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SWINE

Exhibitor Handbook



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Thank you for being a part of the 2026 South Dakota State Fair!

We are thrilled to invite you back to Huron for the 2026 South Dakota State Fair on September 2-7! You are so important to our fair, whether you are a long-time exhibitor or a first-year competitor. We love to see the livestock shows brimming with your accomplishments and talents for fairgoers of all ages to enjoy.

The South Dakota State Fair exists to showcase the best of South Dakota and bring people together. The State Fair has a rich history of livestock showmanship. Your entries highlight the showmanship skills of citizens across the state of South Dakota and beyond. Fairgoers of all ages enjoy seeing your accomplishments and talents.

Please review the guidelines for entering your animals and note the deadlines for entering. We thank you in advance for sharing your livestock and talents with us. See you in September!

Sincerely,

The South Dakota State Fair Staff and Commission

Thank You to our sponsors!



South Dakota Purebred Breeders



DEPARTMENT 500: SWINE

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Judge: TBD

Online Entries: <https://sdsflive.fairwire.com>

Competition Open to World

LIVESTOCK ENTERING/EXITING FAIRGROUNDS

If unloading south of 3rd St - enter Gate 8, then exit Gate 2.

If unloading north of 3rd St - enter Gate 4, then exit Gate 3.5, 4 or 4.5*.

*Gate 4.5 will close on Wednesday at noon. Following this time, all trailers entering Gate 4 must exit Gate 3.5 or 4. Gate 4.5 will re-open for outbound traffic only on Monday at 1 PM.

SCHEDULE		(subject to change)
Tuesday, September 1	8 AM	Livestock Arrival Begins
Wednesday, September 2	12 PM-4 PM	Open Class Swine Check-In
	3 PM	All Swine must be checked in by this time
Thursday, September 3	8 AM	Open Class Swine Show <i>Duroc</i> <i>Yorkshire</i> <i>Spotted Swine</i> <i>Chester White</i> <i>Hampshire</i> <i>Poland China</i> <i>Hereford</i> <i>Berkshire</i> <i>Crossbred</i>
	11 PM	All open class entries wanting to be released should be off grounds
Friday, September 4	8 AM-12 PM	4-H Check-In & Weighing
	8 AM-12 PM	FFA and South Dakota Purebred Special Check-In & Weighing
Saturday, September 5	8:30 AM	4-H Market Swine Show
Sunday, September 6	12 PM	South Dakota Purebred Special, starting with the Special Youth Showmanship
Monday, September 7	7:30 AM	FFA Swine Show
	1 PM	Start Swine Release <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release time based on distance from Huron. See 4-H Swine Release Schedule for instructions. Early release will be made for certain purposes only. • Exhibitors should obtain a 2026 Livestock Release from the barn Superintendent prior to bringing their trailer to the grounds (show release to gate attendant when entering) • Trailers will enter Gate 4 and exit Gate 4.5 (north of the Pony Barns) or 3.5 (southeast of Beef Complex) • Due to safety concerns, exhibitors will not walk swine to the south end of the fairgrounds. Violators could be subject to sanctions.

Hogs being shown in the open class show may be released after the completion of the show. You will need a release form from the superintendent and should be off the grounds **by Thursday, September 3 at 11 PM.**

4-H and FFA hogs staying for the remainder of the fair may stay in the Swine Complex for Friday's Check-Ins.

ENTRY FEES

Open Class Show (online registration required)
\$15/head - Entries made by 8/01 \$30/head - Entries made between 8/02 and 8/08 \$50/head - Entries made between 8/09 and 8/15*
*Absolutely NO late entries for the Open Class Swine Show will be accepted after 8/15
South Dakota Purebred Special (online registration required)
\$10/head - Entries will be made, and fees will be collected the day of the show, but you must pre-register the number of head you're bringing online by 8/15

All fees shall be paid online by credit or debit card (Visa, Mastercard or Discover). Each transaction will have a \$5 processing fee.

REMINDER - There is no fee for pens. Pens will be given based on 2 pigs per pen. Exhibitors will need to bring their own dividers if they need to split a pen. The rule of 2 pigs per pen is based on the actual number of pigs brought to the Fair, not the number you pre-enter. This rule will go throughout the entire week of the fair.

Feeding/Unloading Permit: A feeding/unloading permit may be purchased at the State Fair Administration Office or online upon submission of livestock entry for \$20 (only 1 permit per family/address allowed). This permit allows entry on the fairgrounds before 9 AM and after 6 PM to feed animals and then exit immediately. This is NOT a parking permit and will be subject to fines if vehicle is left unattended for an extended amount of time. Permits will only be valid during the designated hours.

Refund Policy: The fair may refund entry fees paid by an exhibitor if the exhibitor requests the refund in writing two weeks prior to the opening day of the fair and states the reason for requesting the refund. Following that timeframe, NO refunds will be issued.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

A completed Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, listing individual animal official identification must accompany all animals exhibited at the South Dakota State Fair. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must be issued within 30 days of entry to the State Fairgrounds. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection written for animals originating from outside the State of South Dakota must meet all state import requirements as listed on the [SD Animal Industry Board website](#). The consignee must be listed as:

South Dakota State Fair, 1060 3rd St. SW Huron, SD 57350

Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection (CVI) Collection Process Has Changed.

- 1) Exhibitor presents CVI to Livestock Superintendent, or their designee, at check-in to verify they have a CVI.
NOTE: If exhibitor is showing multiple species, they need a separate CVI for each species.
- 2) Exhibitor gets stall assignment and is responsible for writing the stall number on the CVI and then puts the CVI in the CVI collection box.
- 3) AIB collects CVIs from the collection box several times throughout the day to inspect animals.
- 4) It is the exhibitor's obligation and responsibility to ensure their animal(s) are healthy and that they have obtained a CVI within 30 days of bringing the animal(s) onto the fairgrounds. **Any exhibitor found bringing an animal with obvious issues pertaining to animal health and well-being will be asked to leave immediately and will not be allowed to show at the 2027 South Dakota State Fair.**
- 5) Electronic CVIs will be accepted. Exhibitors may show their electronic CVI upon check in and fill out the provided form to file in the CVI collection box.

Animals must be free of signs of communicable and infectious disease at the time of entry onto the Fairgrounds. Any determination of the health status of an animal will be at the discretion of the State Veterinarian or official representative.

QUIET TIME

For safety and security of livestock and personal property, the South Dakota State Fair has established a "Quiet Time" in all barns that begins at 2 AM until 5 AM. Large gatherings, parties or excessive socializing will be prohibited. Thank you for your cooperation.

DEPARTMENT RULES

1. No animal shall be entered in the name of any other than the BONA FIDE owner or owners. Should any prove to be otherwise entered, premiums will be forfeited.
2. Wheelbarrows will not be provided. Only woodchips will be allowed in the barn.
3. No open class swine arrivals will be accepted until Tuesday, September 1st at 8 AM. Swine must be in place by Wednesday, September 2 at 3 PM and must remain in place until their release time. Release forms must be obtained from Superintendent before leaving the grounds.
4. Check entries with superintendent. Substitutions may be made; you may substitute to another Class.
5. Registration papers must be provided for purebred classes.
6. Exhibits which have been entered incorrectly may, at the discretion of the Superintendent, be transferred to their proper Division before judging. If such Divisions have been judged, they will not be re-judged.
7. Exhibitors are required to have their pens cleaned at the end of the show on Thursday night. Failing to do so will result in forfeiture of premiums.
8. Exhibitors of livestock must inform themselves when their stock will be judged. Stock must be in the show ring promptly after being called. Any person failing to comply with this order will be ruled out from competing.
9. Swine must be owned by exhibitor from time of making entries. Certificate of registry or transfer certificate showing the exhibitor to be the owner must be presented upon demand.
10. The South Dakota State Fair has adopted and will enforce the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics. A copy of this code can be found in the back of this book. All exhibitors will be required to sign an agreement to abide by this code when completing the online registration.
11. The South Dakota State Fair has adopted and will enforce an Animal Welfare Plan. A copy of this can be found at <https://www.sdstatefair.com/participate/competitive-exhibits/open-class-livestock/>.
12. **Livestock Trailer Parking:** Livestock trailer parking is available at Huron Continental Marketing located west of Huron at 39763 US Hwy 14 or at the Heartland 4-H Rodeo Grounds located east of Huron at 2125 US Hwy 14.
13. On-grounds parking is prohibited without permits. Parking passes issued to campers are valid only for the campsites. They are not a valid anywhere else. If the vehicle does not fit within the boundaries of the campsite, the vehicle must be parked off grounds. Any vehicle found on-grounds without the proper credential for the area in which it's parked is subject to fines. There will be zero tolerance for parking violations; we will no longer be making PA announcements or giving warnings. Violators will be fined.
14. The South Dakota State Fair has an electronic system at the gates for admission. All exhibitors must have an admission pass when entering the fairgrounds during the fair. It is recommended to purchase passes in advance to make for efficient entry into the fair. The majority of admission passes will have bar codes on them that will be scanned upon entry. Parking passes will be checked upon entry to the fairgrounds. Passes are only valid for the area and terms listed on the pass.
15. Fire Lanes: For safety purposes, any vehicle blocking a fire-lane will be towed at owner's expense. There will be zero tolerance. NO EXCEPTIONS OR WARNINGS!
16. Premium checks will be mailed to exhibitors within 60 days of the State Fair. If an exhibitor's earnings total \$600 or over, a W-9 must be completed by the exhibitor before their check will be issued. Premium checks for the amount of \$5 and under will not be mailed out (some exceptions apply). Affected exhibitors will receive instructions on how to collect premium winnings.
17. No cots or other overnight sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barns or tie-outs.
18. **Drenching.** Drench guns may be used in the exhibitor's stall/pen for hydration purposes. Stomach pumping, drenching tubes or any other method (by esophagus) is strictly prohibited.
19. **Sunrise Photo at the Fair:** Youth exhibitors who wish to take a photo with their animal on the Midway may do so on Monday, September 7, from 6:00 AM to 7:30 AM. During this time, select carnival rides will be lit with flashing lights to create a special photo opportunity. For safety reasons, this is the only time animals will be permitted on the Midway. Exhibitors must be respectful of the grounds by cleaning up after their animals and avoiding areas with food vendors or heavy foot traffic. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in forfeiture of premiums.
20. **Photography/Videography:** When you attend the fair, you enter an area where photography, audio, and video recording may occur. By entering the fairgrounds, you consent to such recording media and their release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction.
21. **Livestock Release:** Livestock exhibitors will be released on Labor Day only at times designated by fair officials. The Superintendent for each species will issue a Livestock Release Form to exhibitors, which will state their assigned release time. Exhibitors must present this form to gate personnel at the time designated on the Livestock Release Form to be eligible to enter the fairgrounds to remove their livestock. Attempting to remove livestock before the assigned release time may result in:
 - o Loss of premium, and/or
 - o A one-year exhibition suspension from exhibiting livestock at the South Dakota State Fair.

DIVISIONS 1-10: OPEN CLASS SHOW

SHOW: Thursday, September 3 at 8 AM, *Open Class Swine Complex*

CHECK-IN: Wednesday, September 2 from 12PM – 3PM, *Open Class Swine Complex*

RULES

1. The breeds below will have breeding classes for gilts, and market classes for barrows/gilts born after December 1, 2025.
2. Market hogs will consist of barrows/gilts that will be shown together.
3. Market hogs must weigh between 220-320 pounds.
4. Limit of 4 entries per class per exhibitor.
5. Gilts can be shown as breeding OR market – but NOT both. (cannot double enter gilts)
 - a. Purebred Breeding Gilts will show by weight
 - b. Crossbred Breeding Gilts will show by weight
6. A breed must have at least 10 entries within the sub-division to qualify as having their own class/breed champion. Any breed that does not meet the 10 head will be shown in the All Other Breed (A.O.B) division.
7. **SHOW ORDER** will start with boars, next with all of the breeding gilts, and then followed by all of the market hogs. We will start with the A.O.B classes followed by the breeds alphabetically. Crossbreds will be shown at the conclusion of the purebreds.

PUREBRED BREED DIVISIONS & CLASSES:

Division 1 – Chester White

Class 1 - Breeding Gilts

Division 2 – Duroc

Class 2 – Market Hogs

Division 3 – Hampshire

Division 4 – Hereford Hog

Division 5 – Poland China

Division 6 – Spotted Swine

Division 7 – Yorkshire

Division 8 – Berkshire

Division 9 – Tamworth

Division 10 – Crossbred

Each swine breed listed will show for the following premiums.

Cash Premium Schedule:

Prize money in each Swine Class will be paid on the following scale:

\$20 \$19 \$18 \$17 \$14 \$12 \$10

Championship Prizes:

Breeding Gilts

Each breed and crossbred division:*

- Champion Breeding Gilt - \$100
- Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt - \$75

The South Dakota State Fair will sponsor:

- Overall Grand Champion Breeding Gilt - \$200
- Overall Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt - \$100
- 3rd Overall Breeding Gilt - \$75
- 4th Overall Breeding Gilt - \$50
- 5th Overall Breeding Gilt - \$25

Market Hogs

South Dakota Purebred Breeders will sponsor the following for Market Hogs in each breed and crossbred division:*

- Champion Market Barrow - \$100
- Reserve Champion Market Barrow - \$75

The South Dakota State Fair will sponsor:

- Overall Grand Champion Market Hog - \$200
- Overall Reserve Champion Market Hog - \$100
- 3rd Overall Market Hog - \$75
- 4th Overall Market Hog - \$50
- 5th Overall Market Hog - \$25

** There must be 10 head per breed to qualify for the above championship prize money. All breeds with less than 10 head will compete against each other in A.O.B (All Other Breed).*

DIVISION 11: SOUTH DAKOTA PUREBRED SPECIAL

SHOW: Sunday, September 6 at 12 PM, *Open Class Swine Complex*

CHECK-IN: Friday, September 4 from 8 AM–12 PM, *Open Class Swine Complex*

****TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SOUTH Dakota Purebred SPECIAL – ALL PUREBRED HOGS MUST HAVE BEEN PURCHASED FROM ONE OF THE PARTICIPATING SOUTH DAKOTA PUREBRED BREEDERS.****

Each animal MUST be shown by its owner (name on purebred papers)/exhibitor it was entered as – to participate in the Challenge of the Best Showmanship.

Please pre-enter for this show including entry form, W-9 & waiver. Entry fees can be paid at check-in or online in advance.

This show is for all purebred breeds of swine.

1. All Purebred exhibits must be accompanied by a registration paper that is in exhibitor's hand at check in and show time.
2. Divisions will be divided evenly by weight - 2 divisions Breeding Gilts & Market Hogs (market: barrows & gilts will show together)
3. Entries can be made online by Aug 15 or at the time of check-in on Friday, September 4 8 AM - 12 PM with Open Class Swine Superintendent. All entries will be classified for breed characteristics at the time of show check-in. Those not meeting breed characteristics will be disqualified.
4. Exhibitors will be limited to two animals per breed.
5. No minimum age but not older than 21 on January 1, 2026.
6. A breed must have at least 5 entries within the sub-division (breeding gilt/market hogs) to qualify as having their own class. All other breeds will show together
7. Entry fee of \$10/head at check-in time.

Class prizes to be provided by the SD State Fair:

1 st - \$37	6 th - \$23
2 nd - \$33	7 th - \$19
3 rd - \$30	8 th - \$17
4 th - \$27	9 th - \$17
5 th - \$25	10 th - \$16

The South Dakota Purebred Breeders will sponsor the following prize money for the champion & reserve champion animals:

- Breed Champion Market Hogs: \$125
 - Breed Reserve Champion Market Hogs: \$75
 - Breed Champion Breeding Gilt: \$125
 - Breed Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt: \$75
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- **Grand Champion Market Hogs: \$250**
 - **Reserve Grand Champion Market Hogs: \$150**
 - **Grand Champion Breeding Gilt: \$250**
 - **Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Gilt: \$150**

CHALLENGE OF THE BEST!

Special Youth Showmanship Contest

This will be the 21st annual Special Youth Showmanship Contest.

This division will be held on Sunday, September 6 at the beginning of the South Dakota Purebred Special.

Previous winners are not eligible to compete in the same division.

1. There will be Beginner, Junior & Senior Divisions.
2. Eligible only to participants who exhibit their own animals in the "Pedigreed Youth Show Special".
3. Representatives must show their own barrow or gilt that will be exhibited in the special.
4. Representatives will be judged on grooming and showmanship.

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

- 1) All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- 2) Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- 3) Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- 4) Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

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- 5) Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
- 6) The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
- 7) Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
- 8) No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
- 9) The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
- 10) The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expos and any special notices to members.
- 11) The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.