



2026 Alabama Junior Livestock Expo

Official Rules (Swine)

March 16-17, 2026

Old CLC Arena

Montgomery, AL

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General Information

Mission Statement:

“Utilizing the show ring to prepare the next generation of agriculturalist in Alabama”

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Old CLC Arena

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Montgomery, AL 36107-1125

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Show Website:

<http://www.jrlivestockexpo.com>

Remind App:

Text “@jrswine” to 81010 for
smartphone updates

Directions

Physical Address

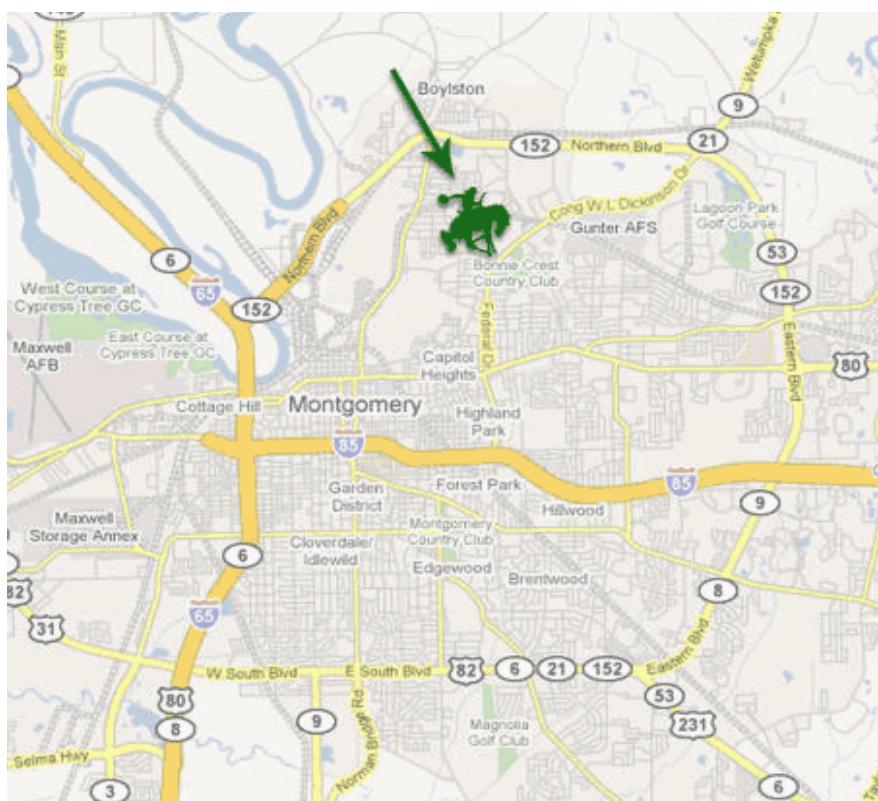
Old CLC Arena
1555 Federal Drive
Montgomery, AL 36107-1125

From I-65

At exit 173, take ramp right and follow signs for North Blvd	4.5 mi
Turn right onto Coliseum Blvd	1.2 mi
Turn right onto Federal Dr	0.3 mi

From I-85

At exit 3, take ramp right and follow signs for Ann St	0.2 mi
Turn left onto Ann St	1.1 mi
Turn right onto Madison Ave	359 ft
Turn left onto Federal Dr	1.6 mi



2026 Show Schedule

All dates, times, and show order are subject to change

Saturday, March 14

Barns Open for Swine	Noon	Lewis
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Sunday, March 15

Barns Open for Swine	8:00 a.m.	Lewis
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Monday, March 16

Check-In	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Lewis
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Showmanship	3:00 p.m.	Teague
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Tuesday, March 17

JLE Pancake Breakfast (Breakfast is open to all exhibitors and their families)	8:00 a.m.	Old CLC
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Junior Breeding Gilt Show	9:00 a.m.	Teague
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Junior Market Hog Show	Following breeding show	Teague
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Sunday, March 22

PBCI County Livestock Awards	Noon-1 p.m.	Teague
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Animal Health Requirements

JLE., along with the Alabama State Veterinarian, is committed to protecting animal health in Alabama. Accordingly, JLE fosters the animal health requirements set forth by the state of Alabama. Due to the nature of regulations set forth by the State Veterinarian, and unknown requirements after the posting of the JLE Official Rules; JLE encourages exhibitors to contact state Animal Health officials to confirm specific requirements as late as January 1, 2026.

Official Electronic ID (EID) – **Effective January 1, 2020, the Alabama State Veterinarian began requiring that all animals exhibited at Livestock Shows and related events, must comply with the Alabama Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) Rule. All animals that are to be shown must have the following methods of officials' ID appropriately placed in the ear:

- An official EID (an electronic identification) ear tag purchased from an approved animal identification number (AIN) manager or distributor. The first step in this process is to obtain an Alabama Premises ID. (Many of our exhibitors already have an Alabama Premises ID.) If not, contact the State Veterinarian's office at (334) 240 – 7253 or go online at <http://agi.alabama.gov/docs/default-source/Animal-Health/animal-traceability-premises-registration-form.pdf?sfvrsn=11> Premises ID is required field on all entries.

General Rules

This show is managed and administered by the Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation

Statement of Liability

All exhibits are under the control and direction of the Show Management, but the Southeastern Livestock Exposition and Rodeo and the Junior Livestock Expo are not responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any project or article exhibited by him or her and for its description as given in these rules, and shall indemnify the Southeastern Livestock Exposition and Rodeo, the Junior Livestock Expo, and sponsors/affiliates against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor, or any of the animals exhibited by him or her, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition of any of the animals so exhibited.

The Southeastern Livestock Exposition and Rodeo and the Junior Livestock Expo deems it appropriate and prudent to be excused from liability in the event of early cancellation of its events, operations and activities by reason of force majeure (fires, floods, acts of God, labor strikes, etc.) and/or governmental regulation concerning public health and safety, swine disease prevention, detection and response, including animal quarantine and/or destruction; and protection of the environment.

Important Definitions

AST – Agriculture Science Teacher

CEA – County Extension Agent (or equivalent)

Check-In: Defined as the time allotted at the JLE for exhibitors to provide necessary information (ex. Original Registration Papers) to Show Management for the show. Exhibitors who fail to complete all the check-in requirements for the show may be subject to disqualification.

JLE: Defined as the Junior Livestock Expo.

Project: Defined as any animal intended for competition at the JLE.

Project Period: Defined as the start of Online Entry process through conclusion of all JLE activities.

Rules Committee: Defined as the appointed committee designed to infer and enforce all rules outlined in the current JLE Official Rule Book.

Show Management: Defined as the those serving in a leadership role for the JLE. This could include the Rules Committee, members of the Alabama Farmers Federation Staff, 4-H or FFA representatives, CEA, Agricultural Science Teachers, Show Volunteers, etc.

1. Eligibility: The JLE is limited to bona fide residents of the state of Alabama. Exhibitors must be between the ages of 4 and 18 years old or still enrolled in high school as of January 1, 2026. Exhibitors must be a bona fide member of an Alabama 4-H Club, Alabama FFA Chapter or NJSA. Exhibitors must have continuously and personally fed and cared for their projects throughout the duration of the Project Period. All exhibitors must be able to show their project without the need of assistance.

2. Acknowledgments: By entering and competing in the JLE, exhibitors and their legal guardians agree to abide by all rules and liability requirements laid out in the 2026 Junior Livestock Expo Official Rules

3. Entry Fee: An entry fee of \$50.00 per entry for the Junior Market and Junior Breeding Shows must be paid during the online entry process. This fee is non-refundable for any reason. In addition, JLE is providing the option for exhibitors to decide at weigh-in if their animal will be classified as either a Market or Breeding animal. Projects will not be able to show in both breeding and market shows. No double entry will be accepted. The exhibitor must choose at check in. During the online entry process, exhibitors that choose this option will enter their animal as both Market and Breeding animals and pay the \$50 fee for both entries (\$100 total fee). This fee will also be non-refundable.

4. Interpretation and Violation of Rules: Exhibitors are requested to report any rule violation to Show Management immediately so that appropriate action may be taken. Show Management and the Rules Committee reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these rules, and to settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to, the JLE; and to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. Any exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty the Rules Committee may order.

5. Special Rules: Special Rules are published where necessary. If there is a conflict between the Special Rules and the General Rules, the Show Management and the Rules Committee will make a ruling as to such conflict, which shall be binding and final.

6. Decisions: The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases.

7. Official Protests: Official Protests must be submitted in writing to the Show Superintendent and accompanied by a \$300.00 deposit, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. The protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, giving good and sufficient reasons therefore, and must be delivered immediately upon the occasion for such protest. Any protest not officially filed within 24 hours of the alleged incident will not be considered. These cases will be ruled upon by the Rules Committee, who will have full power to act, and from whose decision there can be no appeal. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation.

8. Ownership: To gain the life skills developed through the livestock project; exhibitors must be engaged in the daily feeding, maintenance, training, grooming and overall welfare of his/her animals throughout the entire Project Period. Partnerships, farm names, siblings, leases or authorized representative arrangements will not be permitted (including on the Original Registration Papers).

9. Validation: Validation will be used to verify ownership for all animals entered for competition at the JLE. Exhibitors wishing to participate in the Junior Market Show and Junior Breeding Show must complete the entire Validation Process.

10. Validation Process: The Validation Process will begin with Online Entry. Once an exhibitor has completed the online entry process, a Validation Kit will be mailed to the address provided by the exhibitor. An outline of the Validation Process can be found below:

- a) Exhibitors wishing to compete at the JLE shall complete **Online Entry** by January 5, 2026.
- b) Upon receiving an exhibitor's Online Entry, Show Management will mail a **Validation Kit** for each animal complete with instructions and **DNA Collection Envelope(s)** to the address provided by the exhibitor.
- c) When the exhibitor receives the **Validation Kit**, he/she must carefully follow all instructions. This will include information about completing the **DNA Collection Envelopes** and finalizing remaining paperwork including **W-9 forms**. Completed **Validation Kits** must be returned and postmarked by January 19, 2026, to the following address:

Alabama Junior Livestock Expo
Attn: Colton Christjohn, Show Superintendent
P.O. Box 11000
Montgomery, AL 36191-0001

Important Validation Definitions

- **DNA Collection Envelope:** These envelopes will be included in the Validation Kit. Instructions will be given on how to collect the DNA samples that will be used for identification. Other instructional material on collecting DNA samples can be found [here](#).
- **Online Entry** – Completing Online Entry is the first step to the Validation Process.
- **Validation Kit:** This kit will be mailed to exhibitors following their completion of the Online Entry process. It will include DNA Collection Envelope(s) and instructions on how to complete the validation process.

Important Validation Deadlines

- **January 5th:** Online registration closes.
- **January 19th:** Validation Kits must be postmarked to the Alabama JLE.

11. DNA Testing: As a condition to participate in the JLE, every exhibitor must submit a DNA Collection Envelope that conforms with all requirements outlined in the Validation Process. Animals exhibited at the JLE must be the same as the animal submitted through the Validation Process. Show Management reserves the right to obtain, maintain, and have analysis performed DNA samples throughout the Project Period. If the animal's identity during the Project Period is found to differ from the sample sent in during the Validation Process, the exhibitor and animal will be subject to disqualification and forfeiture of premium monies and prizes. The conclusion reached by the testing company/laboratory shall be final, without recourse against the JLE and Show Management.

12. Stalling: Insofar as possible, JLE will provide one pen per animal in the exhibitor barns on a first come, first serve basis. Should entries exceed the number of available pens, projects will be assigned stalling two per pen. All animals must be on grounds prior to the end of Check-In and must remain in place until the animal has completed competition. Non-entered livestock are prohibited from coming onto grounds. Pens

are not to be used for housing of equipment, therefore, if there are not enough pens for entries due to pens being used for storage, exhibitors will be asked to remove equipment.

13. Bedding: First bedding in the exhibitor barns will be provided by the show. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring any additional bedding at their own expense.

14. Judging: Exhibitors are fully responsible for knowing the times at which their projects will be judged. Any project not presented promptly for competition may be ruled ineligible, to which complaints will not be considered. No complaint or protest claiming that the judge overlooked a project will be considered.

15. Interference: If any exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by agent, interferes with the judge(s) during adjudication, or shows any disrespect to them or the show, is subject to be penalized. The Rules Committee may demand a proper apology, may exclude him/her from competition, ban from future competition, and/or withhold any prizes that may have been awarded.

16. Project Care: Exhibitors must remain in charge of their project(s) and care for them for the duration of the show at all times. The exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal/project(s). The Rules Committee reserves the right to decide what constitutes acceptable treatment of animal projects. Unacceptable treatment of animal projects will not be tolerated.

17. Project Security: All owners or persons in charge of property, or livestock, shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as the JLE does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be held responsible for any loss, shrinkage, or damage to said property or livestock or the owners or exhibitors thereof. All exhibitors are responsible for security of their own animal/project(s) at all times. The exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal/project(s). The JLE is not responsible for the acts of a third party.

18. Exhibitor Behavior: The JLE does not condone and will not permit aggressive behavior towards animals or other exhibitors, spectators, etc.

19. Exhibitor Attire: Exhibitors are expected to maintain a professional dress when exhibiting animals in the JLE. Should sponsored clothing be acquired, exhibitors would be required to wear the apparel provided by the sponsor(s) during designated competitions.

20. Exhibitor Numbers: Entries may be assigned an exhibitor number for competition. If so, these numbers should be worn by the exhibitor when their project is being judged.

21. Substitute Exhibitor Participation: Only exhibitors with proper entries in the JLE are eligible to assist exhibitors having more than one animal in the same class.

22. Restraint/Unruly Animals: Show Management may be forced to remove any unruly animal from the show at any time; to which there will be no appeal.

23. Equipment: Exhibitors must be mindful of the equipment brought onto grounds. All electrical equipment must conform to applicable safety regulations. Generators and flammable fuels are not permitted in the barns. Fans over 24 inches in diameter, port-a-cools, swamp coolers, are not permitted in the exhibition barns. No fans in the aisle are permitted at any time. Show Management reserves the right to determine what equipment may be permitted in barns and on grounds.

24. Fitting: Animals must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification, except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and skin.

25. Premiums: Premium monies will be distributed in the name of the exhibitor following the show. Premium

amounts may vary between shows, breed, etc. Class premiums will be determined at the conclusion of the JLE.

26. Photography and Media Release: Exhibitors agree to present their animals at the request of JLE officials for official photographs. All photographs taken by the Official Photographer(s) or Show Management become property of the show. Commercial photography and filming are often conducted at the show. Exhibitors may be depicted in photographs or video recordings of any SLE or JLE event, and by entering the grounds and/or show, the exhibitor consents to the use of any depictions in connection with advertising, news reporting, public relations, webcasts or other broadcasts, or any other activities relating to the show, and the exhibitor will further release and waive all claims for compensation and any rights of review and approval, copyright, and right of publicity with respect thereto.

27. Utility Vehicles, ATVs and golf carts: are allowed on the Garret Coliseum Complex property, with a licensed driver operating. Open 4-wheelers and motorcycles are prohibited, and ALL vehicles are prohibited from operation in exhibitor areas.

28. Pets: Pets, excluding those defined with the Americans with Disabilities Act as service animals, are not permitted on the grounds at any time.

29. County Groups: There will be no contest for county groups.

Showmanship

DATE/TIME/LOCATION

Barns Open:	Saturday, March 14	8AM	
Check-In:	Monday, March 16	9 A.M. – 12 P.M.	Old CLC
Show:	Monday, March 16	3:00 P.M.	Old CLC

SPECIAL RULES

This show is subject to the Junior Livestock Expo and Special Rules listed in this section.

- 1. Entry:** To be eligible, exhibitors must show an animal validated in their name or siblings name. There is no entry fee or animal weight requirement for Showmanship.
- 2. Age Divisions:** Exhibitors will show in one of the following divisions based off age as of January 1, 2026:
 - a. Beginner – 4-8
 - b. Junior – 9-12
 - c. Intermediate – 13-15
 - d. Senior – 16+
- 3. Classes:** Exhibitors within each age division will be randomly placed into classes. Classes within each division may be comprised of exhibitors with different ages. There will be no more than 10 exhibitors per class.
- 4. Judging:** The judge will not be required to rank every exhibitor within each class. It will be up to the judge to determine how many exhibitors from each class will return for the Division Finals.
- 5. Division Finals:** Exhibitors selected by the judge from each class will return to compete for the Division Finals.
- 6. Show Order:** The division order will be Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Beginner.
- 7. Premium Payout:** Showmanship payout will be as follows:
 - a. Showmanship
 - Division Champion - \$500
 - Division Reserve Champion - \$350
 - Division 3rd Overall - \$250
 - Division 4th Overall - \$150
 - Division 5th Overall - \$100

Junior Breeding Gilt Show

Judge: TBA

DATE/TIME/LOCATION

Online Entry Deadline:	January 5, 2026		
Validation Kit Postmark Deadline:	January 19, 2026		
Barns Open:	Saturday, March 14	8AM	
Check-In:	Monday, March 16	9AM - 12PM	Old CLC
Show:	Tuesday, March 17	8 A.M.	Old CLC

SPECIAL RULES

This show is subject to the Junior Livestock Expo General Rules and Special Rules listed in this section.

- 1. Entry:** To be eligible, a completed Validation Kit and Entry Fee (\$50.00) for each entry must have been submitted to the Alabama Farmers Federation. There is no maximum number of entries an exhibitor can enter.
- 2. Registration:** Registration is required for a gilt to be eligible to show as a breed hog. Failure to correctly document a gilt will move the gilt to the crossbred division. Breeding gilts must be born on or after June 1st, 2025. Crossbred gilt classes will be broken upon weight at check-in.
- 3. Divisions:** Breeds will be designated by the exhibitor on the Validation Kit DNA Envelope. Exhibitors with registered swine will be required to send a COPY of the animal's Official Registration Papers in the Validation Kit. Registration papers must also be shown on arrival for each registered gilt. Official Registration Papers will be checked during Check-In to confirm entry into a breed listed below (excluding Crossbred). Swine shown in the Junior Breeding Gilt Show are not eligible for the Market Hog Division. The following breed divisions will be offered:

- Berkshire
- Chester White
- Duroc
- Hampshire
- Poland China
- Spotted
- Hereford
- Yorkshire
- AOB (as needed)
- Crossbred

- 4. Minimum Entry Criteria:** If any of the above listed breeds have less than six (6) entries at JLE, the entire breed will be moved to the AOB division.
- 5. Double Entry:** If determined at check in that animal will be shown as a breeding gilt, the animal will

not be permitted to enter into the market show or visa versa.

6. Breed Sponsorship: Prior to the end of Check-In, any interested party may choose to donate \$600 to sponsor a breed or breed derivative. Should this occur, all animals of similar breed entry will show as their own breed.

7. Class Breaks: Classes will be broken by animal age for purebreds at the conclusion of Check-In.

Crossbred Gilt classes will be broken by animal weight. There will be no minimum or maximum weight for Crossbred Gilts.

8. Top 5 Selections (Registered and Crossbred): After the completion of the final class within the registered breeding gilt division, 1st place animals only shall be available for a Top 5 registered breeding gilt selection. Likewise, after the completion of the final class within the crossbred breeding gilt division, 1st place animals only shall be available for a Top 5 crossbred breeding gilt selection. 2nd place animals shall be on standby for callbacks.

9. Bred & Owned Champion Selections: There will be no Bred and Owned champions selected.

10. Top 5 Supreme Overall Selection: At the conclusion of the Top 5 show, the 1st place animals from the registered and crossbred breeding gilt division shall compete for a Top 5 Supreme Overall breeding gilt selection. Animals placing 2nd-5th in the Top 5 registered or crossbred division shall be available for callbacks.

11. Ear Tags: All projects are required to have an Official 840 EID in order to show.

12. Premium Payout: Breeding Animal payout will be as follows:

- Class Premiums – To be determined at the conclusion of the show

<u>Junior Breeding Gilt Overall Show</u>	<u>Junior Registered Breeding Gilt</u>	<u>Junior Crossbred Breeding Gilt</u>
Supreme Champion Overall \$700	Champion \$400	Champion \$400
Reserve Supreme Champion Overall \$600	Reserve Champion \$350	Reserve Champion \$350
3 rd Supreme Overall \$500	3 rd \$300	3 rd \$300
4 th Supreme Overall \$400	4 th \$250	4 th \$250
5 th Supreme Overall \$300	5 th \$200	5 th \$200

Junior Market Show

Judge: TBA

DATE/TIME/LOCATION

Online Entry Deadline:	January 5, 2026		
Validation Kit Postmark Deadline:	January 19, 2026		
Barns Open:	Saturday, March 14	8 AM	
Check-In:	Monday, March 16	9AM - 12PM	Old CLC
Show:	Tuesday, March 17	Following Breeding	Old CLC
Release:	At conclusion of class		

SPECIAL RULES

This show is subject to the Junior Livestock Expo General Rules, the Junior Show Rules, and Special Rules listed in this section.

- 1. Entry:** To be eligible, a completed Validation Kit and Entry Fee (\$50.00) for each entry must have been submitted to the Alabama Farmers Federation. There is no maximum number of Market Hogs an exhibitor can enter.
- 2. Registration:** Registration is required for a market animal to be eligible to show as a breed hog. Failure to correctly document will move the animal to the crossbred division.
- 3. Show Weight:** Official Show Weight will be determined during Check-In as animals are placed on official show scales. Weights from the official show scales are considered final. Show management reserves the right to make final weight decisions at weigh-in.

Minimum Weight = 200 lbs

Maximum Weight = 300 lbs

- 4. Divisions:** Breeds will be designated by the exhibitor on the Validation Kit DNA Envelope. Exhibitors with registered swine will be required to send a COPY of the animal's Official Registration Papers in the Validation Kit. Registration papers must also be shown on arrival for each registered animal. Show management and the rules committee will inspect all market hogs for breed eligibility during check-in. Hogs shown in the Junior Breeding Gilt Show are not eligible for the Market Hog Division. The following breed divisions will be offered:

- Berkshire
- Chester White
- Duroc
- Hampshire
- Hereford
- Poland China
- Spotted
- Yorkshire
- AOB (as needed)
- Crossbred

4. Minimum Entry Criteria: Show Management reserves the right to move any breed into the AOB (any other breed) division provided there are less than six (6) total head entered.

5. Double Entry: If determined at check in that animal will enter as a market hog, the animal will not be permitted to enter in the breeding show or visa versa.

6. Breed Sponsorship: Prior to the end of Check-In, any interested party may choose to donate \$600 to sponsor a breed. Should this occur, all animals of similar breed entry will show as their own breed.

7. Class Breaks: Classes will be broken by animal weight at the conclusion of Check-In.

8. Top 5 Selections (Registered and Crossbred): After the completion of the final class within the registered market hog division, 1st place animals only shall be available for a Top 5 registered market hog selection. Likewise, after the completion of the final class within the crossbred market hog division, 1st place animals only shall be available for a Top 5 crossbred market hog selection. 2nd place animals shall be on standby for callbacks. **There will be no Bred & Owned champions for the Junior Market Hog Show.*

9. Top 5 Supreme Overall Selection: At the conclusion of the Top 5 show, the 1st place animals from the registered and crossbred market division shall compete for a Top 5 Supreme Overall market hog selection. Animals placing 2nd-5th in the Top 5 registered or crossbred division shall be available for callbacks.

10. Ear Tags: All projects are required to have an Official 840 EID to show.

11. Premium Payout: Market Animal payout will be as follows:

- Class Premiums - To be determined at the conclusion of the show

<u>Junior Market Overall Show</u>	<u>Junior Registered Market</u>	<u>Junior Crossbred Market</u>
Supreme Champion Overall \$700	Champion \$400	Champion \$400
Reserve Supreme Champion Overall \$600	Reserve Champion \$350	Reserve Champion \$350
3 rd Supreme Overall \$500	3 rd \$300	3 rd \$300
4 th Supreme Overall \$400	4 th \$250	4 th \$250
5 th Supreme Overall \$300	5 th \$200	5 th \$200