

Steps for Exhibiting & Selling Swine 2024 Green County Fair

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1. **Obtain a Premise ID Number:** A Premise ID number will be required on all Green County Fair entry forms. *If you do not have a premise ID number you will not be allowed to enter any livestock for fair!* A premise ID number is needed for the location where the pigs will be housed. Premise ID numbers are free and can be obtained over the phone by calling the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium at 888-808-1910 or on-line at their web site at: www.wiid.org
2. **Pick up your Swine Identification Kits to Self-Identify Your Pigs at Extension Green County:** Exhibitors will be required to self-identify ALL fair pigs. ***Both barrows & gilts need to be self-identified and either will be eligible to sell in the 2024 auction.*** The kits contain the ear tags, tagger (needs to be returned), and forms for swine pictures, Auction Entry Form, Swine Health (Tyson) Verification Form, YQCA flyer, Auction Record Book, and instructions on “Steps for Exhibiting & Selling Swine” at the Green County Fair. Kits will be available starting **March 25th through April 12th** and cannot be mailed. Each exhibitor may identify a combined maximum of 5 pigs (barrows and gilts). Each pig must be identified on a Swine Photo Identification Form, with a maximum of 2 pigs on each form. **NEW this year, *Exhibitors will be allowed to bring a maximum of 3 pigs to fair, including both barrows & gilts.***
3. **Tag Pigs and Picture Identification:**
 - a. Exhibitors will need to put a button RFID tag in one ear of the pig and a visual tag in the other ear. Both tags have the same RFID numbers and tag kits should not mixed!
 - b. Load the tagger properly (see instructions and photos included in your ID kit).
 - c. Place the male portion of the tag on to the back of the ear with the female portion to the inner ear. The tip of the male part should be in the center of the ear, between the ridges of cartilage avoiding any obvious veins. Squeeze the applicator firmly together. Make sure tags are secure. If both tags fall out, it will cost \$50 to re-tag!!
 - d. After tagging each pig, one ID picture needs to be taken-- **a front head view clearly showing the RFID tag in the pig's ear**. Use the included form to mount the picture on and fill in the information pertinent to that pig. You must identify barrow or gilt on the forms as well. Please also verify if the pig is home born and raised and if it's a purebred (must have paperwork).
4. **Return the Picture ID Form to Extension Green County by April 12th !**
Picture ID Forms must be **returned to Extension Green County office by April 12th** to exhibit swine at the **2024** Green County Fair. Picture ID forms can list family youth, including all siblings, within the immediate family. **Swine ID forms can be dropped off at the Extension Green County office or drop box in our front lobby.**
5. **Get YQCA Certified before May 20th :** All swine exhibitors are required to be YQCA certified by May 20th to exhibit at the Green County Fair. Youth can certify on-line at: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>.
6. **Fair Entries & Auction Entry Forms:** Youth **MUST HAVE** their YQCA Certification number to do online Fair Entries. Fair Entries need to be completed online by May 20th and Auction Entry Forms are due to the Extension Green County Office by 4:30pm May 20th . No Exceptions on either of these!
7. **Complete a Tyson Medical Form and Affidavit by June 21st (Green)** Each family must complete and sign the medical form and affidavit from Tyson Foods. This form must be turned into the Extension Green County Office by 4:30pm along with the signed buyer cards on June 21st.
8. **Turn in Signed Auction Buyer Cards by June 21st !** Each exhibitor must turn in two signed buyer cards to the Extension Green County Office by 4:30pm on June 21st .
9. **Obtain a WI Intrastate Movement Certificate from a Veterinarian:** This certificate is required for all pigs from WI and must be obtained from a Veterinarian through a visit to your farm by the vet within 30 days of the Green County Fair. Pigs purchased from out of state have additional health paper requirements (see health rules in the Fair book). Health forms must be turned into the Swine Superintendents before your pigs are unloaded at fair on July 15th.

10. **Carcass Class** The final placing for overall Carcass Champion and Reserve Champion will be based on 70% scanned data and 30% live placing. The Champion and Reserve Champion Carcass winners will be sold in the auction. **NEW – Barrows or Gilts** can be entered in the carcass contest.
11. **Purebred and Home Born & Raised Classes:** The Purebred & Home Born & Raised classes coordinated by the Green County Pork Producers will have premiums sponsored by Klitzman Seed, LLC. New this year, swine entered in the Purebred or Home Born & Raised classes are auction eligible (provided all auction rules are met) and Swine entered in those classes cannot be shown in the regular market classes. Champions from these two classes will compete against the champion market barrow and champion gilt to determine the overall Swine Champion.
- **Home Born and Raised-** Junior exhibitors must be determined as the owner of the sow at the time of service. The breeder (junior exhibitor) must be the owner. Pre-Entry is necessary. Pigs will need to be identified as bred and owned on swine identification forms and also entered on the fair entry program. Bred and owned status will be verified by superintendents at check-in. Home Born and Raised do not have to be pure-bred and can be crossbred.
 - **Purebred class-** Junior exhibitors must present purebred registration papers at the time of check-in on Monday. Animals must be in the name of the exhibitor, or in the name of the parent/guardian and the exhibitor, or in the name of the family by May 15th of the exhibit year.
12. **Follow Label Recommendations for Feed Additives & Medications:** All pigs shipped to Tyson are tested for drug residues and by signing their affidavit you are responsible for any pigs that test positive. If one of your animals tests positive for drug residues the entire immediate family will be permanently banned from exhibiting pigs at the Green County Fair. Make sure to follow label regulations when using feed additives. Not all pigs need additives to win in the show ring, and their misuse can cause increased stress, lameness and even death.
13. **Remember, Tyson won't accept pigs fed Ractopamine (commonly known as Paylean).** Please make sure the feed being fed to Green County Fair pigs doesn't contain Ractopamine. By signing the Tyson form, you are acknowledging that the pigs are ractopamine free.

Again In 2024:

- Exhibitors who **sell animals in any other Fair Meat Animal Auction** are **NOT** eligible to sell at the Green County Fair Meat Animal Auctions that same year. The only exception to this rule would be if their animals are sold through the Governors Auction at the WI State Fair. Youth may also participate in other Youth Fair Auctions where their **animals are not sold** without losing their eligibility to participate in the Green County Fair Meat Animal Auction.
- If you **exhibit pigs in another state and the pigs return to Wisconsin after the show, you must notify the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) of the movement before returning to Wisconsin and before exhibiting the same pigs at the Green County Fair.** The WI DATCP may issue you an import permit, and upon re-entry into Wisconsin the pigs, herd of origin, or both will be quarantined until a herd plan is developed and approved.
- **If you have questions regarding your swine project please call your 4-H Swine Project Leader, Agriculture Instructor, Loran Klitzman Swine Superintendent at 608-751-9858, Brad Grossen at 608-214-4816, or the Extension Green County Office at 608-328-9440.**

Drop off ID forms: Extension Green County, 2841 6th St, Monroe, WI 53566.

For questions, contact the extension office at 608-328-9440 or Jackie McCarville at

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