

**JUNIOR MARKET SWINE PRELIMINARY SHOW RULES**

1. **Preliminary entries must be completed online by May 15, 2025. Please note that complete breeder information must be included. (Name, address and phone number).**
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 15, 2025, 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 13, 2025. If the DNA sample is unacceptable or there is a missing signature on the card, you will receive notice and must pay a $5 fee for each additional pull/missing information.**
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 residents between 8 years of age through the person’s 20th 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 15, 2025.
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 15, 2025, 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 contact the Exhibitors Manager immediately:** [**exhibitorsmanager@deltami.org**](mailto:exhibitorsmanager@deltami.org) **or (906) 212-5419. 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.**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. All market hogs must have been born after January 1, 2025.
6. Only barrows or gilts may be shown, boars are not eligible.
7. **THE MINIMUM weight requirement is 225 lbs and the maximum weight is 325 lbs.**
   1. 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.
   2. 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.
   3. There is no allowed scale tolerance when weighing in market animals and final weight is not allowed to be protested.
   4. 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 10, 2025.**
   5. 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.
8. 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.**
9. 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 of the fair.**
10. Stall reservations must be made on or before August 1, 2025, by calling Swine Superintendent, Tammi Hill, (906-767-9323). 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.**
11. **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.**
12. **DUE TO ANIMAL WELLNESS AND SAFETY CONCERNS ALL LIVESTOCK ARE RESTRICTED TO THE DESIGNATED AREAS FOR THAT SPECIE. MARKET HOGS SHALL NOT LEAVE THEIR DESIGNATED AREA FOR ANY REASON. BIOSECURITY ZONES WILL BE POSTED FOR EACH DEPARTMENT IN THEIR RESPECTED BARNS. ANIMALS FOUND OUTSIDE OF THE DESIGNATED AREAS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED. SWINE DESIGNATED AREAS ARE WASH RACK, GROOMING AREA, SHOW RING, AND TRAVELING TO AND FROM THE SHOWRING ONLY ON SALE AND AUCTION DAYS.**
13. 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.
14. YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certification which is due by June 13th. Each exhibitor must provide a certificate of course completion.
15. Showmanship age classes:
    1. Class 280 Seniors (17-20 years old)
    2. Class 281 Intermediate (14-16 years old)
    3. Class 282 Juniors (11-13 years old)
    4. Class 283 Beginners (8-10 years old)