

BACKGROUND

The Wisconsin Pork Association is once again sponsoring an opportunity to showcase Wisconsin's youth and swine through the WPA Youth Show Circuit. Wisconsin's producers have prided themselves on maintaining quality swineherds, and many youth have rejuvenated their interest in showing swine over the last few years. Through the show circuit, WPA connects young producers with established breeders in Wisconsin to continue Wisconsin's reputation for quality breeding stock.

WPA's main goal is to provide junior swine exhibitors the opportunity to further their development of citizenship, leadership, and sportsmanship. The idea behind the junior show circuit is to reward the junior members for the hard work and dedication they give to their swine projects. The circuit also provides exhibitors guidance in showmanship, selection and project management.

For many families around the state, livestock provides a medium for youth to connect with their families, practice sound management and make future connections.

All participants that choose to be tracked for the show circuit must be paid members of the Wisconsin Pork Association by May 1st of the show year in order to earn points for the entire show season.

Youth dues are \$25 per individual. No points will be accumulated prior to paying the membership dues. Memberships accepted after the show circuit begins will accumulate points from the date received forward. Both pigs and youth will be tracked for recognition purposes.

Pork producers are encouraged to join as active members (\$50) of the Wisconsin Pork Association. Active members who have sold pigs to youth participating in the Youth Show Circuit will have their name listed on the Breeder Page of the website.



WPA Show Circuit Awards Ceremony

WPA members participating in the Youth Show Circuit and selected pigs will accumulate points from each show they enter. Awards will be presented at the Wisconsin State Fair in the following categories:

- Top Point Achiever in each breed division for gilts and barrows
- Top Point Achiever in each Showmanship Age Division
- One exhibitor exhibiting a Wisconsin-bred animal during the season will be entered into a drawing for a hanging show box, to be given away at the state fair.
- Cash prizes will be awarded to the Wisconsin-bred barrow gilt champions in each breed division

Breed Groupings:

Berkshire	Chester Whites	Crossbreds
Duroc	Hampshire	Hereford
Landrace	Poland China	Spots
Tamworth	Yorkshire	

Points will be awarded for class placings as follows:

- 1st place = 1 pt x number of pigs in class beaten
- 2nd place = 1 pt x number of pigs in class beaten
- 3rd place = 1 pt x number of pigs in class beaten
- 4th place = 1 pt x number of pigs in class beaten
- 5th place = 1 pt x number of pigs in class beaten

Breed Champions = 10 bonus points
Res. Breed Champions = 5 bonus points

Overall Champions = 10 bonus points
Overall Res. Champions = 5 bonus points

Only one animal per breed per sex can accumulate points for the member. Example: an exhibitor cannot receive points for two Duroc barrows at the same show. To receive points for two barrows or gilts, the member must exhibit two separate breeds.

Check out the Youth Show Circuit website at
<http://www.wppa.org> or at
<http://swinecircuit.ddffa.org/>.

Showmanship

Awards will be given to the top point achievers in showmanship classes for the following divisions: Novice (ages 5- 8), Junior (ages 9-12), Intermediate (ages 13-16), and Senior (ages 17-21). Ages are as of January 1 of show circuit year.

Points will be awarded for Showmanship placings as follows:
1st place = 15 points
2nd place = 10 points
All other participants = 5 points

Please note: The show's rules govern the show. WPA awards points based on how the member places in their showmanship classes, with respect given to the WPA age divisions.

2008 Junior Show Circuit



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SANCTIONED SHOWS:

May 10 - Dodge-Point Lamb & Pig Extravaganza - Doubleheader, Iowa County Fairgrounds, Mineral Point. Contact: Denny McGraw (608) 935-3307 ext. 4053 or Mike Robinson (608) 987-2321
Website: http://showpage.com/dodge_point/index.html

May 17 - Pioneer Showdown Lamb and Hog Double Jackpot, Grant County Fairgrounds, Lancaster. Website: www.pioneershowdown.com.

May 25 - The Badger 500, Rock County Fairgrounds, Janesville. Contact: Curt Watson, (608)201-1859, watsonfamilyfarms@yahoo.com; or Jeff Morris, (815)262-8018, jmorr@t6b.com.

May 31 - Grand Slam Hog and Lamb Jackpot Show - Doubleheader, Lafayette Co. Fairgrounds, Darlington. Contact: Steva Robinson, 608-732-3929; stevarobinson@gmail.com

June 8 - WLBA Spring Preview Show, Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Jefferson. Contact: Marv & Ruth Espenscheid (608) 543-3778
Website: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/wlba.cfm>

For details on the 2008 Youth Show Circuit, including results throughout the season, go to:
<http://www.wppa.org> or
<http://swinecircuit.ddffa.org/>.

2008 RULES:

1. Youth must be a paid member of the WI Pork Association prior to points accumulating towards the show circuit. Youth dues are \$25 per individual.
2. The shows will be preview in format. Shows prior to June 1 will have maximum animal weights of 210 pounds. Shows past the June 1 date will allow 15 pounds per week of growth; i.e. Spring Preview will have a 225-pound maximum weight.
3. Registration papers must be provided by exhibitor for animals showing as purebreds.
4. Individual youth must be present to exhibit their own animal for their points to accumulate in the show circuit. For 2008, one show will be dropped from points consideration for each participating youth. Therefore, if you are unable to make one show, that show will not be counted in your overall points.
5. Gilts will be judged as breeding gilts.
6. Only Wisconsin residents will be eligible to participate in the points accumulation for the WPA Show Circuit. Out of state youth are welcome to exhibit at Wisconsin shows, but they will not be considered for points.
7. Youth are asked to review biosecurity practices when exhibiting at shows. They must present a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection at each show. Youth should also have their premise registration number. Participants are encouraged to keep a movement record of where animals are moved to and from.



BIOSECURITY CONSIDERATIONS

Following discussion by a Swine Exhibition and Health Task Force, youth participating in the WPA Show Circuit will be required to complete the following items for points consideration. Exhibitors in all livestock exhibitions must realize that there are economic risks to the Wisconsin pork industry in non-terminal shows; WPA asks that you follow strict biosecurity protocols to prevent the spread of disease.

1. All exhibitors must present a certificate of veterinary inspection upon arrival at the show, prior to unloading animals.
2. Exhibitors will be provided with swine biosecurity and welfare materials and be willing to sign-off that they have reviewed these materials with their parents, 4-H leader, or FFA advisor.
3. Exhibitors should discuss with a veterinarian a vaccination and health care program.
4. Exhibitors will be certified in the Pork Quality Assurance/Meat Animal Quality Assurance program.
5. Animals returning home from exhibition should be put into isolation prior to co-mingling with other pigs at the home premise. Exhibitors should also pay close attention to other biosecurity recommendations.
6. Exhibitors should treat all shows as terminal unless all the above recommendations are followed.
7. Exhibitors will be asked to present their premises registration number with the state of Wisconsin. To receive a premise registration number, call the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium at 1-888-808-1910, or go to their web site at www.wiid.org.



WPA Membership Form

Please fill out the following information and send along with a check for \$25 per youth to the address below. Each individual needs to submit complete information

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (_____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Premises Registration Number: _____

Age (as of Jan 1, 2008) _____ Birth Date _____

Membership Dues: _____ Youth \$25
_____ Producer \$50

Make check payable to WPA and mail to:
WPA, PO Box 327, Lancaster, WI 53813

Wisconsin Pork Association GENERAL RELEASE

I grant the Wisconsin Pork Association, the right to use, publish, and copyright my image (including audio, moving image, or photograph) for educational programs, web sites, and promotion of WPA programs. The WPA adheres to all Federal and State laws associated with the use of these materials.

(Print member name)

(Signature) Parent or guardian must sign if member(s) is under age 18