



June 7-12, 2026 • Iowa State Fairgrounds • Des Moines, Iowa

TO: 2026 Exposition Exhibitors

RE: GENERAL SHOW INFORMATION, HEALTH REGULATIONS

Thank you for submitting entries for The Exposition 2026 open show and sale. We are confident we can accommodate all exhibitors with your cooperation.

DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS, PLEASE ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING: If you have entries that will not be exhibited, please notify NSR as soon as possible by contacting Megan Vanderbur, meganv@nationalswine.com or (765) 463-3594, ext. 112.

BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE SHOW, PLEASE REMEMBER!

- 1. Please double check CVIs (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) to ensure all information is accurate and all requirements are met. ALL CVIs MUST BE ISSUED ON OR AFTER MAY 29, 2026.**
 - A. MAKE SURE ANIMALS MEET ALL TEST REQUIREMENTS**
 - B. It is best to provide your veterinarian with a copy of the included Exposition health requirements and check to ensure each requirement is included on the CVI.
 - C. ALL animals entering the Iowa State Fairgrounds MUST be listed on an official, interstate health certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) issued by a licensed, accredited veterinarian.
 - D. Loads containing swine that do not meet all health requirements will not be admitted to the Iowa State Fairgrounds.
 - E. A complete list of up-to-date health regulations are included in this letter.
- 2. ALL animals must be tagged with an official, permanently-numbered, federally-approved ear tag.**
 - A. For additional information on official, federally-approved ear tags, visit http://nationalswine.com/shows/ear_tags.php.
- 3. Please contact Megan Vanderbur meganv@nationalswine.com or 765.463.3594, ext. 112 with ear notches and registration numbers of your purebred open show entries by Tuesday, June 2.**
 - A. This information is used by NSR staff to create pen display cards for open show animals.
 - B. *Open show crossbred boar and gilt exhibitors:* Please complete crossbred check-in form by June 2 by visiting the link below:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1R2oQqTMprBD5owIoIb0n4nLrvdEweB8M1n0Aiq28TZY/viewform>
 - C. **ALL purebred entries must be recorded by Friday, May 29th in order to avoid a RUSH FEE.**
- 4. Please make sure all purebred entries meet their respective breed eligibility standards.**
 - A. Make sure all NSR purebred boars and gilts possess six functional teats on each side.

5. Bedding will NOT be provided; shavings will be available for purchase.

UPON ARRIVAL: UNLOADING TIMES, CVI & ANIMAL INSPECTION, PENNING, TRAILER PARKING

1. Upon entering the Iowa State Fairgrounds, you may unload your animals into your assigned pens in the Sheep Barn.

- A. Please have animals' ORIGINAL CVIs and test chart results for show check-in with NSR staff.
- B. Only original CVIs will be approved by NSR staff and show veterinarian during show check-in.
- C. **ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED TO UNLOAD PRIOR TO CVI INSPECTION.**

2. Pens will be pre-assigned to all open show exhibitors.

- A. Please pen entries in your designated pens. Due to space limitations, tack pens will not be available.
- B. Pen dimensions vary in size (6' x 6').
- C. If your plans have changed and you are not bringing entries, please contact meganv@nationalswine.com.

3. ALL Trailers will be parked in designated parking lots around the fairgrounds.

- A. After unloading, you will be informed by Iowa State Fair staff or NSR staff on where to park your trailer.

CHECK-IN FOR THE EXPOSITION OPEN SHOW

1. NSR exhibitors are required to go through open show check-in during the posted times below.

- A. **Wednesday, June 10** 2:00-6:00: Open Show Check-In –NSR Office – Sheep Barn
- B. **Thursday, June 11** from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. Open Show Check-In NSR Office- Sheep Barn

2. Items needed for check-in:

- A. Original CVIs:
 - i. Please bring original CVI.
 - ii. Exhibitors will need to submit original CVIs for each open show animal.
 - iii. Copies of the original CVIs can be made in the check-in line.

3. A lot number will be assigned to each animal entered in The Exposition.

- A. Please know lot number of each boar and gilt prior to bringing animals to scales for weighing.
- B. Lot numbers will be painted on the animal by exhibitors. Paint brands will be provided by show staff.
- C. Please paint **dark** colored animals (Durocs, Hampshires and dark crossbreds) with provided **yellow** paint.
- D. Please paint **light** colored animals (Landrace, Yorkshires and light crossbreds) with provided **green** paint.
- E. ALL animals must have legible paint numbers prior to the open show and sale for identification.
- F. Please return paint brand numbers to the table outside the open show office, once finished using them.

4. **NSR staff will weigh crossbred gilts and boars on Wednesday, June 10, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, announcements will be made (NSR purebred boars and gilts will not be weighed). There will be no scanning.**
- A. Please go through the check-in line and have your animals' lot number prior to bringing them to the scales.
 - B. If exhibiting a double-entered gilt in the junior and open shows, the junior show declared weight must be used.

The Exposition 2026 Health Requirements

With heightened awareness and concerns surrounding foreign animal diseases (FADs), following all health requirements is critical. Veterinarians and exhibitors must take extra precaution to ensure the health of their animals. All animals attending The Exposition must be inspected by a licensed and accredited veterinarian before departing for the show.

Failure to meet all animal health requirements will result in removal of animals from the exhibition premises. The Exposition staff and/or the Iowa State Veterinarian are authorized to make the final determination of an animal's eligibility for exhibition.

The following animals are not eligible for exhibition in Iowa:

- Animals that originate from a herd that is under quarantine
- An animal prohibited from exhibition under any law or order
- Any animal classified as a brucellosis "suspect"
- Animals showing signs of any infectious or communicable disease or that are a health hazard to people or other animals
- Any animal that does not meet Iowa animal health requirements

Any animal that develops or shows signs of any infectious or communicable disease during exhibition must be removed from the premises, including the surrounding exhibition grounds. An owner who is disputing the exclusion of his/her animal(s) from exhibition may not exhibit the animal in question pending any appeal.

Requirements for ALL Swine

1. All swine (including delivery animals) must have a properly completed Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) **prior to entering** the Iowa State Fairgrounds. Animals without the proper documentation will be denied access to the venue.
 - a. CVIs must be completed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian who has personally inspected the swine.
 - b. A CVI must be issued on or after May 29, 2026.**
 - c. CVIs must clearly include a description of each animal including the age, sex, and breed of the animal, and the official individual identification (see Section 4 below).
 - d. CVIs must be accessible while on the exhibition premises.

2. All swine and their respective original CVIs will be inspected by the show veterinarian and show staff prior to unloading. Multiple animals may be listed on one original CVI. *Photocopies of CVIs can be made during show check-in for each animal after the show veterinarian has approved CVIs upon arrival.*

3. CVIs for this event MUST include the following:
 - a. The consignee/destination address as: The Exposition, Iowa State Fairgrounds, East 30th Street and University Ave., Des Moines, Iowa, 50317
 - b. The date (month, day, year) of vaccination and/or testing when required
 - c. The premises ID number for the consignor/origin
 - d. The cell phone number of the veterinarian who issued the CVI
 - e. The following statements for the farm or origin of swine:
 - Has not had pseudorabies or swine dysentery in the last 12 months
 - Has not had any clinical signs or diagnosis of TGE or PEDv in the last 60 days
 - Feeds no raw garbage and uses no PRV vaccine
 - Is not under quarantine for any disease condition
 - Has not had vesicular stomatitis diagnosed within 10 miles of farm or origin in the last 30 days

4. Identification
 - a. All swine being exhibited at The Exposition MUST be officially identified with an official, federally approved ear tag. All official identification and any additional identification devices MUST be recorded on the CVI. RFID 840 ear tags are the standard for exhibition swine in Iowa.
 - b. In addition to official identification, each animal shall be individually identified by ear notch, which MUST be listed on the CVI.
 - c. Animals not bearing an official ID will not be granted access to The Exposition.
 - d. For more information on federally recognized ear tags, visit <https://nationalswine.com/events/ear-tags.php>

5. Testing and Vaccinations
 - a. Pseudorabies (PRV) Testing
 - **ALL ANIMALS MUST** be individually tested for PRV on or after Monday, May 8, 2026.
 - All official identification of animal (sex, ear tag and ear notch) needs to be included on the pseudorabies test chart.
 - Animals must test PRV-negative with all results on the dated CVI.
 - The official PRV test chart must be provided along with your CVI.
 - Either the ELISA (gB ELISA), ALA or S/N tests are acceptable. Differentiable ELISA (g1 ELISA) test will NOT be accepted.

Even if animals originate from a pseudorabies class-free state or PRV-qualified herd, each animal MUST be individually tested for pseudorabies.

- b. Brucellosis Testing

- All animals must be individually tested for brucellosis on or after Monday, May 8, 2026 **UNLESS**:
- Animals originate from a validated brucellosis free herd
- If the herd of origin is brucellosis validated, the validation numbers must appear on the CVI and the most recent quarterly herd test date (month, day and year) must be stated on the CVI.

6. Vaccinations

- a. All breeding swine **MUST** be vaccinated against erysipelas and leptospirosis (6-way), including *L. bratislava*.
- b. It is highly recommended that all animals, including market animals, are vaccinated against swine influenza.
- c. The date(s) of vaccination (month, day, year) **MUST** be listed on the CVI.

In some instances, these requirements are in addition to the state of Iowa regulations. However, they are necessary in meeting other state requirements for purchasers of open show animals through sales as animals are reconsigned to new destinations.

Sincerely,

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