



Hello Everyone!

Enclosed you will find information for the 2024 UPSF Market Swine preregistration. Please make sure to read each document thoroughly.

I ask that you please either mail, drop off, or scan and email the completed forms back to me. Photos of the completed forms are difficult to read and print for our records. Please also make a copy for your records.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me or your department superintendent.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly Zellar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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TO: 4-H PROGRAM COORDINATORS, LEADERS, PARENTS, AND EXHIBITORS

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Barn Theme: Christmas

Enclosed you will find information for making preliminary entries in the 2024 Upper Peninsula State Fair Junior Swine Show and Sale. The rules are a summary only and official rules are published in the annual Exhibitor's Guide to Classes & Awards. (Premium Book) There are a few changes so please read over the summary rules very carefully. Preliminary Entry forms will be emailed to all leaders and exhibitors on record from 2023.

New this year is YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certification which is due by June 25th. Each exhibitor must provide a certificate of course completion. Please see the YQCA attachment or visit the UPSF website where all the information for the program is under the Exhibitors tab. Do not miss the in-person classes offered by Michigan State University Extension beginning in January.

Note the changes on the Preliminary Entry Form. This is the only form that will be accepted. You may make copies if needed, but do not use forms from previous years. LATE OR INCOMPLETE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED; ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

The Upper Peninsula State Fair will assign an ear tag after the pre-entry deadline. Ear tags will be mailed to the exhibitor. The ear tagging procedure helps maintain control over entries and prevents tagging at the fair. We appreciate your direct review of the entry forms to help reduce and eliminate attempts to enter a hog that does not qualify for the show. Exhibitors/Parents, it is important that the information is filled out correctly.

DNA submission is required for all swine entered for the 2024 UPSF swine show and sale. Further information and instructions will be mailed to you along with the UPSF Ear tag. There will be a charge of \$15.00 for the DNA sampling, which must be paid at the time of the DNA submission. There will not be a charge for the alternate hog, however, you must submit the DNA hair sample from the alternate hog.

The deadline for preliminary entries is **May 31, 2024**. Please contact us with any questions about the Junior Swine Show. Thank you for your help in making the Upper Peninsula State Fair Junior Swine Show a success!

Reminders:

- **Please provide all information requested on the preliminary entry form and review for accuracy. Code of Conduct must be signed by parent/guardian and exhibitor and returned with the preliminary entry form by May 31, 2024.**
- **DNA SAMPLE (S) & YQCA WILL BE DUE ON JUNE 25, 2024. Cost \$15.**
- **Final individual entries are due July 15, 2024, and MUST be entered online at <https://upperpsf.fairwire.com>. Make sure you enter the correct record keeping and showmanship classes.**
- **Every exhibitor must purchase a weekly pass, discounted junior exhibitor weekly passes will be available for purchase with your final online registration.**
- **Exhibitors MUST send a digital photo of their swine to jrmarketexhibitors@gmail.com by August 1, 2024. If a photo is not received by this date, you will not have a picture on the screen during the sale. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- **2024 Fair dates: August 12th-18th**

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JUNIOR MARKET SWINE PRELIMINARY SHOW RULES

1. Preliminary entries must be made with the U.P. State Fair, 1001 North Lincoln Road, Escanaba, MI 49829 on or before **May 31, 2024**. Entries must be made on the attached Preliminary Entry Form for the Junior Swine Show and Market Sale (Entries should be made by club or group, if belonging to a club/group.) The preliminary entry form must be completed in its entirety along with a signed Code of Conduct.
Entries received/postmarked after May 31, 2024, will not be accepted. Please note that complete breeder and exhibitor information (name, address and phone number) must be included.
2. **Final entries to show at the fair must be made individually, online at <https://upperpsf.fairwire.com> by July 15th. Entry must show proper animal identification. You must also register for the correct showmanship class and record keeping classes. Preregistration must be completed, and a fair ear tag/s must have been received before you complete your final registration online.**
3. **DNA Hair Sample is required.** Detailed instructions and an official DNA Sample ID card will be mailed to each registered exhibitor after the May 31, 2024, deadline. The cost will be \$15.00 for each market hog entered, and \$0.00 for each alternate market hog entered. The DNA hair sample is required for the alternate hog; however, there is no charge for the alternate DNA sample. The deadline for returning the DNA sample and the DNA processing fee is **received/postmarked June 25, 2024.** **DNA samples postmarked and received after the deadline will not be accepted and the animal may not be shown at the 2024 U.P. State Fair.**
4. The Upper Peninsula State Fair reserves the right to deny, accept conditionally, and to cancel any entries and awards of prizes without cause and without claims for damages.
5. Competition is open to any Michigan resident between 8 years of age through the person's 19th birthday. An exhibitor's official fair age is the exhibitor's age on January 1 of the year of the fair.
6. Entry weights must be taped or scaled at the start of feeding program from a 4-H leader. If the exhibitor is not a 4-H member, the entry weight must be verified by a responsible party (parent, guardian or self if over 18 years of age).
7. Itemized records should begin on the day the exhibitor takes possession of the animal. All swine must have been owned by junior exhibitor for the entire project and may not be sold at any time during the project, housed in Michigan for the project's duration, and must have been in his/her care before May 31, 2024.
8. All hogs will be identified with a UPSF and USDA ear tag. The Upper Peninsula State Fair will assign and furnish the UPSF ear tags after May 31, 2024, for each market hog entered. Hogs must be tagged as soon as the tags are received. These tags will be used to identify the market hog when it arrives at the fair and through the showing and selling process. Market hogs will not be accepted at the fair unless both tags with the assigned numbers are in the ear of the market hog.
9. **In the event a UPSF ear tag/USDA ID tag is lost, the exhibitor must call the fair office immediately. There will be a \$20.00 fee for a lost UPSF ear tag or USDA tag, which must be paid prior to unloading the hog at the UPSF. Please have the previously assigned UPSF/USDA tag number available. The hog will be automatically selected for DNA testing.**
 - **The exhibitor will be mailed a "request for change from original registration" form. The procedures to follow will be clearly outlined. The completed form must be in the exhibitor's possession before they will be allowed to unload the hog on the UPSF fairgrounds. If an animal arrives at the fair without both of the correct identifying tags, it will not be allowed to enter the fair.**

10. Exhibitors are limited to exhibiting one hog only in the show and sale. Exhibitors/families may preregister an alternate hog. Grand and Reserve Champion Hogs are required to be sold at the Jr. Market Livestock Auction.
11. Junior market livestock exhibitors may exhibit more than one species but shall be allowed to sell only one market animal, in addition to any/all Grand or Reserve Champion Market Animals.
12. The superintendent may exclude an animal from competition if there is an unnecessary or embarrassing delay by the exhibitor bringing the animal into the show ring. If an animal is not shown in its respective class, it will not be allowed to sell in the Junior Market Livestock Sale and premiums will be forfeited.
13. No drugs shall be administered to livestock that are prohibited by State or Federal regulations. Animals under the care of a licensed veterinarian and/or taking any type of performance enhancing medication which may include but is not limited to steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers, and pain killers are ineligible for competition, show, and sale. Exhibitors are responsible to read all product labels to make sure they do not contain such ingredients. Exhibitors must be aware drug residue may be found in the system longer than the labeled withdrawal time. Adequate time must have passed so the animal does not test positive for drugs during any testing during the fair or at the time of slaughter. Animals must remain free and clear of all such drugs during the fair or be disqualified from competition, awards, placements, ribbons, or sale. Animals requiring such treatments during the fair may be allowed to remain for public display only at the discretion of the superintendent and the UPSF staff veterinarian. Animals needing treatment outside of 12 hours before competition and during competition or sale, may receive treatments administered under the supervision and direction of the UPSF Veterinarian with consultations with Department Superintendent, UPSF Management, and owner/parent. All questions should be directed to the UPSF Exhibitors Manager.
14. All market hogs must have been born after January 1, 2024.
15. Only barrows or gilts may be shown, boars are not eligible.
16. **THE MINIMUM WEIGHT REQUIREMENT IS 225 LBS AND THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT IS 325 LBS.**
 - A. The exhibitor **must show his/her own animal** in the age-appropriate Fitting and Showmanship class. Hogs meeting the weight requirements and approved by the superintendent will be sold at the Junior Market Livestock Auction on Saturday, August 17, 2024.
 - B. If a market animal does not make minimum weight the following options are available: Option A– If the exhibitor has an alternate animal, they are allowed to get their alternate as long as they can arrive back at the fairgrounds before the scale closes at 5:00 pm. If they do not have an alternate or choose not to get their alternate, then they can utilize Option B– Animal is required to go into the barn or designated area and could be fed and watered. They would have until the scale closes at 5:00 pm to re-weigh and make weight. Should the animal not weigh the minimum required, the animal will be removed from the scale, scale will be balanced, and the animal will be immediately re-weighed. This is the final weight. If an animal is disqualified before it crosses the scale the exhibitor may choose to get their alternate animal as long as they can arrive back at the fairgrounds before the scale closes at 5:00 pm.
 - C. There is no allowed scale tolerance when weighing in market animals and final weight is not allowed to be protested.
 - D. Hogs will be weighed for weight classification upon arrival. Hogs must be weighed and penned between **8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 11, 2024.**
 - E. The maximum weight for market swine is 325 lbs. to be eligible for show and auction sale. Market swine that weighs over the maximum weight requirement upon weigh-in must be removed from the fairgrounds by the exhibitor. Hogs weighing over 300 lbs. will be sold at the Jr. Market Livestock sale at 300 lbs.
17. Swine being exhibited in Michigan must have official identification. MDARD no longer provides official identification tags to fairs, so exhibitors must purchase tagged swine or apply their own. **Be sure you have extra tags available in case a tag is lost. Swine must always have a USDA tag in their ear during the fair, and when shipped to the processors.**

18. To participate in the Jr. Market Livestock competition and sale, exhibitors must submit a completed market livestock record book and achieve a minimum 40 in the scoring rubric. Record books must be submitted at the Upper Peninsula State Fair Swine office by **1:00 p.m. Monday, August 12, 2024.**
19. Stall reservations must be made on or before August 1, 2024, by calling Swine Superintendent, Jodi Spaude, (906-753-9697) or Sue Baumler (906-753-2425). Failure to do so will result in leftover pens being assigned on a first come first serve basis. Do not include tack pens in your reservation. **DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS, HOGS FROM THE RAISED AT THE SAME LOCATION WILL BE PENNED TOGETHER DURING THE FAIR.**
20. **Hogs that have been fed Ractopamine (Paylean, Engain, Lean Maximizer, Explode, XXL, Overdrive, Power-Maxx, etc.) at any time will not be allowed to exhibit or sell at the U.P. State Fair. Part of the market project is providing wholesome products to our buyers. Many commercial processing plants will not accept hogs fed Ractopamine, due to export market guidelines. Therefore, to eliminate any negativity to our exhibitors and fair from outside sources, any hog given Ractopamine will be disqualified from showing and selling. Unannounced random testing may be performed by Swine barn staff throughout the week.**
21. **DUE TO ANIMAL WELLNESS AND SAFETY CONCERNS ALL LIVESTOCK ARE RESTRICTED TO THE DESIGNATED AREAS FOR THAT SPECIE. EACH BARN MUST DEFINE THEIR DESIGNATED AREAS AND MAKE THAT INFORMATION AVAILABLE AND CLEARLY DISPLAYED AT THE FAIR FOR ALL EXHIBITORS. MARKET HOGS SHALL NOT LEAVE THEIR DESIGNATED AREA FOR ANY REASON. HOGS FOUND OUTSIDE THE DESIGNATED AREAS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED.**
22. **Sunday (last day of fair)**
Barn closed to the public
9 am -Feeding completed & barn closed
10 am -Packing house hogs released
4pm -Early release zones self-haul hogs released
5 pm -Self-hauls released (no more than 4) *Exhibitors will be allowed back in the barn to retrieve decorations & equipment after hogs are loaded. Time to be determined.
23. **If the Grand Champion is disqualified, the Reserve Grand Champion will become Grand Champion, and the 3rd place animal will become Reserve Grand Champion. If the Reserve Grand Champion is disqualified, the 3rd place animal will become Reserve Grand Champion. If both Grand and Reserve Grand Champion are disqualified, the 3rd place will become Grand Champion. No other animals will be advanced. This rule applies only to the market steer, market lamb, market swine and market goat shows.**
24. **New this year is YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certification which is due by June 25th. Each exhibitor must provide a certificate of course completion.**
25. **Showmanship age classes:**
 - a. **Class 280 Seniors (17-19 years old)**
 - b. **Class 281 Intermediate (14-16 years old)**
 - c. **Class 282 Juniors (11-13 years old)**
 - d. **Class 283 Beginners (8-10 years old)**

2024 UPPER PENINSULA STATE FAIR JUNIOR SWINE SHOW & SALE PRELIMINARY ENTRY FORM

Entry form & signed Code of Conduct due May 31, 2024 Mail: U.P. State Fair 1001 N. Lincoln Rd. Escanaba, MI 49829

E-mail: Exhibitorsmanager@deltami.org Fax: 906-786-8830

Form must be completed in its entirety

- Upon completion of this entry form the Exhibitor/Parent/Club leader certifies to the following:
- 1) the hogs entered are being fed and handled as a productive enterprise project
 - 2) a market livestock record book will be completed for each animal and delivered to the swine barn office no later than 1:00 pm Monday of fair week
 - 3) the entry weight was determined using a dependable scale or tape on the date indicated
 - 4) I have read the swine show rules
 - 5) a signed Code of Conduct is included with this preliminary registration
 - 6) Final registration to be completed online no later than July 15, 2023
 - 7) Hogs must be housed in Michigan for the duration of the project and owned by the exhibitor continuously from pre-registration date until auction sale day of the Fair

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Exhibitor Information									
Name:		Birthdate:		Fair Age:		County:			
Address:		Cell Phone:		Home Phone:		E-mail:			
Primary Swine Information									
Address where animal is housed:		Entry Date:		Entry weight:		RFID#:			
Breeder Name:		Sex of animal: M or F				Fair tag#			
Breeder Address:		Breed:				Office use			
Alternate Swine Information									
Address where animal is housed:		Entry Date:		Entry weight:		RFID#:			
Breeder Name:		Sex of animal: M or F				Fair tag#			
Breeder Address:		Breed:				Office use			
Parent Information									
Name:									
Address:		Cell Phone:		Home Phone:		E-mail:			
Club Name:									
Club Leader Name:									
Address:		Cell Phone:		Home Phone:		E-mail:			

**UPPER PENINSULA STATE FAIR
(Livestock Exhibitors)
PARENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT**

Inappropriate conduct by a participant, parent, leader, spectator or volunteer during the fair will be grounds for immediate disqualification and/or immediate ejection by Fair staff, Management Agent, or U.P. State Fair Authority. This includes, but is not limited to, disruptive behavior, poor sportsmanship, inappropriate language, inappropriate conduct, bullying and confrontations with any fair staff, other exhibitors or spectators.

As a parent or legal guardian, of a Jr. Market Livestock exhibitor, exhibiting at the Upper Peninsula State Fair I agree to abide by the following:

- Maintain and promote a positive attitude towards the atmosphere of the Jr. Market Livestock program and follow all barn rules.
- I agree to encourage and guide my child, my club member, and myself to conduct ourselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. I will ask questions concerning rules and policy in an appropriate adult manner.
- I agree to abide by the restrictions of the Class C Liquor License; alcohol consumption is limited to designated areas on the fairgrounds. I further understand that none of the barns or buildings are designated areas.
- Instead of participating in a retaliatory manner, I will follow the Formal Protest guidelines in the Upper Peninsula State Fair Premium Book.
- I will keep the intent and spirit of the Upper Peninsula State Fair, and remember that my child/club member is the one exhibiting, not me. I will place the emotional and physical wellbeing of my child/club member ahead of my personal desire to win.
- No adult or exhibitor will conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of conduct and Upper Peninsula State Fair show rules or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of conduct or show rules.
- By signing this code of conduct I am accepting the responsibility of informing my immediate family members of the Parental Code of Conduct.
- Violation of the parental code of conduct will subject the individual (s) to disciplinary actions, up to and including, but not limited to; dismissal or disqualification, expulsion of the exhibitor.

**UPPER PENINSULA STATE FAIR
(Livestock exhibitors)
EXHIBITOR CODE OF CONDUCT**

As an animal exhibitor in the UPSF Market Livestock Youth Show(s):

- I believe my participation should demonstrate my own ability, knowledge, and skills as a feeder, fitter and caretaker of my animal(s).
- I understand the need to be responsible for developing the skills necessary to take my animal (s) from the farm to the show ring.
- I have read and understand the rules and regulations found in the UPSF Exhibitors Guide.
- I will follow the competition rules and will not use abusive, questionable, or unethical techniques in the feeding, caring, fitting and showing of my animal (s).
- I will not resort to fraudulent, illegal, or deceptive practices when preparing my animal(s) for the show ring.
- I will also not allow my parents, leader, or any other adult or minor to employ such practices to my animal(s).
- I have asked my parents, leader, or any other adult or minor to not break the rules on my behalf.
- I want my animal project to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer, good and bad, and how to live with the outcome.
 - I will respect my fellow exhibitors, and their project, and realize I have no right to disrupt or disturb their animal, barns or stalls. I further realize it is my responsibility as an exhibitor at the Upper Peninsula State Fair that I must report any or all unusual activity in or around any barn.
- I realize that I am responsible for:
 - Following the Herdsmanship Procedure
 - The proper care and humane treatment of my animal (s).
 - The production of wholesome food if my animal project is designated for market.
 - The care and grooming of my animal while at the UPSF.
 - Conducting myself with honesty and good sportsmanship.
 - Conducting myself to reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education.
- I understand and agree that when I, my parents, leader or any other adult or minor connected with my project or animal (s) break the rules, I agree to live by the final decision of the UPSF Management Team regarding disqualification of myself and /or my animal (s), loss of premium awards, auction proceeds, and my loss of future eligibility.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Exhibitor Signature _____ Date _____



2024 U.P. State Fair YQCA certification due dates

Market beef: March 15, 2024

Market swine, goats, lambs: June 25, 2024

Market poultry, chicken eggs: July 1, 2024

Additional important information

Prior to an instructor-led training you must go to the YQCAprogram.org website to pre-register and pay for the training. You must also complete a pre-test on the website prior to the training.

Also note: Exhibitors over the age of 13 may register their own account. Exhibitors under the age of 13 must have a parent/guardian register an account.

When you go to the YQCAprogram.org website, click on the register/sign in button. Scroll to the bottom of the page to view the Help Video for registration instructions.