

MARKET SWINE DIVISION

NOTE - ALL SWINE MUST BE IN BARN BY 6:00 P.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026.

1. All entries in this department will be subject to the general rules and regulations and the Junior Livestock Auction rules.
2. Entry fee will be \$10.00 per swine.
3. All swine must be tagged in the left ear at validation, with ear tags provided by the Jim Wells County Fair Association.
4. All market swine must be owned, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by the 3rd Saturday of June. A swine validation form will be available and must be complete. Validation for market swine will be held on the following dates, locations, and times: 3rd Saturday of June: Orange Grove Ag Farm 8:00 am - 10:00 am, Alice Ag Farm 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Ben Bolt Ag Farm 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm, Premont Ag Farm, 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm
5. A swine validation form will be filled at time of validation. Breed, sex, animal ID tag number and ear notches will be recorded.
6. Exhibitors will not be charged validation fees on the first three (3) head of market swine validated. Exhibitors may validate additional market swine at a cost of \$5.00 per head. Validation fees must be paid at validation.
7. Each 4-H and FFA organization is to submit a list of all swine on feed. This list is to be turned in at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds by 10 days after validation. The list must contain breed, sex and tag number.
8. Each exhibitor is required to make sure his/her pen assignment is posted in the swine office on or before Tuesday, October 20 by 12:00 noon.
9. The breed division will be designated by the market swine superintendents at their discretion.
10. Awards will be given in each division.
11. Swine must weigh between 230-290 pounds at weigh-in. The division superintendents of the market swine will decide the weight classes to their discretion.
12. Any sifted or keep swine may be removed from swine barn between 7:00 am and 8:30 am Friday only. Animals that make auction may be removed starting at 7:00 am on Sunday. All swine must be removed by 10:00 am on Sunday. All animals must be signed out through superintendent.
13. Weighing and sifting will be done by alleys between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday. No exhibitors will be allowed to reweigh after crossing the scales unless deemed necessary by the market swine superintendents.
14. The sifting judge will rule out any entry that does not grade U.S. No. 1. Sifting and classifiers decision will be final. Exhibitors are responsible for all sifted animals.
15. **Resale truck will be offered to any swine that competes in the market show, ONLY IF QUOTA IS MET FOR RESALE BUYER.** All resale designations must be made no later than 30 minutes following the market show.
16. The two (2) top animals in each weight class will be considered for Champion and Reserve Champion.
17. All breed champions will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.

18. Wash rack is not to be used as a holding pen or for feeding; NO FEED PANS ALLOWED. The division superintendent will post feed schedule.
19. No clipping is allowed on the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds.
20. All swine shall be groomed with **WATER ONLY** (no oil based products) for the sift, show and sale. Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, oiling, artificially coloring or adhesives is prohibited. If anything, other than water is used during show, will be disqualified from show and animal will not be shown.
21. No show sticks used by exhibitors in the judging ring shall exceed ½ inch in diameter.

JUNIOR BREEDING GILT DIVISION

1. All entries in this department will be subject to the general rules and regulations and must be a 4-H or FFA member in Jim Wells County.
2. Entry fee will be \$10.00 per swine.
3. All animals must be owned, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by the 3rd Saturday of June. Breeding Gilts will be validated on same dates, locations and time as market swine validations.
4. Breeding Gilts will consist of five divisions as follows:

Duroc	Hampshire	Other Pure Breeds	Light Crosses	Dark Crosses
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5. The superintendent will determine number of classes within each division. In the event that more than ten head of another breed are entered, a division will be established.
6. Breeding gilts must weigh between 220-300 pounds at weigh-in. All breeding gilts must be weighed-in.
7. No clipping is allowed on Jim Wells County Fairgrounds.
8. All swine shall be groomed with **WATER ONLY** (no oil based products) for the sift, show and sale. Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, oiling, artificially coloring or adhesives is prohibited. If anything, other than water is used during show, will be disqualified from show and animal will not be shown.
9. All breeding animals not selling in the Junior Auction Sale may be removed on Friday from 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
10. An award will be presented to the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion.
11. Premium scale \$8.00 per head up to 5 head and \$4.00 thereafter.

EXAMPLE	\$40	\$32	\$24	\$16	\$8	\$4	\$4
7 head	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	7 TH
6 head	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	
5 head	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH		
4 head		1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH		
3 head or less			1 ST	2 ND	3 RD		

Please Note - Premium money will be paid on 3 animals owned by one exhibitor. Superintendent will determine number of places to be paid at his discretion.