

**Georgia Farm Credit Associations
Winter Pig Classic
January 3-4, 2025
Georgia National Fairgrounds
Perry, GA**

Judge: Aaron Cobb

***** General Show Rules, Information, and Dates *****

- **ENTRY DEADLINE**: All entries will be accepted through **theshowportal.com** by December 20, 2024. A late fee of \$20.00 per head will be required after this date. **See details under the rules section.**
- **Gates Open**: Gates open Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 12:00 PM and Friday, January 3, 2025, starting at 8:00 AM. All animals must be in place by noon on Friday, January 3, 2025. Penning will be assigned by County/School Groups. Penning assignments will be sent out by email the week of the show. **NO SHAVINGS WILL BE PROVIDED!**
- **Check-In**: Friday, January 3, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM inside New South Arena.

WPC SCHEDULE

- **Thursday, January 2, 2025**
 - Gates open for hog arrivals-12:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- **Friday, January 3, 2025**
 - Gates open for hog arrivals-8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
 - Check-In-8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
 - MIGHTY SHOWMANSHIP- 1:00 PM
 - Showmanship- 2:00 PM
- **Saturday, January 4, 2025**
 - 8:00 AM
 - Purebred Gilt Show
 - Crossbred Gilt Show
 - Top 5 Champion Breeding Gilt
 - Purebred Market Barrow Show
 - Crossbred Market Barrow Show
 - Top 5 Market Barrow
 - Market Gilt Show
 - Top 5 Market Gilt
 - Top 5 Market Hog Selection

*****WINTER PIG CLASSIC HOG SHOW RULES AND INFORMATION*****

● **Purebred Breeding Gilt Show: Saturday, January 3, 2025.**

- Breed Champions Awarded to AOB, Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, and Yorkshire

**Breed Champions-Prize money will be based on entries
Reserve Breed Champion-Prize money will be based on entries**

● **Commercial Breeding Gilt Show: Saturday, January 3, 2025.**

- Will follow the purebred breeding gilt show.
- Will use the weigh-back rules.
- Gilts cannot weigh more than 350 lbs.

**Breed Champions- Prize money will be based on entries
Reserve Breed Champion-Prize money will be based on entries**

Breeding Gilt Champions

**Supreme Breed Champion-\$TBD
Reserve Supreme Breed Champion-\$TBD
3rd Overall Breed Champion-\$TBD
4th Overall Breed Champion-\$TBD
5th Overall Breed Champion-\$TBD**

● **Purebred Barrow Show: Saturday, January 3, 2025.**

- Will take place after the conclusion of the Champion Breeding Gilt show.
- Breed Champions Awarded to AOB, Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, and Yorkshire
- Barrows must not weigh more than 285 lbs.
- All Breed and Reserve Breed Champions are eligible to compete for the Top 5 Champion Market Barrow Awards.

**Purebred Champions- Prize money will be based on entries
Reserve Purebred Champion-Prize money will be based on entries**

● **Crossbred Barrow Show: Saturday, January 3, 2025.**

- Will take place after the Purebred Barrow Show.
- The Market Barrow show will be divided into Light and Dark Cross Divisions.
- Barrows must not weigh more than 285 lbs.

**Crossbred Barrow Champion- Prize money will be based on entries
Reserve Crossbred Barrow Champion-Prize money will be based on entries**

Top 5 Market Barrow Champions

**Champion Market Barrow
Reserve Champion Market Barrow
3rd Overall Market Barrow
4th Overall Market Barrow
5th Overall Market Barrow**

- **Market Gilt Show: Saturday, January 3, 2025.**
 - Will take place after the conclusion of the Top 5 Market Barrow Champions.
 - Gilts must not weigh more than 285 lbs.
 - All market Gilt division champions will compete for the Top 5 Market Gilt Champion
 - The Market Gilt show will be divided into Light and Dark Cross Divisions.

Top 5 Market Gilt Champions

**Champion Market Gilt
Reserve Champion Market Gilt
3rd Overall Market Gilt
4th Overall Market Gilt
5th Overall Market Gilt**

Overall Market Hog Champions

**Champion Market Hog-\$TBD
Reserve Champion Market Hog-\$TBD
3rd Overall Market Hog-\$TBD
4th Overall Market Hog-\$TBD
5th Overall Market Hog-\$TBD**

WINTER PIG CLASSIC GUIDELINES
(PLEASE READ ALL GUIDELINES BEFORE SUBMITTING ENTRIES)

1. Any exhibitor 12th grade and younger is eligible to show. Pre-Club exhibitors must be able to exhibit his/her market hogs without the assistance of an adult or older exhibitor in the ring or the holding area.
2. All market swine must be blood tested PRV and Brucellosis negative within 45 days of the show and have an official health certificate. All out-of-state swine must have a prior permit number on the health certificate. Please remember that the Georgia State Diagnostic Lab closes during the Christmas holidays. To avoid problems, please check with your veterinarian early to provide ample "turnaround time."
3. Entries are open nationwide. Market barrows, market gilts, purebred gilts, and purebred barrows are eligible. No BOARS! Only Barrows and gilts are eligible to be shown and will be shown separately. There is no limit to the number of entries per exhibitor.
4. Market Barrows and Market Gilts MUST BE TAGGED. Each entry must have a clean, readable ear tag in place. No pigs will be accepted without an ear tag. Pigs must be tagged before check-in. Pigs do not have to be entered in the State Market Hog Show to enter this show. **No exceptions will be made.** The online entry process will not allow an entry without a tag number.
5. Purebred animals do not have to have ear tags but must be ear notched according to their registration certificate.
6. All entries must be submitted by December 20, 2024. **The entry fee is \$50.00 per pig, including registration and one pen. There will not be any shavings provided in the pen. Shavings can be purchased from the GNF Fair Grounds or you may bring your own.**
7. The late entry fee will automatically go up \$70.00 per pig after the December 20th deadline. Any pig entered after the deadline will not be guaranteed a pen with the exhibitor's school or county. **There will be no refunds and entry fees cannot be switched from one exhibitor to another.**
8. Class prize money will be paid through 5th place. Division and reserve division champions will not be awarded additional prize money.
9. The scales are provided by the GA National Fair and Agricenter. There will be one placed in each barn to check weight before turning in weight cards. The official scales are located in New South Arena. **NO EXHIBITOR/REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EXHIBITOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO WEIGH THEIR ENTRY/ENTRIES ON THIS SCALE PRIOR TO OR DURING THE SHOW.**
10. Please note that the scale in the ring is the OFFICIAL SCALE that the top pigs of each class will be checked by. Scales in the barn will be available but are subject to fluctuation from trash, debris, and/or manure under the scale, cold or hot weather, or not being correctly zeroed out at the time the animal is weighed. Show officials will be checking all scales periodically throughout the show to ensure that the scales are as accurate as possible. **Please help the show run smoothly by cleaning out the scales, removing**

trash/debris in the scales and the area, AND zeroing the scales. These small steps will help the exhibitor and/or the feeders of these animals.

11. The show will begin with showmanship at 2:00 PM on Friday, January 3rd. All exhibitors will be entered in showmanship even if they choose not to participate. The first class will be showmanship ages Pre-Club and Younger (Any child younger than kindergarten). **Pre-Club exhibitors must be able to exhibit his/her pig without the assistance of an adult or older exhibitor in the ring.** Following this, showmanship will continue by grade until the final class, which will be 12th grade.
12. The Winter Pig Classic Rules Committee reserves the right to interpret all rules. **Decisions of the judge(s), classifiers, and the rules committee will be final.** After pigs have been checked in and left the classification area, no changes will be made. Please request all changes be made **before leaving check-in.** Decisions made by the classification committee will be final.
13. Georgia Exhibitors, please note rule number 4 in the "General Rules and Regulations For the 2022-2023 State Junior Livestock Shows" which states... "The animal cannot be shown in any show or placed in any name other than the exhibitors from the time of entry to the date of the show".
14. The Georgia Farm Credit Winter Pig Classic Show Committee, Georgia Farm Credit Associations, AgFirst Farm Credit Bank, Decatur County Young Farmers or any associated agency or any of its affiliates do not accept responsibility nor assume any risks for injury to the exhibitor or animal due to or resulting from participation in the Georgia Farm Credit Winter Pig Classic pig show.
15. **ALL MARKET HOGS MUST HAVE A TAG!**
16. **PENS WILL BE PRE-ASSIGNED BY COUNTY.** Please make certain that your county, school, and advisor/agent email are correct on all online entries. No special arrangements will be made for counties that do not want to pen together.
17. Per fairground rules, we will not allow the use of ANY generators inside the barns.
18. **Weighing and Weigh Back:** Exhibitors will be required to turn in weigh cards declaring the weight of each market entry. Scales will be located in the barn and exhibitors will be responsible for weighing and turning in the weights for their entries. If an exhibitor's animal is selected to be weighed (based on the judge's inspection), the animal must be **within 15 pounds of the weight that is on the exhibitor's weight card.** If an exhibitor weighs out, the next animal will be moved up and weighed. If necessary, this will continue until the class is completed. Once an exhibitor's entry has been reweighed from class on the OFFICIAL SCALES located in the arena, there will be no further weigh-backs for that particular entry. Any issues regarding the scales or the weighing process must be brought to the show officials **prior to check-in ending**, after that time no issues regarding the weighing process will be addressed.
19. There will be no REFUNDS once entries have been processed.

Winter Pig Show Information

1. **Showmanship: All exhibitors will be entered in showmanship.** Showmanship will begin at 2:00 PM on Friday, January 3rd. Classes will be broken by the exhibitors' grade. Showmanship will be shown from youngest to oldest and broken according to the number of entries.
2. **Purebred Shows:** All purebred gilts and barrows must be registered with a proper registration certificate for their respective breed. Purebred entries must show the exhibitor's name or the exhibitor's family farm as the current owner on the registration paper. Purebred animals do not have to have ear tags but must be ear notched according to their registration certificate. Purebred Gilt entries must be farrowed on or after June 1, 2024. Purebred gilts will be shown by age. Purebred Barrow entries must be farrowed on or after June 1, 2024. Purebred barrows will be shown by weight. A minimum of 6 head will be required on the day of the show to hold a breed show for both gilts and barrows. If less than 6 of a breed show up we will add them to the AOB classes.
3. **Crossbred Breeding Gilt Show:** Crossbred breeding gilts will use the weigh-back rules. Crossbred gilts may also double register for the market show as well. You must register for this and pay for both entries on the entry form. Entries for Crossbred breeding gilts weight limit is 350 lbs.
4. **Market Hog Show:** Entries for the Market Hog show weight limit is 285 lbs. Divisions in the market hog show will be divided evenly among the classes, as far as possible. Division winners will compete for Grand Champion honors. The judge will select Grand and Reserve Champions, then will rank the next three hogs to allow for proper distribution of premium monies. All market hog entries must have a clean, readable ear tag. Pigs must be tagged before check-in. Market hogs will be divided into light and dark crossbred divisions and gilts and barrows will be shown separately.
 - a. **Classification:**
 - i. **Light Cross: Any pigs with white/blue only.**
 - ii. **Dark Cross/Other Cross: All other colors (i.e. black, red, and sandy). Excluding solid white or blue.**