



CLAY COUNTY 4-H HERITAGE BREED SWINE SHOW

(Clay County Option Only)

*Updated for 2026

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ENROLLMENT:

- a) **Heritage swine breeds include: Gloucestershire Old Spot, Guinea Hog (American), Kunekune, Large Black/White, Meishan, Mulefoot and Red Wattle breeds.** Any breed that is not listed, will need to show in the regular 4-H swine show either as a purebred with papers or crossbred.
- b) **All heritage swine must be assigned an RFID (840) tag, that number should be entered along with your animal ID information on 4HOnline by May 15th.** The Extension Office has the RFID tags available to purchase for \$3. If you need assistance tagging, please contact the Extension Office or any Swine Committee member prior to the fair.
- c) Enrolled animals must be owned by the 4-H exhibitor by the May 15th deadline and must be under continuous care, responsibility and ownership through the date of the show, except where change of ownership was to 4-H member's complete ownership. Siblings will be allowed to co-enroll swine in 4Honline.
- d) All 4-H heritage barrows and gilts must be identified/enrolled in 4HOnline and identified by an RFID tag# prior to **May 15, 2026**.
- e) Premise ID numbers are required in 4HOnline.
- f) **Heritage breed pigs enrolled must have been farrowed on or after May 1, 2025.**
- g) **Heritage-breed Market Swine CANNOT be more than 14 months of age on July 1 of the current year.**
- h) County Fair class entries will be due by **July 1, 2026** on FairEntry.com.

HEALTH:

- a) Hogs will not be unloaded at the fair until inspected and, if necessary, approved by the veterinarian on duty. Animals showing any sign of communicable disease will not be allowed on the fairgrounds.
- b) Health rules as provided by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health will be followed. In case of a health question, a veterinarian will be contacted.
- c) Males must be castrated.

PENNING

- a) The Superintendent will assign pens prior to bringing hogs to the fairgrounds
- b) Exhibitors must furnish animal's food and water supplies.
- c) Members must provide their own bedding (shavings only, no straw). **Pens must be kept cleaned and kept dry** or the superintendent will insist they be cleaned.
- d) There will be a pen/stall fee of no more than \$5 per pen/stall due at the beginning of the fair. Please see your leader for further communication on this closer to fair.

SHOW:

- a) All 4-H Livestock may only be shown by a current Clay County 4-H member.
- b) RFID tags will be checked at fair weigh-in/check-in. **If they do not match the Indiana 4-H Online family profile entry, they will be disqualified.**
- c) **Registration papers are not required for heritage breeds.**
- d) If clipping at the fair occurs, there is no snaring allowed.
- e) The swine committee will determine show order and make classes
- f) **Heritage Breed classes:**
 - HB Market Gilt Classes (to be shown by weight)
 - HB Barrows (to be shown by weight)
- g) If two animals are in the same class, a substitute showman (current Clay County 4-H member) may be selected by the 4-H'er.
- h) **The heritage-breed swine show will take place immediately after the 4-H swine show (before Grand Drive).**

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i) ALL swine must stay on the Fairgrounds until all 4-H livestock is released on Thursday night. **No exceptions!**

AWARDS

Grand Champion Heritage Breed Market Gilt	Reserve Grand Champion Heritage Breed Market Gilt
Grand Champion Heritage Breed Barrow	Reserve Grand Champion Heritage Breed Barrow

SHOWMANSHIP:

4-H members that are showing heritage breed pigs will show showmanship with the regular swine show.

4-H members may only show their own animals that they will also exhibit in a regular 4-H class.

- a) **Junior Showmanship:** 3rd–5th graders as of Jan. 1, 2026. Once a 4-Her wins Overall Junior Showman, they may only compete in Intermediate Showmanship the following year.
- b) **Intermediate Showmanship:** 6th–8th graders as of Jan. 1, 2026, and all previous Junior winners. Once a 4-Her wins Overall Intermediate Showman, they may only compete in Senior Showmanship the following year.
- c) **Senior Showmanship:** 9th–12th graders as of Jan. 1, 2026, and all previous Intermediate winners. Winners may compete in the Champion of Champions class that year and in future years.
- d) **Champion of Champions Showmanship:** Open to all past Senior Division Champions, including the 2026 winner.

STATE FAIR INFORMATION:

- a) Not eligible for State Fair.

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training

To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training. This is an annual program that can be completed in-person by attending one of the classes on the following dates at the Fairgrounds:

- **March 18, 2026**
- **April 27, 2026**
- **May 21, 2026**
- **June 30, 2026**

An online option is available for \$12 through the YQCA program. Once you complete this [online course](#), you must email the Extension Office your final certificate emailed to you at completion showing your certification number.

CLAY COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION:

At this time heritage-bred pigs are not eligible for the auction, but please take the following in consideration as to what their market weight should be:

- Gloucestershire Old Spot 260# - 280#
- Guinea Hog (American) 150# - 180#
- Kunekune 150# - 225#
- Large Black 230# - 240#
- Meishan 250# - 260#
- Red Wattle 260# - 280#

Source: <https://livestockconservancy.org/>