

April 2025

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

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Barn Theme: Halloween

Enclosed you will find information about making preliminary entries in the 2025 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.

**YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certification which is due by June 13th. 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 all market preregistrations must be completed online. Once completed, you will receive a copy of what you preregistered to the email you provided.**

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 2025 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 15, 2025**. 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 by May 15, 2025.**
* **DNA SAMPLE(S) & YQCA WILL BE DUE ON JUNE 13, 2025. DNA Cost is $15.**
* **Final individual entries are due July 15, and MUST be entered online at** [**https://upperpsf.fairwire.com.**](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. If a photo is not received by this date, you will not have a picture on the screen during the sale. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
* **Show day is Wednesday in the beef arena starting at 9AM.**
* **2025 Fair dates: August 11th-17th**

The Upper Peninsula State Fair reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally, and to cancel any entries and awards of prizes without claims for damages.