May 21st, 2025

RE: Iowa County Fair Swine Project Sponsorship

Dear Iowa County Fair Friends and Supporters,

We hope you are doing well and enjoying spring thus far! We would like to invite you to the Iowa County Fair this fall which will take place August 28th – September 1st, 2025, at the Iowa County Fairgrounds in Mineral Point. Our 4-H and FFA members have been working hard to prepare their animals for show at the fair, and we would love to see you at our swine shows on August 28th and 29th. Please see the attached schedule for more information and details.

Raising livestock is essential to the development of our youth. It teaches them valuable life skills such as hard work, accountability, and communication. Livestock shows are a great way for these kids to showcase their knowledge and hard work, and to create relationships that will last a lifetime. It's important that we recognize our youth swine exhibitors and celebrate their accomplishments so we can create a fun and memorable experience for them each year.

We invite you to consider supporting the swine department this year either monetarily or in kind. We offer many awards to our exhibitors to recognize their animals and accomplishments. In place of trophies, we prefer to award the exhibitors with banners, show pig supplies (feeders, skin and hair supplies, buckets, etc.), coolers, chairs, or gift cards that they can take home and use.

Additionally, we will be making some upgrades to the swine barn this year. We will be replacing the front gates on the pens to make them easier for our youth and families to open and close as well as pouring concrete in the aisles by the pens to prevent rodent problems, erosion, and reduce dust.

If you are interested in supporting the swine program or building upgrades, please fill out the attached form and return it to the Iowa County Fair P.O. Box 92 Mineral Point, WI 53565. All sponsors will receive recognition on swine barn signage, during the swine shows, in the local newspapers, on the fair Facebook page, and on the respective awards or pens.

Thank you for your consideration and support and please call Morgan Worek at 608-553-2196 if you have any questions or have other ideas of how we can partner to benefit our youth!

Sincerely,

Morgan Worek & Todd Schmitz

Iowa County Fair Swine Superintendents

Enclosure

2025 Iowa County Fair Swine Show Schedule

Gard Swine Pavilion

Thursday, August 28th

6:00 p.m. **- Market Gilt Show**

- Pee Wee Showmanship

- This event is for young people who are too young to show in 4-H or FFA. Our junior exhibitors graciously let us use their pigs for this short show. We typically split kids into 2 or 3 heats, assign them to a pig, and let them showcase their skills for 5- 10 minutes. If you know someone who may be interested in participating, please arrive at the show ring area around 7:00 p.m. and we will provide directions at that time.

Friday, August 29th

8:00 a.m. **- Market Barrow Show**

- Please join us before the Champion Barrow Drive for a special dedication in honor of Lora Springer. *

- Showmanship (Oldest to youngest)

- Pen of Three Contest

- In this contest, clubs compete for the best "pen of three" pigs. They bring all three animals out at one time and are judged on the quality, uniformity, and market animal characteristics of the three animals.

2:00 p.m. **-Bacon Buddies Show**

- Bacon Buddies is an inclusive swine show that gives Iowa County Fair youth swine exhibitors and individuals that have learning or intellectual disabilities (a.k.a. "Buddies") the opportunity to collaborate and show a pig together! The show is open to people of all ages and abilities. If you know someone who may be interested in participating, please contact Morgan Worek at 608-553-2196 or email morgan.pittz@gmail.com. We invite you to attend and support our participants during this one-of-a-kind event!

Saturday, August 30th

3:00 p.m. **- Livestock Auction in Schimming Building**

- Come support our youth by participating in the livestock auction and enjoy a delicious steak sandwich prepared by the Iowa County Cattleman's Association!

* To stay up to date on the fair schedule and events, visit www.iowacountyfair.org. *

2025 Swine Department Sponsorship Form

Sponsor Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

(Note: An invoice will be sent to the address above for your tax-deductible donation.)

Phone Number: _____Email: _____

Please select the award(s) or area(s) you would like to sponsor:

- ☐ Same as last year
- ☐ No specific award; allocate where needed

- ☐ Grand Champion Market Barrow- $50
- ☐ Reserve Champion Market Barrow- $50
- ☐ Third Overall Market Barrow- $40
- ☐ Fourth Overall Market Barrow- $40
- ☐ Grand Champion Gilt- $50
- ☐ Reserve Champion Gilt- $50
- ☐ Third Overall Market Gilt- $40
- ☐ Fourth Overall Market Gilt- $40
- ☐ Grand Champion Home Born and Raised Barrow- $40
- ☐ Reserve Champion Home Born and Raised Barrow- $40
- ☐ Grand Champion Home Born and Raised Gilt- $40
- ☐ Reserve Champion Home Born and Raised Gilt- $40
- ☐ Grand Champion Showmanship Award (5) - $40
- ☐ Reserve Champion Showmanship Award (5) - $40
- ☐ Pee Wee Showmanship- In kind items (Snacks, coupons, etc.)
- ☐ Pen of Three Contest (3)- (1) $75, (1) $50, (1) $25

Questions, Notes, Special Requests:

- ☐ Bacon Buddies Swine Show- T-shirt sponsor, media sponsor, snacks, in kind items, etc.

- ☐ Swine Barn Upgrades Sponsor- 1 pen for $350, 2 pens for $650, 3 pens for $1,000 or custom amount: $ _____
  - New front gates for pens and concrete in aisles.
  - This price includes the cost per pen, an engraved nameplate that will be fastened to a pen with your name on it, and concrete that we will be pouring in the center aisles to reduce dust, erosion, and rodent issues.
  - Name/ verbiage to have engraved on nameplate(s): _____

Amount Enclosed: ☐

Checks may be written out to: Iowa County Fair (Memo Line: Swine sponsor)
Mail to: Iowa County Fair, P.O. Box 92, Mineral Point, WI 53565