

Junior Pork Day

Saturday, March 7, 2026



Program Agenda

- 8:30 – 9:00 Registration –\$5.00 donation – **Land O’ Lakes, Inc. Center/Purina Pavilion Lobby (New Animal Sciences Meats Lab)**, Purdue University, 720 Clinic Drive (off Harrison St.), West Lafayette, IN 47907
- 9:00 Welcome – Dr. Brian Richert and Dr. Paul Ebner, Animal Sciences – Purina Pavilion
- 9:15 Morning Activities rotations:
- | <u>Group 1</u> | <u>Group 2</u> | <u>Group 3</u> |
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| Live Animal Evaluation | Meats Evaluation | Hands On Activities |
| How to judge prospect pigs, market hogs and breeding gilts | Evaluating pork cuts and carcasses | Activity 1 – Ear Notching and Animal ID |
| Evaluate 3 classes of swine | Evaluate 3 meats classes | Activity 2 – Where’s Waldo? – Tracking your pig and Biosecurity risks |
- 10:15 Groups Rotate
- 11:15 Groups Rotate
- 12:15 Lunch Break
- 1:00 Afternoon Activities Rotations (*35 minute sessions – 5 min to walk*) –
- Activity 1 – Taste What Pork Can Do! – Ham and SPAM
- Activity 2 – What’s in your Pigs’ Diet?
- Activity 3 – Preparing for Show Day and Swine Showmanship
- 1:40 Groups Rotate
- 2:20 Groups Rotate
- 3:00 Announcements and judging awards – Purina Pavilion

This program is being supported by the Indiana Swine Breed Associations, Indiana Pork Producers Assoc., Belstra Milling, and the Purdue University Animal Sciences and 4-H Departments. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Brian Richert – Extension Swine Specialist at 765-494-4837, brichert@purdue.edu or Courtney Stierwalt -4-H Extension Specialist at 765-494-8435, dickerso@purdue.edu Purdue University is an Equal Opportunity/Equal Access University. If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program or if you need an interpreter or translator, please contact Dr. Brian Richert prior to the meeting by Feb. 18, 2026.