

2026 PA FARM SHOW

DEPARTMENT 4 - SWINE

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSON!



Gus Parlett has made significant contributions to the swine industry. Gus is known for his breeding and finishing operation in Airville, Pennsylvania. Gus and family have claimed impressive honors including supreme champions and top placings at fairs all over the state of Pennsylvania.

ENTRY DEADLINE

All entries must be made online using FairEntry software
no later than November 6, 2025.

Please be sure to review all general rules and
department rules prior to entering.



New for 2026

Youth Poster Contest

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PA Secretary of Agriculture, Russell C. Redding

Pennsylvania's State Fair showcases top competitors from 108 county and local fairs, and the diversity and quality of Pennsylvania's agriculture industry, the innovative people who make it thrive, and the faces of our proud past and promising future. The show offers visitors a peek into the industry that supports 593,000 Pennsylvania jobs and contributes \$132.5 billion to Pennsylvania's economy every year. See you at the PA Farm Show!

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Gilt Age Limit	1. The Swine Show will be limited to gilts farrowed on or after January 1, 2025. Gilts will be entered and shown in one of three classes: January gilts, February gilts, or March and after gilts.
Breeding and Ownership	2. All entries must have been farrowed by a member of a Pennsylvania Purebred Breeder but not necessarily by the exhibitor. All gilts must have been owned by the exhibitor by July 1, 2025, of the year she was farrowed. All gilts must have an official legible herd identification tattoo and ear notch and be free of fresh ear notches.
Exhibitor Requirements	3. An exhibitor is defined as anyone maintaining a registered herd under a specific registration name. Partnerships, corporations, father and son names, etc. will be designated as a single exhibitor. In case of joint ownership, all owners must be residents of Pennsylvania. Entry fee is \$10.00 per head and must accompany the online entry application.
Arrival	4. All gilts may begin arriving between 1-4 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, again at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, and must be in place by 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. The care of the gilts will be at the sole responsibility of the exhibitor.
Check-In	5. Check-in will be on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, ending at 3 p.m. Individual registration certificates must be presented to the breed secretaries at check-in. All Berkshire swine must be registered by the American Berkshire Association (ABA), PO Box 2436, 1769 US 52 W., West Lafayette, IN 47996. Said registration paper must be presented at time of check-in. The ABA is the only Berkshire swine registry recognized by the National Association of Swine Records (NASR) and the National Pedigreed Livestock Council (NPLC). Substitution of animals for reasons satisfactory to the management will be permitted, providing the animal to be substituted was owned by the exhibitor at the time entries closed. All substitutions must be made within breed, i.e. Duroc for Duroc. All requests for substitution of this kind and the reason therefore must be filed with the Show Manager and the breed secretary by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. No substitutes will be permitted after that hour.
Gilt Requirements	6. All gilts exhibited in the open class must be bred and be with pig to the best knowledge of the exhibitor. Gilts may be bred for either purebred litters or non-purebred litters.
Supreme Champion Gilt and Sale	7. A Supreme Champion Gilt of all breeds will be selected following the completion of the show on Thursday, January 8, 2026. The sale is at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 9, 2026. The sale order is Duroc, Berkshire, Chester White, Hereford, Landrace, Hampshire, Spotted Swine, Poland China, and Yorkshire.
Swine Sale	8. The swine sale will be conducted and administered by the Pennsylvania Swine Breeders Cooperative Association and will be participated in only by members of this Association. All swine exhibitors must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the Pennsylvania Swine Breeders Cooperative Association and pay the necessary catalog and entry fees in advance. All eligible gilts must be offered for sale in the swine sale. If a question of eligibility under the above rule is not resolved to the satisfaction of an exhibitor, he/she may appeal to a committee, appointed by the Farm Show Commission Chairman and composed of representatives of the Farm Show Commission, and the Breed Association.
Swine Sale Enrollment Form	9. The swine sale enrollment form must be completed and submitted with the appropriate funds to the Pennsylvania Swine Breeders Cooperative Association and to Harry Bachman by November 14, 2025.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

New Exhibitors	10. Premium checks AND bred gilt monies will be held 30 days on any new exhibitor. If a buyer has a problem with any new exhibitor's gilt not being bred, the buyer must contact Harry Bachman within 30 days of the sale. In order to show another year, new exhibitors must have a clean record to the satisfaction of the PA Swine Breeders Co-Op Officers.
Release	11. All animals must be removed by 2 p.m. on Friday, January 9, 2026.
<i>New!</i> Barn Watch	12. If it's not right, report it! Because doing the right thing matters, every time, every ring. Report suspicious activity in the barns anonymously via form: https://forms.office.com/g/dEkb5671XR .
<i>New!</i> Code of Show Ring Ethics	13. The Mandatory Code of Show Ring Ethics form must be read, signed, dated, and then uploaded with entry by the entry deadline.

The exhibitor of the Supreme Champion Gilt will receive a \$255 award sponsored by the Friends of the Farm Show Foundation.

What to Enter

All entries will be made in the "Entry Slot" class. Animals will be declared at check-in.

See General Rules, Regulations & Health Requirements online at <https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/rules-regulations>

HOW TO ENTER



Use Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox for best results.



Register all entries for each exhibitor in the family before proceeding to payment section.



Be sure to click the SUBMIT button when you have completed your entries.



Check your email inbox for a confirmation email with a list of your entries and invoice.



Be sure you receive the second email when your entries are approved by the Farm Show.



[Step by step entry video](#)



[Step by step entry document](#)



BREEDING SWINE CLASSES

JUDGE

Howard Parrish, Edon, OH

DATE/TIME

Breeding Swine Classes

Thursday, January 8, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Small Arena

CHART OF CLASSES - 001-009

Division	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Open Class	Berkshire	Chester White	Duroc	Hampshire	Landrace	Poland China	Spotted Swine	Yorkshire	Hereford	Award
Entry Slot (All entries must be made in this class)	550	560	570	580	590	600	610	620	630	
January Gilts	551	561	571	581	591	601	611	621	631	
February Gilts	552	562	572	582	592	602	612	622	632	
March and after Gilts	553	563	573	583	593	603	613	623	633	
Champion	554	564	574	584	594	604	614	624	634	\$56.10 and Plaque
Reserve Champion	555	565	575	585	595	605	615	625	635	\$28.05 and Rosette
Supreme Champion Gilt	653									\$306 and Banner

Breeding Swine Class Premiums Per Breed

Top five monies in each class regardless of number of entries:
\$89.76, \$79.66, \$70.69, \$61.71, \$56.10

Entries	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
6	\$39.27	-	-	-	-
7	\$40.39	\$34.78	-	-	-
8	\$43.76	\$38.15	\$35.90	-	-
9	\$47.12	\$41.51	\$38.15	\$34.78	-
10	\$50.49	\$44.88	\$40.39	\$37.03	\$33.66

Supreme Champion Gilt Award Sponsor: The Mill

New!

YOUTH POSTER CONTEST

JUDGE	DATE/TIME
TBA	Youth Poster Contest Thursday, January 8, 2026 9:00 a.m. Small Arena

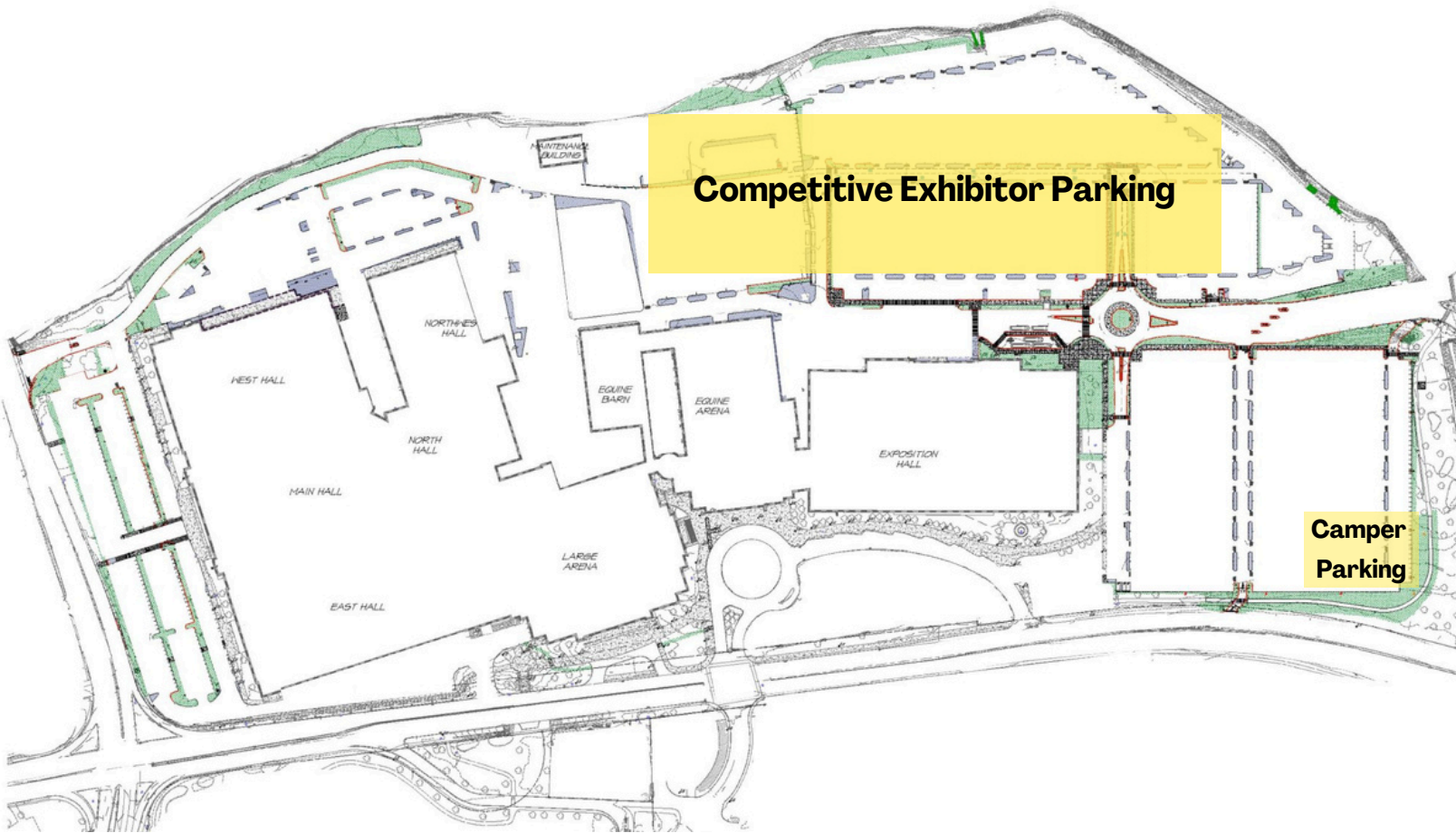
Topic	1. The theme for the America's 250 th Swine Youth Poster Contest is Heritage Breeds of Swine . The purpose is to educate viewers on the history & value of the heritage breeds of swine
Deadline	2. The deadline to enter is November 6, 2025.
Eligibility	3. Open to all Pennsylvania residents currently enrolled in 4-H or FFA youth.
Arrival	4. All posters must arrive at the Farm Show Complex by 3 p.m., Wednesday, January 7, 2026. Posters may be hand delivered or sent to Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center, Attn: Youth Swine Poster Contest, 2300 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg, PA 17110-9443.
Release	5. Entries will be released after 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 17, 2026. Any posters not claimed will become the property of the Farm Show Swine Department
Size	6. Each entry must be 14" x 22" in size. All others will be disqualified. They should be flat and not include items that make them three-dimensional.
Design	7. Illustrations, drawings, photos or other graphics can be used with references listed on the back of the poster. Any artistic media can be used to create the poster such as paint, markers, crayons, pencils, etc. Design must be original. No copyrighted material may be used. Exhibitor's name, address, phone number, and age should be listed on the back of the poster.
Judging	8. Posters will be evaluated on educational content, visual appearance, & creativity.

CHART OF CLASSES

Class 1	Ages 8-12
Class 2	Ages 13-18

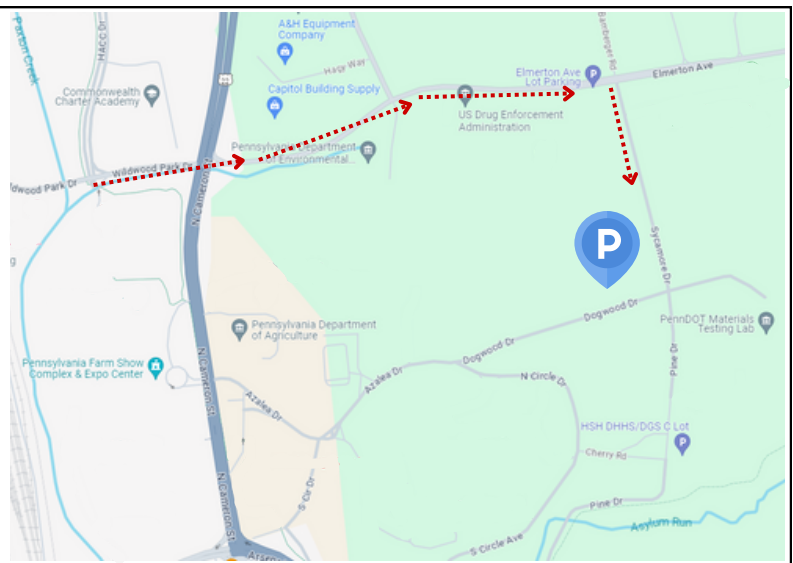
A commemorative America's 250th rosette will be awarded to 1st through 3rd place in each class.

PARKING MAP



TRAILER PARKING

ALL trailers must be parked off-site at the secured Elmertown parking lot, as directed by security.



PARKING

VEHICLE PASSES

Exhibitors are allotted 1 free parking pass for the duration of the event at the show. Passes will be mailed to you in December.

Order additional vehicle passes prior to Dec. 1 at a discounted rate! \$7.50 daily & \$75 weekly



CAMPING

Camping is discouraged, but available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reservations are not accepted ahead of time. See Security upon arrival.

\$115 first day, \$60 each additional day
Fees include 4 parking spaces and access to electric
Additional parking spaces \$25 per day

FIRE REGULATIONS

1. All exit corridors and emergency exits must be kept clear; no partial blocking will be permitted.
2. All fire alarm pull stations must be kept clear.
3. Fire extinguishers may not be covered by any drapes or hidden by any type of displays.
4. No motorized camping units or vehicles may contain more than one (1) gallon of fuel while on display.
5. All pressurized fuel tanks may be drained.
6. All fuel fills must be locked and fuel caps must be taped closed with duct tape.
7. Any living trees and shrubs are acceptable as long as the shrubbery is individually bagged and baled.
8. Artificial trees and shrubbery must be treated with a flame proofing material. The fire official may request certification of flame proofing.
9. Any type of mulch materials must be treated with a flame proofing material or watered daily. If treated with a flame proofing material, certification may be requested by the fire official.
10. Smoking is prohibited in the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center.
11. No open flames, fires or burning of any kind will be permitted within the Complex. No exterior burning is allowed unless the Department of Environmental Protection and the Bureau of Fire grant permission.
12. Vendors setting up tents, canopies and membrane covering must provide fire department with fire rating of material. Vendors must also provide any required portable fire extinguishers as needed.
13. Outside propane tanks shall be protected by posts or other approved physical barriers (Jersey barriers).
14. Extinguishers need to be visible, accessible and located in a conspicuous location where they will be readily accessible and immediately available for uses. These locations shall be along normal paths of travel.
15. Doors shall never be blocked or tied off.
16. The Fire Prevention Code of Harrisburg will be strictly enforced.

Contact the Harrisburg Bureau of Fire with any questions regarding the above regulations at 717-255-6464 or fax to 717-255-6448.

R. E. Gallatin Jr.
Fire Inspector
123 Walnut St. Suite 220
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Phone: 717-225-3105



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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIPS

EARLY DETECTION

- Early detection is the most effective way to prevent emergencies or lessen their impacts.
- Vendors and exhibitors will likely be the first to witness, experience, or report incidents.
- You can be the difference in preventing something harmful from happening.
- To report any type of threat or emergency incident, notify the PA State Police Command Post.

BOMB THREATS

- Threats can be made in person, by phone, or in written message.
- Collect as much detailed information as possible about the threat (when, why, how, exact wording of threat, type of voice, personal appearance, clothing description, name, gender, phone number, physical address).
- It is especially important to know the perpetrator's timeline for activation of the device (when will it occur?).
- Immediately report the threat to the State Police Command Post.
- Authorities will investigate the threat and make the proper decisions accordingly in coordination with facility management.

LOST CHILDREN

- Be sure to get the full name of the lost child and keep them safe with you. Notify the Farm Show security desk or closest security/law enforcement team. PSP or Farm Show staff will help to reunite lost children with loved ones.

STATE POLICE
717-787-4171

FARM SHOW SECURITY
717-231-6565

SHELTER IN PLACE

- Although rare, there could be incidents that occur outside the facility that could put people at risk (chemical fire, very severe weather). In these instances, a shelter-in-place plan will be implemented for the welfare of all occupants.

SUSPICIOUS OBJECT

- Do not touch or disturb the object.
- Maintain a safe distance from the object and attempt to isolate the area.
- Notify the State Police Command Post with a description and location of the object.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

- Observe the circumstances and behavior of the suspicious activity.
- Notify the State Police Command Post and provide as much detail as possible.
- Details about the person should include direction of travel, appearance, height and weight, build, clothing, speech, and anything about the behavior that indicates suspicion.

SEE SOMETHING? SAY SOMETHING!

Security and Law Enforcement Stations are located at the Cameron Street Lobby entrance and the Crossroads Security Office

EMERGENCY

PREPAREDNESS TIPS

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FLOODING

- Facility management will attempt to mitigate the effects of flooding and natural disasters before they happen and will work with all show vendors during this type of event.
- The Maclay and West parking lots are susceptible to flash flooding.
- Avoid contact with flood water.
- If major interstates or surrounding roads are being closed, facility management will make announcements accordingly.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

- Notify the State Police Command Post and they will dispatch emergency medical services to the location.
- Describe the nature and severity of the medical incident and location of the victim.
- Do not attempt to move the person unless you are a trained medical responder.
- Stay with the victim and seek help from others if necessary.
- If rendering aid due to your training, be careful not to expose yourself to hazards such as fire, electricity, hazardous materials, or blood borne pathogens

FIRE & EVACUATION

- If you see a fire, activate the nearest alarm or notify the Farm Show Security Desk.
- The City of Harrisburg Bureau of Fire will respond to the alarm.
- When the building evacuation alarm is activated, leave by the closest and safest exit and alert others to do the same.
- Quickly take all personal belongings.
- Please listen to the instructions of the PA system announcements, Farm Show Complex employees, or responders.
- Do not use elevators!
- The facility is equipped with sprinklers and ABC fire extinguishers.
- Once outside, move a safe distance from the building.
- Do not return to an evacuated building until the 'all-clear' sign is provided by the Fire Chief, a Police Officer, or any other official first responder.
- Do not operate cell phones during an evacuation until the 'all-clear' is given

VIOLENT BEHAVIOR

- Your safety comes first. Use your best judgement to preserve your life.
- Report any physical abuse to the State Police Command Post.
- If there's an active shooter in the facility but not in your area, evacuate the facility and find safety.
- If the active shooter is near your area and preventing your escape, go to a room that can be lock or barricaded or hide and remain silent.
- If the shooter knows you are there but you feel you can flee, quickly evacuate the area.
- If you feel like fleeing is not possible, you can either confront, or attempt to overpower the person.
- If there is a shooter, messages regarding the known location of that person may be broadcast over the PA System.

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FAMILIAR FACES

BARN MANAGERS

Lexi Shannon and Grant Itle have once again committed to being your Barn Managers.

Need assistance in any of the barns?

Reach out!



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