb.1 – March 31, 2026.
 - April Gilts – farrowed April 1 - 30, 2026.
5. Champion and Reserve Champion gilt in each breed will receive a single strand ribbon. Grand Champion breeding swine will receive a Grand Champion Award and a double strand purple rosette ribbon. Reserve Grand Champion breeding swine will receive a Tool of Project award and a double strand lavender rosette ribbon.
6. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Awards will be presented at the Arapahoe County Achievement Awards Ceremony, Wednesday, October 7, 2026.



DIVISION – BRED & FED BREEDING SWINE

CLASS 703: Bred & Fed Breeding Swine



1. Open to gilts born after December 1, 2025.
2. Breeding swine rules will be followed as written in Fair Book.
3. Bred & Fed breeding animals may be shown in other breeding class but may not be shown in market classes.



**DIVISION – BRED & FED
MARKET SWINE**

CLASS 704: Bred & Fed Market Swine



1. Animals must be weighed in and tagged at the designated weigh-in.
2. Market swine rules will be followed as written in Fair Book.
3. Market hogs may be shown in other market classes.
4. Bred & Fed market class will not show by weight divisions.



**DIVISION – LIVESTOCK
COSTUME CONTEST**

CLASS 540: Costume Contest



1. See 4-H Livestock And Small Animal Rules for Contest Rules



**DIVISION – PREMIER
EXHIBITOR**

CLASS 705: Premier Swine Exhibitor



1. See 4-H Livestock And Small Animal Rules for Contest Rules