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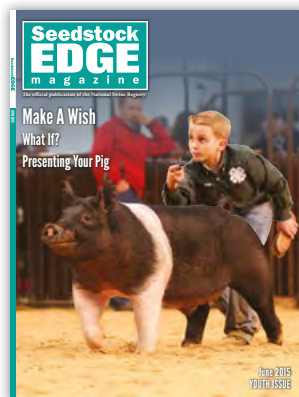
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You were able to chose the cover for June. After more than 1,500 people voted online, Alicia Castañeda's shot won the coveted cover spot. The photo captured Garrison Straka driving his Champion Hampshire Barrow to Grand Overall honors at the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Oklahoma Youth Expo.  
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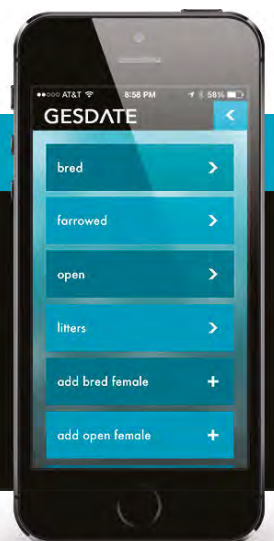


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# Open Mike

## Back to the basics

The National Swine Registry (NSR) provides many valuable services to its membership. One of the most important services is archiving breed ancestry – pedigrees. Pedigrees are a valuable tool in livestock breeding because these ancestral records provide knowledge necessary for predicting progeny performance. Insights into progeny data improve performance, not only in the commercial industry, but also in programs designed to produce youth projects.

More value can be added by documenting performance records of each individual and its progeny. Every domesticated animal species has economically valuable traits. Production and

physical traits are heritable and can be improved through selection. A permanent record of an animal's ancestors and their comparable production and phenotypic traits is an indispensable tool, for producers to make informed breeding decisions, which lead to improved production and efficiency.

Pedigrees are of value to all segments of the industry. Commercial producers purchasing seedstock will dramatically decrease their chance of error, if they use the pedigree and the proof found in their performance records. Breeding programs can be directed toward goals by selecting seedstock excelling in areas the program needs to improve, such as soundness, number born alive, backfat, and so on.

Information included in a pedigree consists of an individual animal identification, ancestral information (sire, dam, paternal grand sire, paternal grand dam, maternal grand sire and maternal grand dam) and performance information. With this knowledge, a pedigree can be produced for the breeder for each of his or her animals. As you can see, the information submitted by every breeder is critical to the integrity of each pedigree. Few, if any, industries are more dependent upon individual integrity than the purebred livestock industry.

The pedigreed livestock industry has traditionally attracted independent and innovative-thinking people of the highest integrity. Since most people enjoy associating with people of high character, the pedigreed livestock industry can be and generally is an enjoyable, satisfying business.

In summary, a pedigree is an ancestral record of an individual animal. A pedigree has value because it is an archive of

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knowledge. This knowledge can be promoted into additional value because it can contribute to the earning power of future progeny from an individual animal. The purebred swine industry can be highly rewarding as you form and mold highly-predictable genetic packages of breed-improving material into superior animals. Self-satisfaction comes through the accomplishment of producing genetically-superior animals, which are generated through selection and wise breeding decisions.

If you are not registering all your purebred animals, I strongly encourage you to do so. Many potential buyers are becoming leery of operations who do not have a pedigree to show them when they inspect their sale offering. I know everyone is busy, and we all procrastinate, but mark a date on your monthly calendar to send in your applications for registration, and stay ahead of the process. Along with submitting your applications monthly, please transfer all animals you have sold to their new owners. Many of the calls the NSR receives are from parents of junior members who have not received their transfers in a prompt manner. NSR holds the pedigree as an integral part of every purebred transaction. Take care of your business, and it will take of you.



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# Youth View

## Everyday dreaming

As I sat here writing this editorial, I thought about how one year ago I was in my first year out of college and learning how to navigate the world on my own. An amazing trip to New Mexico opened me up to countless new experiences and people, including a terrifying but exhilarating hot air balloon ride. I became determined to overcome the fears I thought might hold me back in achieving all of my goals. Those fears ranged from spiders (still working on it) to finally having the whole world at my disposal. As a “real” adult, I realized I was essentially allowed to create whatever life I wanted for myself – a privilege I had been working my whole 24 years toward. This thought, which took hold as I viewed the vast landscape of the Southwest, mirrored how I felt about the hot air balloon flight itself – amazing and frightening.

As I spent the better part of a year overcoming fear and moving comfortably into the world, I began to let my imagination get the best of me and felt capable of so many grand things.

Growing up immersed in the world of books, literature planted seeds of adventure in my mind from a very young age. Now that I was living it, I felt my childhood imagination was welcomed into my adult conscious and I began to dream big. All my goals and dreams were within reach, or so I felt. No longer as afraid as I was before, I began exploring all of the opportunities that come with living in such a big world. I began to travel on my own. I tried new food and learned new things about the world and myself I could have never been taught in school. I found myself surrounded by people and places I loved and grew comfortable with where I was in life. With all of this new-found confidence, I realized something was holding me back just as much as my fear had been just a year previous – my dreams.

Now, you may wonder how a dream can hold one back. The problem with realizing your dreams can become reali-

ties is that your dreams are usually just that – imagination and fantasy. Once I realized I could achieve these crazy ideas, which had always been just ideas, I felt overwhelmed by the options. How was I going to fit all of my dreams into my life? So I started small, just like with my fears, and I kept working toward small goals. With each one achieved, I was one step closer to making different dreams a reality.

Dreams don't just happen. In your head, they are perfect, easy and everything you have ever wanted. In reality, they can be just as, if not more, scary than fears. Because when working toward a dream, there is much more to lose than in overcoming a fear you have learned to live with. However, I realized the hard work I began putting into life was always taking me closer to my dreams. I was living a

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fulfilled life. While I am not yet where I want to be, I am getting closer every day. I have to keep working to make my dreams happen and appreciate all the stops along the way, because each one makes my life a little happier and a little closer to the awesome destination I have planned in my head. Where I was once overwhelmed by fear, I replaced it with dreams. Where I was once overwhelmed by dreams, I replaced it with life. Now, I not only know that dreams are real but that they have to happen in real time, and I should make the best of it while always aiming higher.

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# Raised in a BARN



Carson Schmerge, OH



Kaleigh Byram, MO

Perhaps, there is no better place for kids to grow up than in a barn. Here are some snap shots of youth who love this industry. If you have a fun photo to share, email it to [katie@nationalswine.com](mailto:katie@nationalswine.com) for a chance to be featured in 'Raised in a Barn.'



Kohen Garrison, MO



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Wade Banks, KY



## Write On

### Dear me – an open letter to my 16-year-old self

*Lately, I've seen the #DearMe campaign pop up. By writing letters to their younger selves, people hope to empower young people with what they've learned since they were that age. While I never had a lot of teen angst, I do think there is value in looking back. Ten years ago, I thought the most important things in this world were looking good enough to get a date, keeping straight A's and sitting with the coolest group possible at the lunch table. But, the last decade has put some things in perspective.*

Dear Katie Maupin:  
Good news from the future – you've made it! In a decade, you will become a MIZZOU tiger, judge livestock at the collegiate level, graduate with honors and land your dream job. Now, you can relax – seriously, just relax!  
No offense, but everything you're worried about – your biggest problems – they really aren't problems at all. World hunger is a problem. A B- on your math test while you're trying to be Valedictorian is not. (By the way, in a weird turn of events, you will not graduate No. 1 in your class. Stranger still, it won't terribly impact your future.)  
See, your biggest problem is making everything that doesn't go exactly as planned a problem. Ten years later, you will still struggle with your control freak tendencies, but you will be getting better. Save us both time and effort, and learn to go with the flow now.

To be clear, I'm not saying you shouldn't have a dream. Your dreams are what got you here. That little "newspaper" your mom helped you make on her work computer – The Maupin Monthly – well, that will become your job, and that hobby you have of exhibiting livestock will be one of your greatest passions. I'm just saying you need to be a little more flexible with your plans. Seldom, as you'll learn, is the path to your dreams ever a straight road. It's a long journey across the path less taken with quite a few potholes.

Katie, you have your priorities all wrong. Looking back you won't be able to recall which hard-nose professor wrecked your coveted 4.0 in college, which show you were rolled by a heifer that clearly wasn't better or which judging class you busted that kept you out of the top 10. You will remember all the people you've met along the way, the time you spent going to shows as a family and the countless hours you were cooped up in a judging van. These are the things that really matter.  
As an "adult" you mistakenly think happiness can be found in achievement, by chasing your checklist to your perfect life. You were wrong again. Happiness can't be found in attainment alone; it comes from friends, family, people you love and finding something that you're truly passionate about. True success comes from finding a way to get these to intersect.  
Learn to laugh today, rather than fretting about tomorrow.

Sincerely,

An older (maybe wiser) you

*Katie Maupin*  


*P.S. – Don't get an attitude with your parents when you're on your own. You'll realize they were right.  
P.S.S. – Try to take up jogging, I would be really, really appreciative.*

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By Dr. Shawn Nicholson

# **Vet Check**

## HEALTH CERTIFICATES: OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS OR VETERINARY SCAM?

Animal health certificates, also known as Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), are official, legal documents containing information designed to aid animal health officials follow animal movement within and between states. In essence, they are a passport for your animal. Although some say CVIs are just a red-tape, money-making scam, I can assure you, most veterinarians would rather express dogs' anal glands all day than do paperwork. However, CVIs are a necessary and important part of a veterinarian's job. In fact, veterinarians must go through a specific training process, called accreditation, before they are allowed to issue CVIs. They are a major, critical control step to preventing the spread of disease among livestock.

CVIs contain several important pieces of information. First, it lists the consignor name and address or where the animal originates from. Next, it lists the consignee name and address. This is the primary destination for the animal(s) listed on the CVI. The consignees could be the name and address of a person if the animals are changing ownership, or it could be a location of a show or public sale. A CVI is only good for one consignee destination. This means, for instance, if you are showing the same animal every weekend in different shows, you would need a CVI for each specific show. On some state's health certificates there is a section for veterinarians to reassign at public auction. That is filled out by the veterinarian in charge of a public sale once change of ownership is confirmed.

The next important section on a CVI is the animal information. All animals need to be officially identified. This is key for all to understand what official identification means. This may vary dependent on the type of animal and the state of final destination. For the purpose of this discussion, we will focus on animals for show or breeding. In the past, most states would accept registration ear notches in swine ears as official ID. That is gradually changing, however. Many states require a USDA metal or plastic tag or a premise ID tag be applied and documented for each animal, whether they are purebred or crossbred. Other descriptive information such as age, sex and breed should be listed. Finally, any testing, treatment or specific statement information should be listed by your veterinarian on your CVI.

One of the common questions I get from producers is why there are so many different regulations they have to follow to get their animals to different states. This definitely can be frustrating and confusing for producers and veterinarians alike. Basically, each state has the power to regulate animal movement as they deem necessary based on problems they have had or want to prevent. The best advice I can give you is to consult with your local veterinarian about getting a CVI well in advance of when you need one.

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— Dr. Shawn Nicholson

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## Industry News

### NJSA members receive Pork Checkoff scholarships

The Pork Checkoff awarded 21 scholarships to college students around the U.S. as part of its strategy to develop the pork industry's human capital for the future. Recipients were selected based on scholastic merit, leadership activities, involvement in the pork production industry and future plans for a career in pork production.

Of the 21 recipients, five were National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) members:

- Morgan Cox
- Danika Miller
- Taylor Owens
- Morgan Pittz
- Sarah Marketon

Matt Romoser, NSR fieldstaff intern, was one of the top two candidates and will receive a \$3,500 scholarship. Romoser is a senior at Iowa State University from Keota, Iowa. He plans to pursue a Master's of Science degree in reproductive physiology with Dr. Jason Ross at Iowa State University after completing his undergraduate degree. He hopes to have a career where he can play a key role in bringing applied reproductive technologies to pork production in order to facilitate genetic improvement and improve reproductive efficiency.



## Births



Zane Michael Beyers  
Born March 13, 2015

### Zane Michael Beyers

Todd and Moriah Beyers are happy to announce the birth of their son, Zane Michael Beyers, who was born on March 13, in Lubbock, Texas. Zane weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 19.75 inches long. He is welcomed by big sister, Bryleigh, maternal grandparents, Gary and Karen Jennings of Fredonia, Texas, and paternal grandparents, Dennis and Jodi Beyers of Pana, Illinois.

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Rebekah Chapel  
1992-2015

Rebekah J. (Trout) Chapel, 23, of Warren, Indiana, passed away May 11, at her residence. Chapel worked as a case manager at Paddock View Residential Treatment Center in Marion. She was a 2010 graduate of Huntington North High School and was a four-year member of Varsity Singers. She received her bachelor's degree from Huntington University, in 2014, where she was a member of the Kappa Delta Sorority. She was working on her Master's degree in addictions counseling at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion. She was a member of the Markle Church of Christ. She competitively showed horses from 1999 to 2011 and was a member of the Ponies of America Club. She was also a 4-H leader. First and foremost, she loved being a farm wife, helping her husband run their poultry farm. Chapel was known for her contagious laugh and smile. She loved her family, God, helping people, and she never failed to light up a room.

She was born on February 22, 1992, in Fort Wayne, a daughter of Ted and Sarah (Schenkel) Trout.

She was united in marriage to Neal A. Chapel on August 16, 2014, in Markle. Her husband survives.

Additional survivors include: her parents, Ted and Sarah Trout of Huntington; a sister, Anna (Lucas) Jones of Warren; a brother, Thomas Trout of Huntington; two nephews, Brody and Tucker Jones; paternal grandparents, Roger and Joyce Trout of Warren; maternal grandparents, Tom and Jane Schenkel of Huntington; and in-laws, Don and Sarah Chapel of Fairmount.

Visitation took place on May 15 at the Markle Church of Christ. A funeral service was held May 16 at the church with Pastor Greg Comp officiating. There was also one hour of visitation prior to the services at the church.

Interment took place in the Lancaster Cemetery in rural Huntington County.

Preferred memorials may be made out to Chapel Poultry Farms, sent in care to Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, IN 46750.



## Upcoming Show Dates & Deadlines

### NSR Summer Type Conference:

The NSR Summer Type Conference will be June 29-July 4 in Louisville, Kentucky. Turn to page 65 for the schedule.

### National Junior Summer Spectacular:

The National Junior Summer Spectacular will be June 29-July 4 in Louisville, Kentucky. The ownership deadline is May 1. Turn to page 65 for the schedule.

### NJSA Southwest Regional:

The NJSA Southwest Regional will be Aug. 28-30 in Chickasha, Oklahoma. The ownership deadline is July 6. Entries are due by Aug. 4. Enter online at [nationalswine.com](http://nationalswine.com).

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## Obituaries



### Shelby D. Bussing

Shelby Bussing  
1936-2015

Shelby Bussing, of Branson, MO, formerly of Coldwater, left this world to be with the Lord on February 11, 2015 in Branson.

She was a woman of many talents. She was an extraordinary farm wife, stockman, bookkeeper, cake decorator and gardener; and gifted many of her paintings to family and friends. Shelby's cooking and pie making skills were legendary; and she handed those skills off to her daughter, granddaughters, and great-granddaughter. In addition Shelby had special home remedies to fix nearly any problem one might encounter.

Shelby was quick witted and loved to have fun. Her robust laugh was unmistakably hers and it lives on with her daughter and granddaughters. Her grandkids and great-grandkids affectionately knew her as CuCu. The time she spent with them was a time of joy, laughter and always a time for them to learn something unique.

Shelby was born in Butler Township, Michigan to Dallas and Luella Hulbert. She graduated from Quincy High School in 1954 and married Bob Bussing on December 11 that same year. Shelby and her husband Bob owned one of the most successful purebred hog operations in the U.S. at their Coldwater farm.

After leaving the farm Shelby and Bob bought and meticulously renovated homes in southern Indiana and Branson, MO.

Shelby is survived by her husband of 60 years, Bob Bussing, her daughter Brenda (Pete) Petersen of Ames, IA; her granddaughters Kelly (Casey) Baldwin of Perry, IA; Amy (Will) Hartnett of Chicago; two great grand-children Reagan and Declan Baldwin; and a niece Janice (Vern) AcMoody, Union City, MI.; and many special cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her son Robert Bussing II, her brother Dale and her parents.

According to Shelby's wishes, she has been cremated and friends and family are welcome to attend a celebration of life service held at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 25, Lighthouse Funeral Home, Union City, Michigan. She will be interred at Evergreen Cemetery in Girard Township, MI.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Susan G. Komen For The Cure. You may contact the funeral home for help making a donation. The family is being served by Lighthouse Funeral and Cremation in Union City. Please visit [www.lighthousefuneral.com](http://www.lighthousefuneral.com) to share memories, pictures or videos with the family.



### Cecelia Dalsemer

Cecelia Dalsemer  
1923-2014

Cecelia Andrew Dalsemer of Santa Barbara, California, passed away June 14, 2014, at the age of 91. She was born Sept. 30, 1923, at The Pines Farm in West Point, Indiana. She was the daughter of Jess C. Andrew, former Indiana State Representative, and Elizabeth Fowler Andrew, granddaughter of Moses and Eliza Fowler. One of four children, her brother, Jess C. Andrew Jr., also became Indiana State Representative.

Dalsemer survived three husbands: Maurice F. Neville (two children), Loomis Heston and Leonard Dalsemer. She had a full and varied life with homes in Lafayette, Indiana; Guadalajara, Mexico; Lyford Cay, Bahamas; New York, New York; and Santa Barbara, California. Always active, her many achievements included being the first female international livestock judge.

In 1958, Wilbur Plager, former executive secretary of the American Yorkshire Club (AYC), selected Dalsemer to judge the National Barrow Show (NBS)<sup>®</sup> Yorkshire Show, making her the first woman to judge at this prestigious event. It was a history-making event for the Yorkshire breed, with the Champion Boar selling for a record \$2,300.

Dalsemer also judged Yorkshires at the NBS<sup>®</sup> in 1959 and 1960. For her third time around, she asked Robert Brydon of Edinburgh, Scotland, to join her. This was the first year someone from outside the U.S. or Canada judged a major swine show.

Without question, out of all the state fair and national shows she judged, the 1966 NBS<sup>®</sup> would be at the top. Her selection for Champion Yorkshire Boar, shown by Bona Vista Farms of Farmersville, Ohio, sold for \$8,000 to Keith Thurston of Minnesota. All records except one were broken, that year.

Dalsemer was a class act, handling her judging assignments with grace and confidence. She was excellent on the microphone. She and her first husband, Maurice Neville, imported Large Whites for the base of their successful Yorkshire herd. Her father was president of the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago for many years.

She was president of the Indiana Women's Golf Association for two years in the 1970s, a member of numerous country clubs and charitable organizations, and in later years, a champion bridge player. She enjoyed travel, fine food and a wonderful life full of many friends.

She was always proud of her Indiana heritage and referred to herself as a farmer. She was the owner of farmland in Benton County that has been in the family since Moses Fowler first purchased the land in the 1850s.

A loving mother, she was with family and her beloved dog, Asta, when she entered her final sleep. She is survived by her son, Maurice Neville of Paso Robles, California; daughter, Holly Lord of Summerland, California; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to your local library.



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# Destiny Maker

By Katie Maupin



Picture by ShowChampions  
Dalaney Vickrey, a 14-year-old NJSA member with Cystic Fibrosis, had one wish – to be an honorary judge at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's Junior Market Barrow Show. Many volunteers from the stock show and Make-A-Wish® banded together to make Vickrey's dream come true, and she sorted barrows with judges Nick Mauck and Travis Platt.



**A** booming voice with a slight drawl echoed throughout Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's NRG Center's East Arena as the Poland Market Barrows drove for champion honors.

"Please allow me to introduce again 14-year-old Dalaney Vickrey from Warren, Indiana," the announcer says. "Dalaney is battling Cystic Fibrosis. Her one wish was to serve as an honorary junior market barrow judge at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

So tonight, we're happy to make her one wish come true. She knows it takes dedication and hard work to show pigs, because she has shown pigs for many

years and been very successful. She is an incredibly gifted young lady who enjoys being outside, working with livestock, painting and versing herself or doing everything she can to raise awareness and funds for Cystic Fibrosis. Dalaney is joined tonight by her mother, her father and her 11-year-old brother. It is my honor to introduce Dalaney Vickrey as an honorary judge

specialists before they got their answer at 14 months – Cystic Fibrosis.

Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is a genetic disorder that wreaks havoc on the lungs and digestive system by altering the way the body produces mucus, sweat and digestive juices. Instead of these bodily secretions being thin and slippery, they are thick, causing what should be the body's lubricants to plug

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— Carin Vickrey

for the 2015 Junior Market Barrow Show. Now, put your hands together for an incredible young lady."

Thunderous applause erupted as spectators rose from their seats to pay homage to a 14-year-old girl battling Cystic Fibrosis who is brave enough to step foot onto the green shavings to evaluate her peers.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo President and CEO Joel Cowley remembers this moment as

one of the most moving he's witnessed during his decade with the stock show. But, this isn't the beginning of Dalaney's story, and as you will see shortly, it's far from the end. It's just a beautiful moment in the life of one hard-working teenage girl who has faced more challenges than most.

Dalaney is the first child of Bret and Carin Vickrey. As new parents, Bret and Carin were perplexed by their daughter Dalaney's "failure to thrive," as the doctors called it. A sickly infant, Dalaney was hospitalized for pneumonia twice before her first birthday.

The family went to many doctors, allergists and even asthma

tubes and passageways in the organs. While there are treatments to manage the symptoms of CF, there is no cure, at this time, and often people with the disease only live into their 30s.

"We were just starting out as new parents," Bret says. "We had no idea what CF was, at the time. I didn't know anything about it, and I didn't even know it existed."

After Dalaney's diagnosis, the family learned everything they could about CF. One of the first things they learned was CF is considered an "orphan disease." An orphan disease hasn't been "adopted" by the pharmaceutical industry because it provides little financial incentive to prevent, treat or cure in the private sector. Since there is little research going on to find a cure for CF, groups such as the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF) work to raise funds to provide research for a cure.

Bret and Carin walked CFF's Great Strides Walk for a Cure just months after Dalaney's diagnosis, and the family continues to walk each year. Together, the Vickreys and their Great Strides team – Dalaney's Destiny Makers – have raised tens of thousands of dollars to be put toward research about the disease.

"We hope in the future that Dalaney will have the option to take some of these medicines found through research," Carin says.

But, she's quick to point out their family's work to raise awareness of the disease isn't just for Dalaney but

every one of the 30,000 people in the U.S. who live with CF each day.

“We always hope to gain a little more awareness as well,” Carin adds. “It’s kind of an invisible disease. You look at someone, like Dalaney, and you may have no clue that something is going on.”

Certainly, you wouldn’t at first glance. Dalaney, like most kids her age, is incredibly involved. She runs track, plays basketball and is known for her ability to drive a show barrow, which is a family passion.

Back in Houston, after the applause subsided, judge Nick Mauck took the mic.

“For those of you that know this young lady and those that don’t, from a national standpoint she’s as good as it gets. She can drive one as good as anybody, she can work as hard, if not harder, than anybody, even with the challenges she deals with on a daily basis,” he says.

Mauck is right. Dalaney’s accolades in the show ring are impressive. She has driven her way to countless banners, showmanship plaques and sweepstakes buckles, since her first show when she was just 4-years-old. Her proudest moments came in the show ring, when she won the World Pork Expo Junior National showmanship class in 2009 and then went on to win Sweepstakes in Louisville.

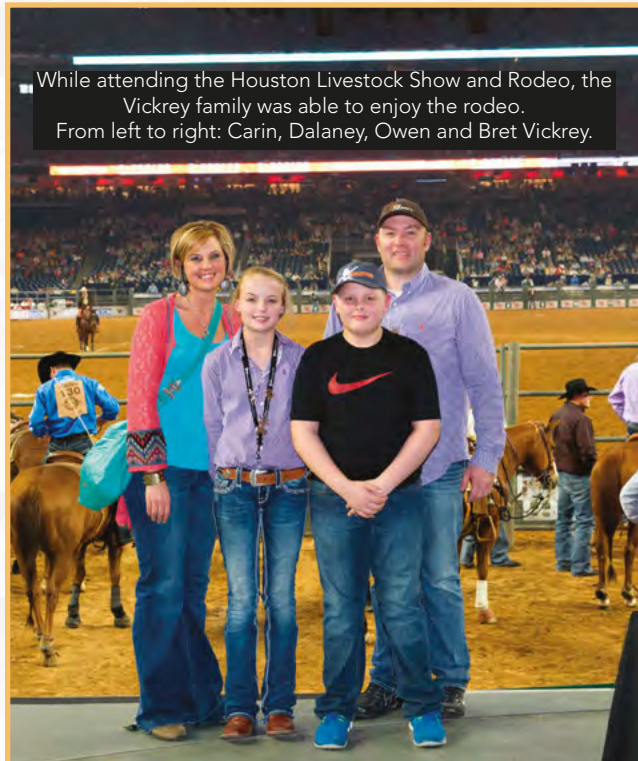
Although Dalaney was born into a livestock family, don’t think for one second her love for livestock is someone else’s dreams. Since she could toddle, Dalaney wanted to be in the barn.

“When she was real little, probably two or three, she would be in the barn looking at pigs,” Carin says. “She would carry a little ice cream bucket full of feed to help her dad feed.”

While both Bret and Carin feel fortunate to raise their kids in the agriculture industry, they’re more proud knowing these young people have found something

they’re truly passionate about.

“I’m just proud of the fact that she has grabbed a hold of something, and it just happens to be raising and showing hogs,” Bret says. “Anything that she decides to do, you want her to put everything she has got into it. And I know it will pay off for her in the future as she enters her career.”



Putting everything Dalaney has into showing pigs is different than most kids. When she leaves early in the morning to head to a show, her day starts two hours earlier than most to accommodate all of her treatments. Each day, Dalaney has three different breathing treatments, seven oral medications and at least a half hour of vest physical therapy to help break up the mucus in her lungs. Recently, Dalaney was also diagnosed with diabetes, a side effect of the CF, so she’s added checking and regulating her blood sugar to her morning routine.

After a long day at a show, Dalaney can’t simply head to bed. She has another round of nighttime treatments including a supplemental feeding tube, which will run throughout the night.

“It takes a toll on her,” Bret says. “Most of those nights, she won’t get

done with her treatments for a couple of hours, but when we’re going to a pig show, she is up and has it done before the rest of us are even in the truck.”

Both Carin and Bret want everyone to understand people may have struggles no one knows about, yet acknowledge these people work through these each day to find a sense of normalcy. This perspective wasn’t lost by judge Mauck, as he continued on the mic.

“But, when you can set yourself into perspective, and when you can put this into your palette and digest it, and chew it up and realize that most kids with this opportunity are probably going to pick to go meet – I don’t know who they’d want to meet – but it certainly wouldn’t be being an honorary livestock judge at the Houston Livestock Show, and for me and for Travis, that’s absolutely unparalleled and amazing.”

Dalaney did want to meet LeBron James, according to Cowley, but he was her third choice.

“Her first wish was to be an honorary judge, and her second wish was simply

to attend the Houston Barrow Show,” he says. “It’s pretty cool to be more popular than LeBron James.”

When Cowley was contacted about Dalaney’s wish, he was attending the North American International Livestock Exhibition, and he immediately called home to Houston to start making plans for Dalaney’s trip. Their staff rounded up tickets to the rodeo, found ways Dalaney could participate in their junior livestock auction and even arranged for Dalaney to have a meet and greet with Dierks Bentley and Florida Georgia Line.

Amid all the plans, the Make-A-Wish® sponsors noted some kids only wish to meet Dierks Bentley or Florida Georgia Line, to which Cowley replied not to worry about their tickets because they were customary for all honor-



ary judges. When asked how many honorary judges they've had help sort classes in Houston, Cowley replied, "None," before he continued planning.

It wasn't just the Houston Stock Show and Rodeo staff that helped make Dalaney's wish come true. Several Make-A-Wish® volunteers around the country helped organize her trip to Texas. From the two local volunteers, which helped Dalaney and her family fill out the necessary paperwork to submit her wish, to the entire Make-A-Wish® of Texas Gulf Coast and Louisiana team, which finalized her wish in Houston, volunteers were imperative to the process.

According to Dalaney's Wish Program Manager Jennifer Ulsomer, each wish case needs at least two volunteers, and in Indiana alone there are more than 250 wishes which will be granted this year.

"When a wish is granted, we want to bring them strength, hope and joy, and create lifelong memories," she says.

Similarly to Make-A-Wish®, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is also operated by volunteers.

"It's no small commitment to come here and show," Cowley says, adding countless volunteers work with the Houston Stock Show staff to ensure every exhibitor and attendee has an excellent experience, from moving the barrows in to the livestock premium auction and beyond.

This was not lost on Dalaney. While she made this wish so she could grow her "livestock family," Dalaney says the volunteers at the Houston Stock Show made the biggest impact on her.

"Houston was a whole other world," Dalaney says. "They rely on people at the stock show and volunteers to help out for no money. They just do it for the kids. If they could do something like that in Indiana it would be amazing. It's just inspiring to see that many kids who wanted to show livestock."

Dalaney Vickrey studies a buckle presented to her at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo to commemorate her time as an honorary judge as part of her Make-A-Wish® wish. To learn more about how you can become a volunteer or learn more about helping Make-A-Wish®, visit [www.wish.org](http://www.wish.org) to locate your local chapter.

Dalaney left Houston with a new sense of appreciation for her great industry, some new friends – including Briana Huseman who drove the Champion Poland Barrow – newfound confidence in the reasons room and a signed backdrop gifted to her from Cowley himself. But, she also left a piece of herself with the staff in Houston.

Cowley says everyone who met Dalaney was inspired by her story, and when they recapped her visit to their great event, there wasn't a dry eye in their staff meeting. When asked what he learned from her the most, Cowley simply replied – be brave.

"We go through life, and we have annoyances," Cowley explains. "Whether it is traffic or waiting in line, and she is battling something far more serious than most of us experience on a day-to-day basis. It just really puts things into perspective."

As for Dalaney, she is brave.

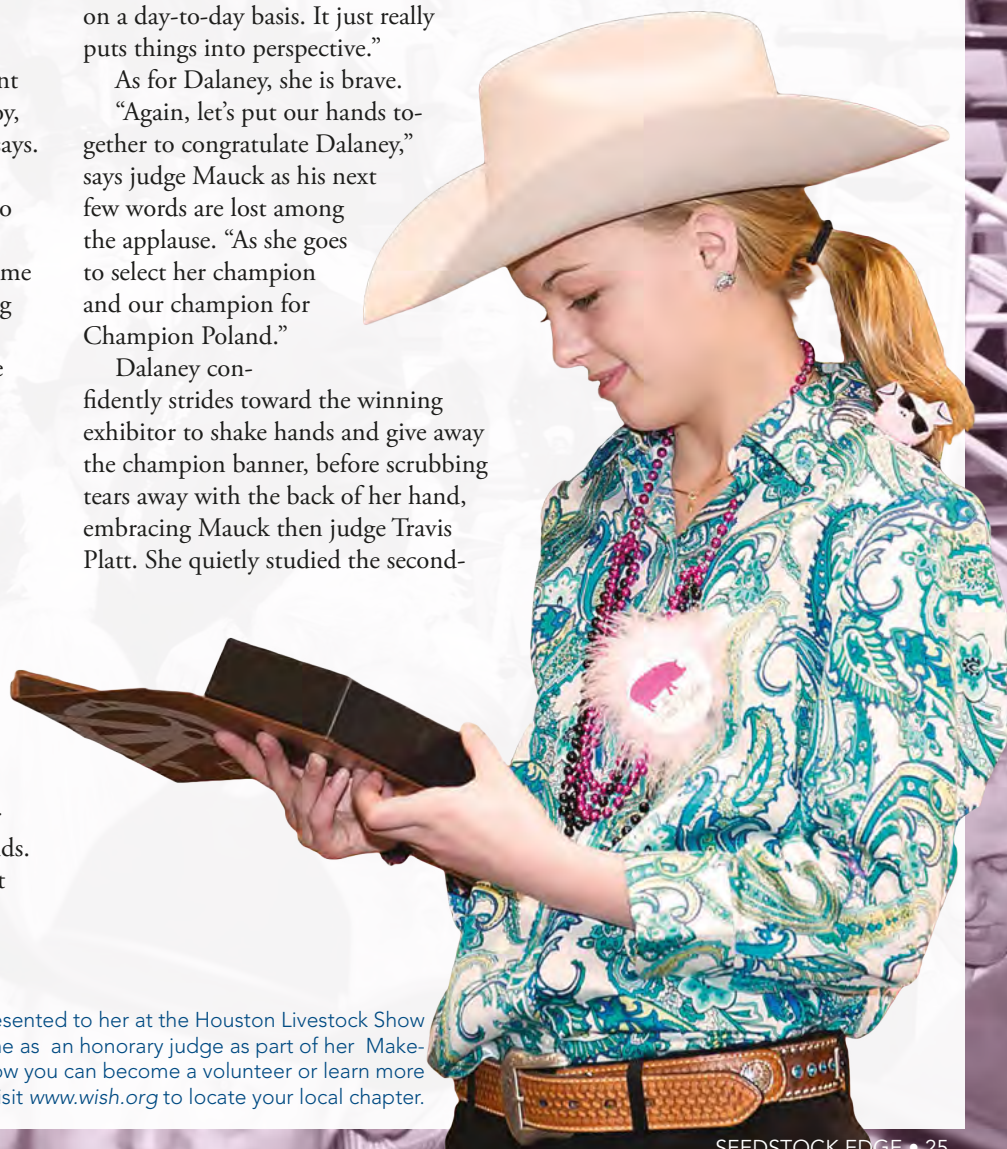
"Again, let's put our hands together to congratulate Dalaney," says judge Mauck as his next few words are lost among the applause. "As she goes to select her champion and our champion for Champion Poland."

Dalaney confidently strides toward the winning exhibitor to shake hands and give away the champion banner, before scrubbing tears away with the back of her hand, embracing Mauck then judge Travis Platt. She quietly studied the second-

place barrow as they dropped him in the ring before picking up the mic.

"It's been a pleasure out here judging," Dalaney began as her voice cracked. For a brief moment she faltered as her shoulders hunched and a couple tears fell away. Then, as she has every obstacle, she bravely straightened her shoulders, took a breath and dove into her reasons.

"The second place barrow, as he comes out here, looks very nice. He just wants to get a little tighter in his flank, but he's still very good. Now, looking at our heavyweight barrow, he's a little bit stouter, a little bit more powerful, and that's the one we will use for reserve," she concludes as she passes the banner.





# Action to IMPACT

By Ann Fry

With the popularity of social media, consumers today have more access to information about the livestock industry than ever before. One decision by a livestock producer can turn into 1,000 pins, posts and shares that, if presented in the wrong way, can deteriorate trust in the entire industry. The *Seedstock EDGE* team gave some industry experts a few “what if” scenarios to discuss how our actions can impact the entire industry and what we can do to put our best foot forward.



## What if: A picture of a white hog covered in red marks from using a whip in showmanship surfaces on Facebook, or video footage of a pig going down in the ring is live broadcasted at World Pork Expo?

People outside the pork industry may not fully understand everything that goes on at a hog show. An animal covered in red marks could look like someone had beaten their hog to the general public, who often compare hogs to their pets.

The same can be said for video coverage of an animal going down in the ring. To the public, it could look like the showman abused the animal to the point that it died in the ring. Even if the pig later recovers with some rest and water, the damage has already been done.

“From a public relations perspective, it takes years to build a brand, but just one bad image to ruin it,” says Cindy Cunningham, assistant vice president of communications for the National Pork Board (NPB).

Cunningham goes on to explain controversy and bad visuals are what makes news – and what the public remembers. There can be 100 people doing the right thing at a show, but the one bad report will trend faster than the good.

There are always people looking for anything negative they can use against the livestock industry. If they get ahold of one negative image, like a pig covered in red marks or going down in a show

ring, it is often taken out of context to put the industry in an unfavorable light. That image will be used repeatedly over a long period of time, and can come back to haunt the industry for years.

“The most important thing we can do to offset these negative images is to always do the right thing when caring for your pig – whether you are in the ring or at home,” Cunningham says.

Staying up-to-date on Youth PQA Plus® practices can help you take care of your animals properly at home and at a show. Work with your animals before you get to the show so they will be used to walking and how you want to show them. Also, keep in mind show days are stressful. Give yourself and your pig plenty of time to get to the ring. Be patient with your animals and other competitors.

You can also use your own social media tools to share the industry’s story. You can post pictures and videos that show how well you take care of

your animals. You can share articles, blog posts and images from other people that explain the time, effort and commitment those in the livestock industry give to their animals.

“Be proud of the care and effort you put into raising and showing your pigs!” Cunningham encourages. “Doing what is right is critical. Dealing with



situations as they arise helps deflate negative coverage. Remember, as a pork producer, you are raising what will be a food product. You have an important role in the pork industry’s plan to care for the people, pigs and planet.”

## What if: A show gilt is fed medicated feed, and then the gilt is shipped to market prior to the proper withdrawal time?

There are countless feed options available for showpigs. One of the most important things to pay attention to, when reading the label, is if the feed is medicated or not. If it is, make note of the withdrawal time. If feed is delivered in bulk, check with the manufacturer on whether it is medicated or not and what the withdrawal time is.

Randy Bowman, associate director of genetics with The Maschhoffs, explains withdrawal times indicate the

maximum time it will take for a drug residual to clear the animal’s system.

“All of us are pork producers, so when a pig is treated we must follow withdrawal guidelines,” he says. “It is important to follow the withdrawal time so residue does not make it into the food chain, possibly affecting a consumer in the future.”

Bowman says consumers are concerned about possible drug residue in meat products, so we have to

be aware of how this scenario affects both the industry and the individual. If an incident like this is brought to the media’s attention it can create an incorrect impression of the industry that can be hard to reverse. Paul Ayers from The Maschhoffs’ animal care division adds residues can result in regulatory action from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

From an individual standpoint, the packer can discontinue future purchases

**“If you know the rules and don’t follow them, you are putting the meat industry at risk by decaying the trust of the consumer.”** – Randy Bowman

from producers, if residue is found in an animal. Ayers says, the FDA can also suspend the farm from selling additional animals and can require on-farm audits to make sure medication and record-keeping requirements are being met.

The easiest way to prevent this scenario from happening is to pay attention, and maintain accurate records when medicated feed is administered. Know what is in the feed, what treatments were given when and the proper

withdrawal times for products being used. Think ahead to when the animals will be marketed and if the product you have chosen to treat an animal with can be used in that timeframe.

This particular scenario could also be an accident. If that is the case, be proactive and create a plan to keep it from happening in the future. Communicate with other people on your farm about the feed and feeding procedures. Label feed bags or storage bins with

what the feed is to be used for. If you are using different types of feed, make sure bins and feeders are thoroughly cleaned out to prevent residual medicated feed from being fed at a later date.

Bowman points out the bigger issue is, in a situation such as this one, innocent people doing things correctly are negatively impacted.

“If you know the rules and don’t follow them, you are putting the meat industry at risk by decaying the trust of the consumer,” he says. “Sometimes it is costly to follow the rules, but it is always more costly by not following the rules and getting caught – not only for you, but for your fellow pork producers.”

## **What if:** Drug residue is found in a barrow from the National Barrow Show® upon harvest?

For some, the National Barrow Show (NBS)® signifies the end of the summer show season and the end of their show barrow’s career. After the truckload show on Monday, all market hogs on the Mower County fairgrounds are loaded onto trailers and taken to the processing plant to enter the food chain.

On the processing floor, USDA employees will conduct random kidney checks on the NBS® animals to identify any residue. Hormel Foods Corporation Carcass Evaluation Manager and NBS® Coordinator Morgan Core explains the test is called the Kidney Inhibition Swab (KIS) test. Some samples will be tested internally at a quality control lab, while others will be sent out and can take three to five days for results. All carcasses selected for the KIS test will be held until they are cleared with negative test results.

If any KIS test comes back positive, the carcass is condemned, and nothing from it can be used for human consumption. The exhibitor also receives no value for their pig. In addition, the rest of the shipment records are closely inspected, and the USDA will investigate to decide if any products with drug residue entered the food

stream for human consumption.

According to Core, keeping accurate records of treatments is crucial to prevent an animal with drug residue from entering the food chain. Understanding and following withdrawal times are also key prevention steps.

Core stresses it is important to remember everyone plays a crucial role in the swine industry.

“Providing a safe, consistent, high-quality product to the consumer is our industry’s number one priority. Any hog supplier that sends a pig to market that does not meet these requirements puts the entire swine industry in jeopardy,” she says.

At the end of the day, we are all raising animals to become food products for consumers, whether that animal steps foot in a show ring or not. As Core puts it, the average consumer doesn’t care if the pig their pork chops came from had a killer look on the profile or won a handful of blue ribbons. Instead, the consumer wants a safe, high-quality, flavorful meat product to feed their family. It is our responsibility as producers to provide that safe product and make the consumer’s experience with our industry a positive one.

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## What if: A showpig is vaccinated and the needle breaks off inside a pig while giving the injection?



According to Ayers, most broken needles can be prevented if injections are given properly. Use appropriate needle sizes for the age of the pig, and change needles frequently. Never straighten a bent needle. This will weaken the needle and make it more prone to breaking. If possible, use detectable needles that can be identified by a metal detector in a packing plant.

If a needle were to break off in a pig, immediately identify the pig and separate it. Sometimes the needle can be easily removed, but be sure the entire needle comes out. If the needle can't be removed, keep good records so that pig can be tracked and monitored. Most packers are willing to accept a pig with a broken needle if the animal has been identified, separated and the packer

knows about the needle before the pig gets to the plant. Never sell a pig with a broken needle unless the packer or customer knows about the needle and is prepared to remove it during processing.

Ayers explains a broken needle can be a significant food safety risk, if not handled properly.

"If the needle is not recovered and becomes a physical residue, it could potentially be identified by a consumer, causing human injury and significant lack of trust," he says.

Consumers believe their food is produced safely, and finding physical residue like a needle quickly displaces that belief. One incident such as this one can damage the hard work the industry has put in to build a trustworthy reputation.

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**FEATURE**

# It's the **DRIVE**

By Katie Maupin





**Winning a showmanship competition is one of the biggest honors a young exhibitor can accomplish. When you enter a showmanship drive, there is an even playing field between exhibitors. Instead of being about the pig, this class highlights the stockmanship and sportsmanship of every competitor. This competition is all about the drive – not only the way you present your pig, but also the work you put in weeks before the show to train, prepare and learn about your project. Here are some tips to help you drive toward success.**

### Start at home

“Practice, practice, practice,” were three of University of Illinois Assistant Professor Dan Shike’s top five showmanship tips for exhibitors. To him, doing your work at home is absolutely critical to your show ring success.

Grant Grebner, Illinois Central College professor and livestock judging coach, agrees.

“As with anything in life, preparation is the key to success,” he says. “That starts many weeks in advance of your show.”

Warren Beeler, Director of Agriculture Policy at the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, says, showmanship is an earned talent. Practice allows both the hog and the showman or woman to be confident when they hit the ring.

“It is a trained pig act,” Beeler says. “So, training is required.”

In addition to training your project, showmanship success can be influenced by something as simple as what clothes you pack for a show.

### Dress for success

Today, show day outfits can vary wildly, but they can also make the difference between getting a pen or seeing the gate. Beeler, Grebner and Shike all agree nice, clean jeans and boots are a great place for showmen and women to start.

“I personally think you can be overdressed or underdressed,” Beeler says. “If we look like we are headed to prom or just came out of the wash rack, we probably are not dressed correctly.

Clean, neat, blue jeans, shirts, blouses and boots work best for me – no hats.”

Shike prefers showmen and women err on the more conservative or traditional side of show ring attire, saying over-the-top attire can draw more attention to the exhibitor rather than the pig.

“Exhibitors should look like livestock people and represent our industry well,” Grebner says.

He prefers western-style boots or shoes with a tucked-in shirt and belt and no hat. He cautions showmen from wearing attire that distracts from their animal, and more importantly, their skill in the ring.

“Over-the-top fashion trends and excessive ‘bling’ are distracting, in my

tainly ‘stick’ in my mind as I sort through the class,” Grebner says.

Judge Beeler believes the top showmen and women separate themselves at the gate. He can stand at the entry gate and tell which exhibitors have put in the effort and preparation to make them contenders.

“Great showmen are confident and have complete control of the ring,” Beeler says.

Both Grebner and Shike describe the top exhibitors as focused yet relaxed. These young people are focused enough to keep their animal in the right spots to get it presented to the best of their ability, yet relaxed enough they avoid overshadowing their projects.

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– Grant Grebner

opinion,” he says. “When I am noticing you and not your hog, you have defeated the purpose of a showmanship class.”

After you’ve dressed for success, you need to be ready to make the drive.

### Shift into the drive

The first look the judge gets can decide whether you find a pen or hit the gate, so it’s imperative to be on your A-game as soon as you enter the ring.

“The exhibitor that gives me an initial view of both sides of the pig upon entering the ring will cer-

tainly ‘stick’ in my mind as I sort through the class,” Grebner says. “As the age divisions and experience levels increase, the showmen and women who anticipate potential problems in the ring – crowds, corners, etc. – get noticed and probably catch a pen for the final drive,” Grebner says.

In addition to avoiding problem areas, such as corners and crowds, all of these judges agree, showmanship is about presenting the best aspects of your animal after the initial look.

“Once I get my initial view from all angles, then it’s OK to show to their strength,” Grebner says. “However, if it is evident I am trying to get a particular view of the pig, and the exhibitor is trying to keep me



(right) Young exhibitors gather around showmanship judge Jason Hirschfeld during the 2013 World Pork Expo Junior National.

from seeing that view, that can have a negative outcome for the exhibitor.”

Shike says, it can make faults even more obvious if an exhibitor repeatedly tries too hard to hide certain views from a judge. To Beeler, showmanship is about presenting a hog, so showing to its strengths is the only choice.

“Show off the good; hide the bad,” Beeler says.

Every choice an exhibitor makes can affect the way a judge sees their animal. Something as simple as turning the pig to drive toward or away from the judge can make a huge difference in the show ring, according to Beeler. Every move the showman or woman makes should be a relaxed, yet calculated effort to show the judge your pig. The best way to show the judge your animal is normally to stay 10-15 feet away from them.

Shike says, this rule of thumb relies on each situation though. Being 15 feet from the judge won't do you any good if there are 10 hogs in front of you.

“Know your pig, know your ring, and find your openings,” he emphasizes.

Once you've made your initial drive, it's time to find a pen.

## Find a pen

After your initial drive, Grebner reminds showmen and women to be courteous to fellow exhibitors and stay out of the way until everyone else has entered the ring. Being courteous, in general, is one way to make your way to the top of the class in his ring.

Both Beeler and Shike recommend watching the class before your own. Not only will you have a better idea of how to present your animal to that particular judge, but you will also be able to learn by watching the most successful exhibitors.

Knowing your pig and the industry is yet another way to separate yourself in class. You will be able to better present an animal, if you are familiar with their strengths and weaknesses, and answering industry-related questions is often a part of showmanship. Just as important as knowing about your project and the industry, judges ask these questions to see how you react,

**“Remember, showmanship is a team sport and some days the hog just doesn't let you win, even though you have paid your dues.” – Warren Beeler**

how poised you are and if you can answer honestly if you don't know.

“Don't be afraid to say, ‘I don't know,’” Beeler says. “As I judge, I always try to ask one question you don't know so you will be better prepared next time.”

Being better prepared for the next time you enter a class is something every exhibitor should strive for, according to Beeler.

“Learn from and accept a loss,” Beeler says. “But, never be satisfied. Those who pout about losing and make excuses will never get better.”

This brings us to our final point. Showmanship, at its core, is still about sportsmanship. As Grebner points out, exhibitors should simply enjoy the opportunity they have to exhibit livestock and be part of such a great industry.

## Ways to get the gate

As many ways as there are to separate yourself from the competition, there are just as many ways you can get the gate. Here are some of our judges' biggest pet peeves they have in the ring.

Driving your hog with an over-exaggerated or hunched posture can distract from your presentation. Your body posture should be natural.

“Your posture should be comfortable,” Shike says. “If it feels awkward and uncomfortable, then it probably looks awkward and uncomfortable.”

Grebner adds, if you wouldn't walk bent over at a 90 degree angle with your arm tucked behind you, then you shouldn't show that way.

It's not only your body posture which can be exaggerated to the point it's detrimental to your drive, but also your pig's. Constantly staying on your pig's head in an effort to keep it up can often do more harm than good.

“I love pigs that can drive with their heads up. If it's natural, it looks really cool,” Shike says. “But some pigs aren't designed that way and it makes them look worse. If you're on their head all

the time, it can change their stride and distract from their strengths.”

Beeler would prefer that exhibitors reach for their whips less, as a rule. He often sees showmen and women overdrive their projects and overuse their whip. Not only does a constantly moving whip distract the judge, but using it to the point that it puts marks on your project can reflect on the industry in a negative light.

“The best showman I have ever judged drove the entire time and never touched the pig with the stick,” Beeler says.

He also says, an exhibitor should never step between the judge and the pig, and showmen and women should always try to keep eye contact on the judge.

To Grebner, many of his pet peeves in the ring come down to lack of respect. Exhibitors should respect their peers, their animals and the judge. Taking it one step further, spectators should also respect the process and not offer “instructions” from the rail.

“I have ears, too. I can hear those,” Grebner says. “Let each exhibitor do his or her best. Constructive criticism and advice after the drive will serve them much better next time.”

At the end of the day, showmanship is all about doing your best and working to get better.

“Remember, showmanship is a team sport and some days the hog just doesn't let you win, even though you have paid your dues. It is critical to all that you learn from losing and congratulate the winner. Winning is being great and lucky on the same day, because it is not what you do all the time but when the judge is looking. So, please congratulate the winner so when it becomes your turn you get all the glory that comes from the win,” Beeler says. “Good luck! Showmanship is hog presentation and an earned talent – so get to work.”





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# 2015 PROSPECTS

## Weanling Pig Extravaganza

Wayne County Fairgrounds  
Richmond, Ind. • April 21-22

**SALE TOTAL: \$117,625**

93 Male Avg. \$354 • 147 Gilts Avg. \$576

**SIFTER:** Adam Beck, Ind.

**AUCTIONEER:** Kevin Wendt, Ohio



Champion Overall & Champion Yorkshire Male Prospect  
Shown by Ifft Yorkshires, Ill.  
Sold to Sam Whitaker, Ind., for \$3,000.



Champion Overall & Champion Dark Crossbred Gilt Prospect  
Shown by Triple L Showpigs, Wis.  
Sold to Jeremy Feller, Ind., for \$1,450.



Res. Champion Overall & Champion Dark Crossbred  
Male Prospect  
Shown by Mike Smith, Ind.  
Sold to Sam Lone, Pa., for \$600.



Res. Champion Overall & Champion Yorkshire Gilt Prospect  
Shown by Thompson Brothers Genetics, Ohio.  
Sold to Ty Stikeleather, Ohio, for \$1,250.



# From the Field

Michael Lackey, NSR Field Representative

The last Wednesday of April is the date for showpig people to converge on the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Richmond, Indiana, for the National Swine Registry (NSR) Weanling Extravaganza. It also marks the end of the spring showpig sale season for this fieldman.

Nearly 500 head of pigs were pre-entered for this year's event, and the usual 60 percent arrived in Richmond. They were a nice set of showpigs, and this year Adam Beck, owner of Crossroads Genetics and Adam Beck and Family Showpigs, was asked to sift through the entries and determine a sale order. Adam did a masterful job of finding the right combination of soundness, balance, width and muscle. A huge thanks to him for taking time away from the operation to sift this event. Great job, Adam.

The Grand Champion Male was the Yorkshire from Ifft Yorkshires of Fairbury, Illinois, that sold to Sam Whitaker of Eminence, Indiana, for \$3,000, making him the high-selling animal of the event. The Reserve

Champion Male was the dark crossbred entry from Michael J. Smith and family of Indiana. He sold to Sam Lone of New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania, for \$600.

The Grand Champion Gilt was the dark crossbred from Triple L Showpigs of Janesville, Wisconsin. She sold to Jeremy Feller of Kendallville, Indiana, for \$1,450. The Reserve Champion Gilt was the Yorkshire from Thompson Brothers Genetics of Pleasantville, Ohio. She sold to Ty Stikeleather of Laura, Ohio, for \$1,250.

A total of 240 head sold for a sum of \$117,625, to average \$490.

Thanks to Joe Grinstead, Hudson Badskey, Macey Mead and Clay Kinkaid for stepping in to help in the sift ring. Scott Evans, thanks for your help with bid taking, and a huge thank you to Colonel Kevin Wendt for keeping the auction on track.

Hopefully, many of you will make plans to attend the Extravaganza next year.



**Champion Berkshire Gilt Prospect**  
Shown by Allison Litman, Pa. Sold to Abbie Halley, Colo., for \$300.



**Champion Chester Gilt Prospect**  
Shown by Knick Show Pigs, Ohio. Sold to Alex Coursey, Md., for \$250.



**Champion Duroc Male Prospect**  
Shown by Robin Ridge Farms, Ind. Sold to Danny Crettinger, Ind., for \$900.



**Champion Duroc Gilt Prospect**  
Shown by David Martin, Iowa. Sold to Reynolds Farms, Ohio, for \$1,900.



**Reserve Duroc Gilt Prospect**  
Shown by RAR Genetics, Iowa. Sold to Grace Barker and Family, Ind., for \$1,100.



**Champion Hampshire Male Prospect**  
Shown by David Hanson, Ind. Sold to Megan Kimbler, Ohio, for \$450.



**Reserve Hampshire Male Prospect**  
Shown by C&C Showpigs, Fla. Sold to Matthew Feller and Family, Ind., for \$650.



**Champion Hampshire Gilt Prospect**  
Shown by Real McCoy Genetics, Ohio. Sold to Austin and Ashley Wampler, Ind., for \$2,500.



**Reserve Hampshire Gilt Prospect**  
Shown by Trey Fecke, III. Sold to Matthew Litman and Katie Painter, Pa., for \$925.



**Champion Hereford Male Prospect**  
Shown by Bona Vista Farm, Ohio. Sold to Starrla Austin, Ohio, for \$600.



**Champion Hereford Gilt Prospect**  
Shown by Bona Vista Farm, Ohio. Sold to Heather Crabill, Ohio, for \$775.



**Champion Landrace Male Prospect**  
Shown by Lance and Mitchell Westcamp, Ohio. Sold to Michael Reed, Ind., for \$300.

# SHOWS



**Champion Landrace Gilt Prospect**  
Shown by Kyle and Jessica Clauson, Ind.  
Sold for \$400.



**Reserve Landrace Gilt Prospect**  
Shown by Lance and Mitchell  
Westcamp, Ohio. Sold to Blue  
Rock Swine, W.V., for \$475.



**Champion Poland Male Prospect**  
Shown by Lance and Mitchell  
Westcamp, Ohio. Sold to Nicholas  
Williams, Ind., for \$425.



**Champion Poland Gilt Prospect**  
Shown by Mikesell Showpigs, Ohio.  
Sold to Vicki Nofziger, Ohio, for \$250.



**Reserve Yorkshire Gilt Prospect**  
Shown by Thompson Brothers, Ohio.  
Sold to DS&K Farms, Ill., for \$900.



**Champion Light Crossbred Male Prospect**  
Shown by Titus Showpigs, Ohio. Sold  
to Michael Pruitt, Ind., for \$800.



**Champion Light Crossbred Gilt Prospect**  
Shown by Leroy and Heather Schaefer, Md.  
Sold to Madison Mason, Ohio, for \$825.



**Reserve Light Crossbred Gilt Prospect**  
Shown by Pruet Livestock,  
Ind. Sold to McCarthy & Wells  
Showpigs, Ind., for \$1,000.



**Reserve Dark Crossbred Male Prospect**  
Shown by Doherty Farms, Wis. Sold  
to Randy Ruby, Md., for \$725.



**Reserve Dark Crossbred Gilt Prospect**  
Shown by Doherty Farms, Wis. Sold to  
Madison Mason, Ohio, for \$1,300.



## Not Pictured:

**Champion Berkshire Male Prospect**  
Shown by Cameron Penick, Ind. Sold  
to Abbie Halley, Colo., for \$300.

**Reserve Berkshire Male Prospect**  
Shown by Brian Gottschalk, Ind.  
Sold to Jim Pegg, Ind., for \$150.

**Reserve Berkshire Gilt Prospect**  
Shown by Arnold, Showpigs, Ind. Sold  
to John Cooper, Ohio, for \$1,100.

**Champion Chester Male Prospect**  
Shown by Tice & Neal, Ind. Sold to Todd  
Murphy and Family, Ind., for \$600.

**Reserve Chester Male Prospect**  
Shown by Chet Folck, Ohio. Sold  
to Robyn Halley, Colo., for \$150.

**Reserve Chester Gilt Prospect**  
Shown by Chet Folck, Ohio. Sold  
to Robyn Halley, Colo., for \$300.

**Reserve Duroc Male Prospect**  
Shown by Nelson Brothers Durocs, S.D.  
Sold to Elm Valley Farms, Ind., for \$375.

**Reserve Hereford Male Prospect**  
Shown by Chet Folck, Ohio. Sold  
to Joy Spadlin, Ohio, for \$175.

**Reserve Hereford Gilt Prospect**  
Shown by Schmeltz Livestock,  
Ill. Sold to Brooke, Baileigh and  
Landon Rhoads, Ohio, for \$250.

**Reserve Poland Gilt Prospect**  
Shown by Lance & Mitchell  
Westcamp, Ohio. Sold to McCoy  
Genetics, Ohio, for \$300.

**Champion Spot Male Prospect**  
Shown by Daniel Scales, Ind. Sold  
to Austin Baker, Ohio, for \$325.

**Reserve Spot Male Prospect**  
Shown by Daniel Scales, Ind. Sold  
to Lukas Mohn, Ind., for \$300.

**Champion Spot Gilt Prospect**  
Shown by Dan Scales, Ind. Sold to  
Josh Ledbetter, Ala., for \$200.

**Reserve Spot Gilt Prospect**  
Shown by Dan Scales, Ind. Sold to  
Gary Dean and Family, Ind., for \$425.

**Reserve Yorkshire Male Prospect**  
Shown by Steven King, Ind. Sold to  
Jacob Sorrell, Ohio, for \$225.

**Reserve Light Crossbred Male Prospect**  
Shown by Robin Ridge Farms, Ind. Sold to  
Thurman Rice, Ind., for \$350.

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## SCHOLARSHIP

NATIONAL JUNIOR SWINE ASSOCIATION

Many NJSA members know the thrill of driving their swine project before a judge. NJSA staff and supporters know the lessons learned in the barn and show ring stretch far beyond gathering banners, so they strive to provide youth in the swine industry with opportunities to compete around the nation.

NJSA hosts six shows throughout the year, including two national shows, World Pork Expo Junior National (WPX Jr. National) held in conjunction with Team Purebred and the National Junior Summer Spectacular (NJSS), along with four regional shows. NJSA also supports five affiliate shows: NBS® Junior Classic, National Western Stock Show, American Royal, North American International Livestock Exhibition (NAILE), AKSARBEN and Arizona National. All NJSA-sponsored exhibitions feature purebred gilt and barrow shows, and the WPX Junior National and four regional shows also host crossbred gilt and barrow shows. NJSA facilitates other competitions during shows including showmanship, skillathon and/or swine judging contest and sweepstakes for each age division.

Collaborating with loyal NJSA supporters, sponsors and industry leaders has allowed the NJSA to offer scholarship opportunities for members furthering their education. Further education can be a huge expense, and NJSA wants to recognize its membership while helping youth pursue educational opportunities. Each year, applications and deadlines can be found at [nationalswine.com/njsa/scholarships.php](http://nationalswine.com/njsa/scholarships.php).

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## EDUCATION

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Raising pigs. Raising kids. Raising our future. The NJSA motto says it all. NJSA supporters know we are raising the future leaders of the swine industry. That is not something NJSA takes lightly. With the goal of raising the next generation of leaders in mind, NJSA hosts three leadership conferences each year where members can meet others interested in the industry, network with current industry leaders and strive for personal growth. Those members looking to have more of a leadership role within the NJSA are encouraged to run for the Junior Board of Directors. Junior board members have the opportunity to help plan and run NJSA events and programs, while serving as mentors to younger NJSA members.

Leadership opportunities offered:

- NJSA Board of Directors
- National Youth Leadership Conference  
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- Regional Leadership Conference  
*NJSA members ages 12-17*
- Bootcamp  
*NJSA members ages 8-12*

NJSA would cease to exist if members weren't learning about the swine industry while they had fun at competitions and events. NJSA strives to make events both challenging and educational for youth of all ages.

NJSA focuses on education in a number of ways. Members should always be ready to learn new things about the industry.

The skillathon contest puts competitors to the test in a number of different ways as they make their way through the four-station contest and answer questions about different topics.

Judging contests allow members to gain critical thinking skills while learning to evaluate livestock and making timely decisions.

Showmanship competitions teach our members not only how to show a pig to the best of their ability, but also how to work well with other exhibitors and communicate about their project with industry experts.

NJSA supporters and staff strive to provide platforms for NJSA members to learn new things along the way. Members can expect to learn valuable information of how to better prepare their swine and themselves for the future.

# FEATURE

## ELEVATING

# Leadership



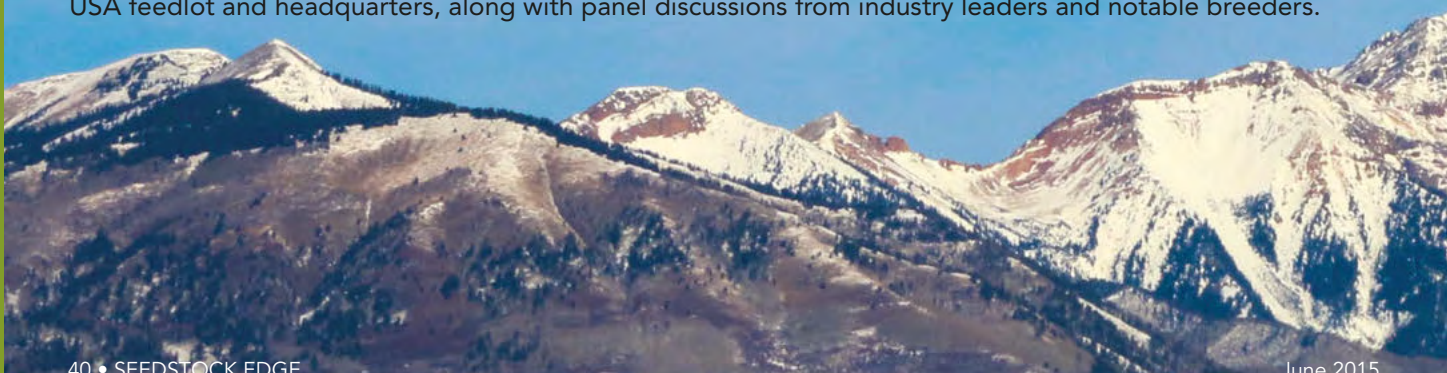
By Morgan Cox, NJSA At-Large Director

## APRIL 10-12, 2015

## FORT COLLINS, COLO.



On April 10-12, Fort Collins, Colo., was filled with nearly 50 NJSA members and supporters for the National Youth Leadership Conference (NYLC). The leadership event included tours of Colorado State University, JBS® USA feedlot and headquarters, along with panel discussions from industry leaders and notable breeders.







Swedish-American author and naturalist John Muir was known to say, “How glorious a greeting the sun gives the mountains!”

The National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) Junior Board of Directors gave a glorious and entertaining greeting to the nearly 50 members

headquarters. These demonstrations include spices and seasoning, injection, packaging, cooking and a pig puzzle activity showing how pork cuts fit together to form a carcass. JBS® had some very interesting topics to share and some very tasty barbecue ribs to taste test.

For the first night of the conference, the Colorado State University (CSU)

## “The best way to predict the future is to create it.” – Abraham Lincoln

who came to Fort Collins, Colorado, April 10. The welcome consisted of each board member lip-synching to an inspirational lyric, while dressed like the artist, and yes, NJSA At-Large Director Jackson Johnson wore a dress. The 2015 National Youth Leadership Conference (NYLC) was off to a great start, and the first day continued to get even better.

The NYLC participants, chaperones, junior board and National Swine Registry (NSR) staff split into two groups to depart for tours of a JBS® USA feedlot and headquarters. The JBS® Five Rivers Kuner Feedlot, located in Kersey, Colorado, is home to 98,000 beef cattle. While on the driving tour, many participants were thrilled to learn the facility is often accessible to the public and how many people come to see how comfortable and happy the cattle are in the feedlot. The JBS® USA Headquarters, located in Greeley, Colorado, is an innovative facility to harvest and develop new products, as well as a place to host educational experiences for tour groups. After listening to a safety overview, each member rotated between five different demonstrations inside the

Meat Lab catered a pork dinner sponsored by the Colorado Pork Producers. The night rounded out with intense basketball and dodge ball tournaments on campus and board games in the hotel conference room with the NJSA Junior Board of Directors.

Saturday morning began with breakfast and the first panel, Leading with Integrity and Honesty – Agricultural Panel. Panelists included Randy Bowman, The Maschhoffs associate director of genetic population management; Bryn Jensson, National Pork Board producer outreach marketing manager; and Melanie Calderwood, CSU academic success coordinator. The panel discussed how integrity is your character and finding yourself starts by defining your ethics and values. Their advice was to surround yourself with people of high integrity and do the right thing. As basketball coach John Wooden was known to say, “Be more concerned with your character than your reputation.”

Dr. Brett Kaysen, NJSA Youth Advisory Board chairman, led the group to begin sessions on CSU’s campus. Kaysen was a professor at CSU for 17 years and recently joined Zoetis, Inc. Kaysen introduced Dr. Nancy Irlbeck,



Junior Board members Devin Ammann and Hannah Zundel participate in an icebreaker while NJSA member Maddie Fugate looks on.

CSU associate dean for academic affairs, a professor he had the pleasure to learn from during his time at CSU. Irlbeck shared her lifelong journey as a woman becoming an animal scientist. Although her father disagreed with her dreams every chance he could, she kept opening doors to new opportunities and has impacted the lives of many students across the country. She concluded by sharing a quote by Abraham Lincoln, “The best way to predict the future is to create it.”

Before departing for a walking tour of campus, the group participated in two sessions, Agricultural Identity and Drawing Your Road Map to Success. CSU Assistant Professors Dr. Mike Martin and Dr. Kellie Enns shared videos and marketing strategies that target the public today. Participants interacted with the speakers when identifying truths, half-truths and non-truths included in these videos and marketing

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strategies. This session really opened eyes and provoked great discussion within the group about the agricultural industry we live in. Kaysen shared his thoughts on “Drawing Your Road Map to Success.” His road map included 16 steps to success, in no particular order, including integrity, enthusiasm, attitude, commitment, goal setting, dreaming big and understanding your why, as a few of the 16. He really connected with many of the participants listening to what he called his “Last Lecture Series.” Kaysen’s challenge to NYLC participants was to find a way to impact someone’s life each and every day.

For the second night of the conference, Judi Blum shared her knowledge as she instructed the group about proper etiquette over dinner. Blum worked as the College of Agricultural Sciences Career Counselor for CSU for nine years and now works as a domestic engineer taking care of her husband and children. She instructed the group on many skills, including how to know when it is acceptable to start eating,

the proper way to pass the bread basket and how to formally introduce someone else sitting at the table. The night was complete after a not-so-formal hour of karaoke and dance moves.

Although the last day of the 2015 NYLC came too quickly, the morning started off right with “Tactics of a Team,” leadership breakout sessions with the NJSA Junior Board. The three sessions were Rise to Your Potential, Mentoring Values People and Team Leading. Rise to Your Potential discussed what characteristics make a great leader. Each participant popped a balloon that contained a piece of paper with a leadership characteristic on it. They were challenged to make a plan of how they are going to improve this characteristic within themselves.

Mentoring Values People highlighted the NJSA MVP Program and how older members can get involved as mentors to be someone their protégé can look up to. The program is perfect for developing your own leadership skills, as well as supporting younger members

to develop theirs. The session on Team Leading focused on specific ways to become a leader in school, clubs and the community. An activity was included in this session to highlight the importance of vocalizing your leadership and how crucial it is to communicate.

The conference wrapped up with the Careers in Agriculture Panel. Panelists included Bowman, Kaysen and Shane Bedwell, CSU instructor and livestock judging coach. These respected professionals agreed the agriculture industry has no limits. They stressed there is nothing bad about wanting to own a boar stud one day, but for most people, showpigs are a hobby. Every youth member in attendance is doing the right thing by going to leadership conferences and networking with industry professionals. Barry Finlay, a famous author, says, “Every mountain top is within reach if you just keep climbing.”



Shane Bedwell, Dr. Brett Kaysen and Randy Bowman discuss careers in agriculture.

Bryn Jenson leads a debate  
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Melanie Calderwood, Bryn Jenson and Randy Bowman discuss Leading with Honesty and Integrity.



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# 2015 NJSA JUNIOR BOARD CANDIDATES



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**Central Region**



**Taylor Blythe**  
Dallas City, Ill.

**Central Region**



**Cannon Brown**  
Queen Creek, Ariz.

**Western Region**



**Danika Miller**  
Terre Haute, Ind.

**Central Region**



**Cody Smith**  
Lakeport, Calif.

**Western Region**



**Clayton Stephens**  
Clinton Corners, New York

**Eastern Region**

## Central Region

**Brenna Beard** | Attica, Ind.

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Brenna Beard, 21, from Attica, Indiana, is the daughter of Marceita and Brad Martin and Marty Beard. She is a sophomore at Purdue University majoring in agricultural sales and marketing.

Beard hopes to stay involved in the livestock industry in her future career. She would like to be a salesperson for a show feed or animal pharmaceutical company or work for a junior organization, such as the NJSA.

At Purdue University, she is an active member of Zeta Tau Alpha Women's Fraternity, Purdue Block & Bridle, Collegiate Farm Bureau, Pork Interest Group, Agribusiness Club, Purdue Dance Marathon and Trap & Skeet Club.

As a member of the NJSA, Beard enjoyed showing at the National Junior Summer Spectacular (NJSS), where she was able to improve as a competitor and learn more about the industry while meeting lifelong friends.

If elected to the NJSA Junior Board of Directors, her main focus would be providing networking opportunities, which she sees as the reason to exhibit swine. Her plan is to put together an event where members can experience stepping out of their comfort zone to meet new people. She would like to create a "Meet the Leaders" event where members could meet with the directors and various leaders throughout the swine industry to improve networking skills and exchange ideas.

Another goal of Beard's is to have workshops at the shows to educate members on how to properly communicate hot topics in the agriculture industry to consumers. In addition, she would look to develop an advocacy live chat to empower NJSA members and swine industry leaders to connect communities through social media platforms. Through these chats, members could gain points by participating and then be awarded for their efforts at NJSS.

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## Central Region

**Taylor Blythe** | Dallas City, Ill.

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Taylor Blythe, 19, from Dallas City, Illinois, is the son of Rob and Paula Blythe. He is currently a freshman at Lake Land College majoring in animal science.

When Blythe is not judging as a member of the Lake Land livestock judging team, he enjoys showing hogs, hunting, fishing and

hanging out with friends. Serving on the NJSA Board of Directors would give him an opportunity to share his passion for the swine industry with others. His career goals include raising showpigs while managing a commercial hog operation. Eventually he would like to operate an elite boar stud.

Blythe has attended various livestock shows around the country and participated in the NJSA Boot Camp, when it was held at Lake Land College. He would like to see the NJSA expand even further and has a goal of incorporating more locally-sanctioned events. By doing this, he believes more youth would have opportunities to be involved in NJSA that might not have the time or opportunity to travel across the country.

His favorite quote by Robert Collier is, "Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."

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## Western Region

**Cannon Brown** | Queen Creek, Ariz.

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Cannon Brown, 18, from Queen Creek, Arizona, is the son of JeriAnn and Steve Laudenslager and Michael and Jessica Brown. He is a freshman at Casper College majoring in agriculture business. At college, Brown is involved in the Casper College livestock judging team and a freshman representative on the college's Student Senate. He also spends his time playing baseball and showing hogs.

Brown's career goals include involvement in the agriculture industry where he could give back to the youth getting involved with showing hogs and traveling to different shows. He would like to work for a feed company as a feed representative and work with youth because he believes without them, there is no one to continue our traditions.

His involvement with the NJSA skyrocketed his sophomore year in high school, when he attended his first National Youth Leadership Conference (NYLC) and World Pork Expo (WPX).

If elected to the NJSA Junior Board of Directors, Brown's goals for the NJSA include increasing involvement with outreach or mentoring programs. He would also work toward recruiting NJSA members from places the association is not necessarily prevalent in, such as Arizona, Wyoming, Idaho and Utah. He wants to get as many people as possible involved in the NJSA.

His favorite quote from Tim Notke is, "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard."

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## Central Region

**Danika Miller** | Terre Haute, Ind.

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Danika Miller, 21, from Terre Haute, Indiana, is the daughter of Lindy and Marilyn Miller. She is a junior at Purdue University majoring in food science. Her career goals include traveling the world, while exploring new cultures. She wants to make an impact on food sustainability both in local communities and abroad.

At Purdue University, Miller has been involved as a College of Agriculture Ambassador, an envoy for the Food Science department, member of Block & Bridle, member of Food Science club, a College of Agriculture Issues 360 Founding Fellow, a student research assistant in Dr. Brad Kim's meat science laboratory, a member of Engineering Projects In the Community (EPICS) and a student research assistant in the Purdue Sensory Laboratory. While staying busy in college, she has been involved in NJSA events for the last 15 years.

If elected to the NJSA Board of Directors, Miller would like to see the NJSA develop spokesmen and women for the production agriculture industry, specifically the swine industry. The NJSA has the unique ability to connect youth from all over the country and therefore a network for communication flow to the general public from coast to coast. With the establishment of training programs and competitions, members could develop valuable skills to take home and encourage participation in their communities. The NJSA is filled with wonderful values the agricultural industry possesses. Sharing these deeply-rooted values with the general public will add value to the NJSA program and its members to future employers, parents, production swine breeders, voters and legislators.

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## Central Region

**Clayton Stephens** | Clinton Corners, New York

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Clayton Stephens, 20, from Clinton Corners, New York, is the son of Jerry and Mary Stephens. He is a sophomore at Northern Oklahoma College where he is majoring in animal science.

Stephens' life ambitions are to have a job in the pork industry, hopefully as an NSR field representative and advocate for agriculture. He eventually hopes to go home and have a showpig operation. He is working towards these goals while being a member of the Aggie club at college and works with many youth activities in the local area. In his free time, Stephens enjoys showing livestock and spending time with family and friends.

He has grown up attending regional shows, along with the WPX and the NJSS. Upon becoming more involved with the NJSA MVP program, he has been very interested in helping the younger members. He grew up being involved in 4-H, and when he started high school he became involved in FFA and the basketball team.

His goals for NJSA are to give back to the association that has shaped his life. He grew up respecting the Junior Board members and always wanted to be just like them. He looks forward to the opportunity to mentor young members and help them grow, as he did in the NJSA.

His favorite quote by children's author Dr. Seuss is, "Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind."



## Western Region

**Cody Smith** | Lakeport, Calif.

Cody Smith, 19, from Lakeport, California, is the son of Cindy and Kevin Smith. He is a freshman at Linn-Benton Community College majoring in animal science in applied nutrition. Smith also manages and works at the swine and cattle unit at Oregon State University.

In college, Smith is part of the Linn-Benton Community College livestock judging team and participates in the Steer-A-Year program through Oregon State. His hobbies include duck hunting, fishing and raising hogs. He has a future career goal of judging livestock shows and becoming a feed salesman. He also enjoys spending time with his family, which includes his younger brother, Wyatt.

Smith enjoyed working at the Western Regional and the NJSS, this past year. After participating in his local 4-H club in high school, he has enjoyed becoming more involved with the NJSA.

One of his goals for the NJSA, if he is elected to the Junior Board, is to increase participation from the members who live on the West Coast. He hopes to inform potential members how great the NJSA is.

His favorite quote from philosopher Confucius is, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."



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# National Junior Summer Spectacular Contest Rules & Reminders

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## SWEEPSTAKES CONTEST

**Registration: Tuesday, June 30, Noon-8 p.m.**

The Sweepstakes Contest is an "all-around" competition designed to recognize the most outstanding NJSA exhibitors through their participation in multiple events. Sweepstakes contestants must declare their intent to compete in the Sweepstakes Contest at registration. Sweepstakes contestants must compete in all four contests at the National Junior Summer Spectacular (NJSS). Points will be contributed from the highest-placing purebred gilt or barrow, Showmanship Contest, Judging Contest and Skillathon Contest toward the Sweepstakes awards. There will be no extra points awarded to those individuals who compete in the additional contests. See the NJSA Handbook for the full Sweepstakes point breakdown.

## SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

**Preliminaries: Wednesday, July 1, 1 p.m.**

**Finals: Thursday, July 2, 8 a.m.**

Join us for the best Showmanship Contest in the country. Showmanship orders will be posted Wednesday morning. The preliminaries will begin Wednesday, July 1, at 1 p.m. The finals of each division will begin on Thursday, July 2, at 8 a.m. For both the preliminaries and finals of the showmanship competition, Ring A will host juniors followed by seniors, and Ring B will host novice followed by intermediates. All contestants must be members of the NJSA. Divisions will be randomly broken into classes according to entries, with no more than 20 exhibitors per class. Any animal that does not meet breed eligibility requirements may not be used for Showmanship. Any animal shown in Showmanship must be entered in the junior show.

## SKILLATHON CONTEST

**Registration: Tuesday, June 30, Noon-8 p.m.**

**Contest: Wednesday, July 1, 8-11 a.m.**

**Review: Wednesday, July 1, 11-11:45 a.m.**

The Skillathon Contest is a fun, educational contest where participants rotate through four stations within each age division and are asked to perform tasks or answer questions on specific swine industry topics. No parents or spectators are allowed in the Skillathon rooms. However, from 11-11:45 a.m., all participants and parents are invited to go back through the stations to review the questions and correct answers. The following are examples of topics that could be used in the Skillathon: ear notching, swine breeds, swine health, Pork Quality Assurance Plus (PQA Plus®) certification, meat cut identification, swine anatomy (external, internal and skeletal), reproductive physiology, swine diseases and pedigree information. Reference material may be obtained by contacting the NSR office at 765.463.3594.

## JUDGING CONTEST

**Registration: Friday, July 3, 7:30-8:30 a.m.**

**Jr./Inter./Senior Contest: Friday, July 3, 9 a.m.**

**Novice Contest: Friday, July 3, 11:30 a.m.**

Test your ability to evaluate breeding gilts and market hogs in the Judging Contest. All contestants must be members of the NJSA. Teams must have three to four contestants from the same age division. The top three scores will comprise the team score. Parents are not allowed near the judging rings during the contest. Assistants will be available to novice or first-time judges who may not understand how to mark their cards. Junior exhibitors will judge six classes and answer two sets of questions.

Intermediate exhibitors will judge six classes, give one set of oral reasons and answer two sets of questions. Senior exhibitors will judge six classes and give three sets of oral reasons. Novice will have their own separate contest at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 3. They will judge two classes and answer questions on one class. Bonus questions may be asked to break ties. A teaching class will precede the contest where available and officials will be given immediately after their cards are turned in.

## STATE SCRAPBOOK CONTEST

1. Each state may enter one scrapbook in this contest at NJSS.
2. Scrapbooks will be judged on creativity, eye appeal, theme, educational value and neatness.
3. Scrapbooks must have been designed and put together by NJSA members and will be displayed in the designated area (across from NJSA office). Parents are encouraged to help.
4. Electricity will not be available for displays due to safety rules.
5. Scrapbooks must include a label or title with the scrapbook that easily identifies the state and any participants.
6. Computer generated fonts and designs are allowed, if desired.
7. Enclose any included memorabilia in a plastic sleeve or use archival spray to protect it.

## 2015 SWEEPSTAKES POINT SYSTEM

- I. Purebred Gilt/Barrow Show: 1st-5th: 100; 6th-10th: 75; 11th-15th: 50; participation: 25
- II. Showmanship: 1st: 100; 2nd: 95; 3rd: 90; 4th: 85; 5th: 80; 6th: 75; 7th: 70; 8th: 65; 9th: 60; 10th: 55; Make it out of the first round: 50; Participation: 25
- III. Skillathon: 1st: 100; 2nd: 95; 3rd: 90; 4th: 85; 5th: 80; 6th: 75; 7th: 70; 8th: 65; 9th: 60; 10th: 55; 11th-participation: 50
- IV. Judging Contest: 1st: 100; 2nd: 95; 3rd: 90; 4th: 85; 5th: 80; 6th: 75; 7th: 70; 8th: 65; 9th: 60; 10th: 55; 11th-participation: 50
- V. NJSS Bonus Contests: No additional points will be given for Sweepstakes points. However, participants will still be ranked and awarded for their efforts at the Awards Ceremony.
  - a. Swine Is Fine Art Contest
  - b. Amazing Advertising Contest
  - c. Speech Contests
- IV. Tie Breaker: In the event of a tie at the National Junior Summer Spectacular, ties will be broken on the following:
  - a. Skillathon
  - b. Judging Contest
  - c. Showmanship
  - d. Gilt/Barrow Actual
  - e. Gilt Show
  - f. Barrow Show

## \*BONUS CONTESTS

- Swine is Fine Art Contests
- Amazing Advertising Contest
- Prepared Speech Contest
- Extemporaneous Speech Contest

*\*No additional points will be given for Sweepstakes points. However, participants will still be ranked and awarded for their efforts at the Awards Ceremony. You can find more information about these contests in the NJSA Handbook which is located on the NSR website.*

Swine is Fine Art and Amazing Advertising entries are closed. For more information visit the NJSS show page on the NSR website.

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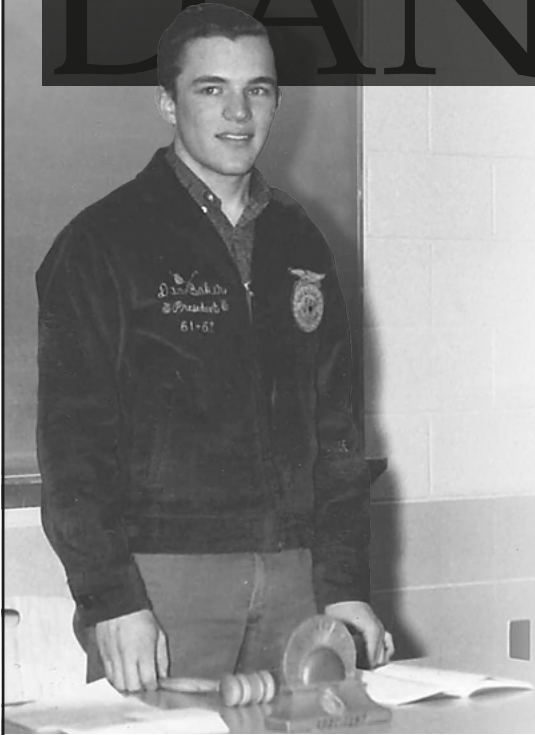
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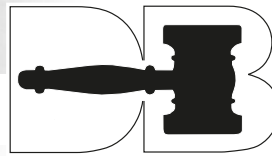
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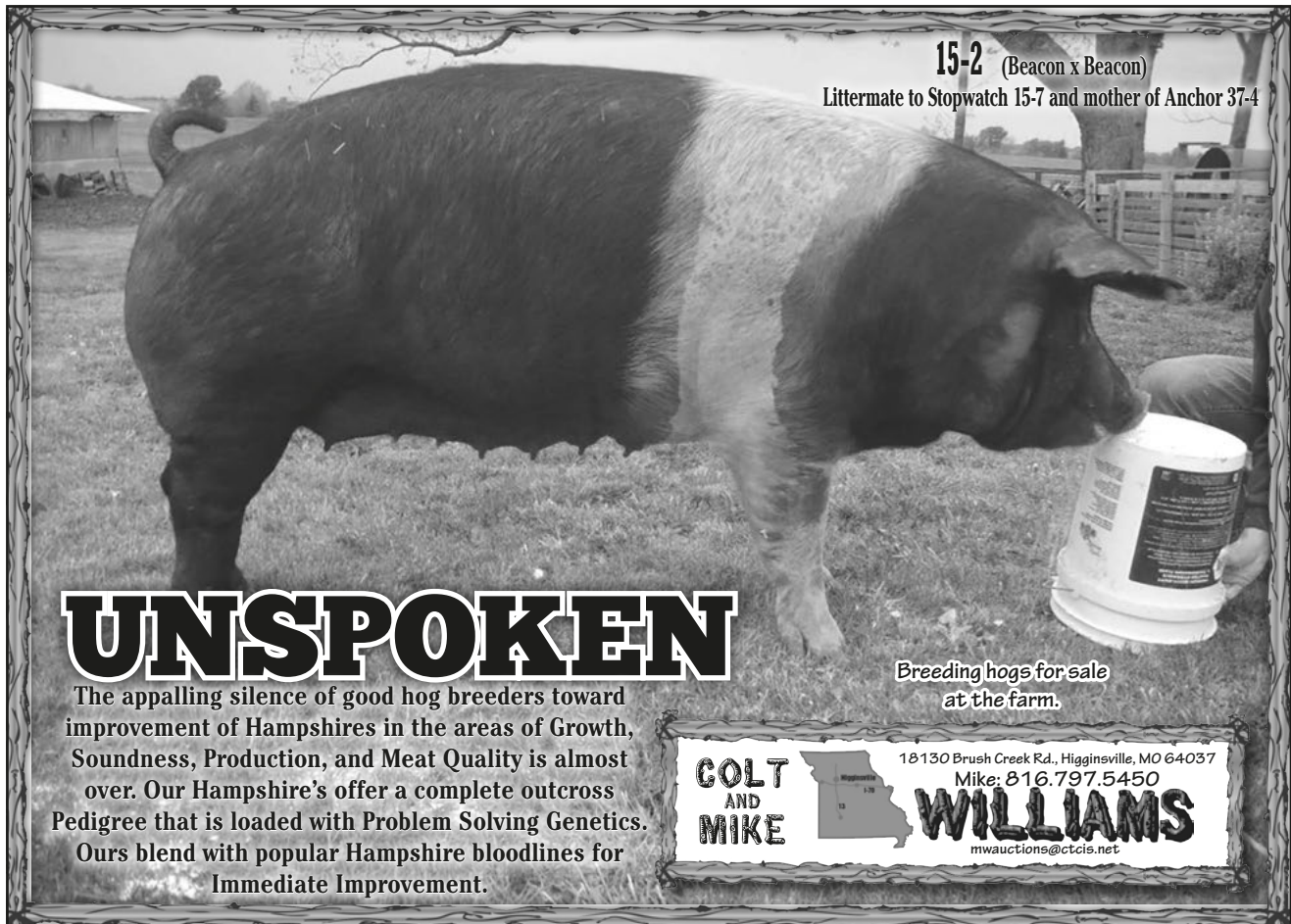


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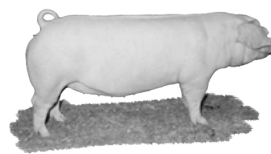
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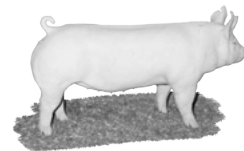
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# SCHEDULE

## Shows and Events



### Show Schedule

SHOW	WHERE	WHEN	ENTRY DEADLINE
National Western Stock Show	Denver, Colo.	Jan. 18-20, 2016	TBA
NJSA Southeast Regional	Perry, Ga.	Jan. 27-31, 2016	Dec. 10, 2015
NSR Winter Type Conference	Perry, Ga.	Jan. 27-31, 2016	TBA
NJSA Bootcamp	TBA	TBA	TBA
NSR Southwest Type Conference	Belton, Texas	March 2-5, 2016	Jan. 28, 2016
NJSA Western Regional	Turlock, Calif.	TBA	TBA
NJSA Nat'l Youth Leadership Conf.	TBA	TBA	TBA
NSR Weanling Extravaganza	Richmond, Ind.	TBA	TBA
World Pork Expo	Des Moines, Iowa	June 1-6, 2015	CLOSED
WPX Junior National	Des Moines, Iowa	June 1-6, 2015	CLOSED
NSR Summer Type Conference	Louisville, Ky.	June 29-July 4, 2015	CLOSED
National Junior Summer Spectacular	Louisville, Ky.	June 29-July 4, 2015	CLOSED
NJSA Southwest Regional	Chickasha, Okla.	Aug. 28-30, 2015	Aug. 4, 2015
National Barrow Show®	Austin, Minn.	Sept. 12-16, 2015	Aug. 14, 2015
NBS® Junior Classic	Austin, Minn.	Sept. 12-16, 2015	Aug. 14, 2015
Ak-Sar-Ben	Omaha, Neb.	Sept. 24-27, 2015	TBA
NJSA Eastern Regional	Hamburg, N.Y.	Oct. 8-10, 2015	Sept. 10, 2015
American Royal	Kansas City, Mo.	Oct 24-26, 2015	Sept. 10, 2015
NAILE	Louisville, Ky.	Nov. 7-10, 2015	Oct. 1, 2015
NSR Fall Classic	Duncan, Okla.	Nov. 18-21, 2015	Oct. 7, 2015
NJSA Regional Leadership Conf.	TBA	TBA	TBA
Arizona National	Phoenix, Ariz.	Dec. 26-31, 2015	Oct. 31, 2015

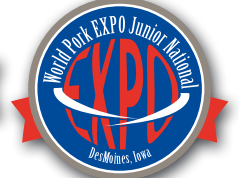
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## WPX Open & Jr. Shows

June 1-6, 2015

Iowa State Fairgrounds • Des Moines, Iowa



**FARROWING DATES:** Nov. 1, 2014 and after

**JR. SHOW OWNERSHIP DEADLINE:** April 24, 2015

### MONDAY, JUNE 1

- 9 a.m.: Earliest entries may arrive
- 2-8 p.m.: Registration (Cattle Barn)
- 6:30 p.m.: Stock Show U Clinic for Swine

### TUESDAY, JUNE 2

- 7:30-10 a.m.: Registration (Cattle Barn)
- 9 a.m.: All WPX Junior National entries must be on grounds
- 10-11:30 a.m.: Youth PQA Plus certification
- 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Adult PQA Plus certification
- 1 p.m.: Barrow and crossbred gilt weight cards due
- 1 p.m.: Mandatory exhibitor meeting (Ring A)
- 2 p.m.: Showmanship
  - Ring A: Novice followed by Intermediate
  - Ring B: Junior followed by Senior
- 7 p.m.: Open show entry arrival closed for evening

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

- 7 a.m.-7 p.m.: Open show entries may arrive
- 7-7:45 a.m.: Inspirational Service with Ray Perryman (Ring A)
- 8 a.m.: Team Purebred Skillathon Quiz opens (Team Purebred Booth)
- 8 a.m.: Purebred Barrow Show
  - Ring A: Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire
  - Ring B: Berkshire, Chester White, Poland and Spot

*\*Immediately following the selection of the Champion Purebred Barrow in Ring A: Crossbred Barrow Show in Ring A*

- 9 a.m.-6 p.m.: Open show registration (open show office in swine barn)

### THURSDAY, JUNE 4

- 5 a.m.-8 a.m.: Open show entries may arrive – all open show entries must be on grounds by 8 a.m.
- 8-10 a.m.: Open show registration (open show office in swine barn)
- 8 a.m.: Purebred Gilt Show
  - Ring A: Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire
  - Ring B: Berkshire, Chester White, Poland and Spot

*\*Immediately following the selection of the Team Purebred Champion Gilt in Ring B: Crossbred Gilt Show in Ring B*

- 8:30 a.m.: Scanning of open show boars (east side of swine barn)
- 5 p.m.: Team Purebred Quiz closes (Team Purebred Booth)

### FRIDAY, JUNE 5

- 7:30 a.m.: Open Show – Duroc gilt and boar show followed by Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire and Crossbred gilts and boars (Ring A)
- 7:30-9 a.m.: Judging Contest registration
- 8 a.m.: Open Show – Spot show followed by Poland, Chester and Berkshire (Ring B)
- 10 a.m.: Judging Contest
- 12:30 p.m.: Novice Judging Contest
- 4 p.m.: Awards Ceremony (Ring B)

5:30 p.m.: All WPX Junior National hogs are released, but are encouraged to stay through Saturday for the WPX Sale

### SATURDAY, JUNE 6

- 9 a.m.: Open Sale - Duroc boar and gilt sale followed by Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire and Crossbred boars and gilts (Ring A)
- 9:30 a.m.: Open Sale – Spot sale followed by Poland, Chester and Berkshire (Ring B)

### JUDGES

Open Duroc: Bill Range, Ill.      Open Yorks: Ben Bobell, Ill.  
Open Hamps: Shane Brinning, Iowa      Open Crosses: Jason Lackey, Texas  
Open Landrace: Brandon Ogle, Ill.

NJSA Purebred Gilts: Andy Rash, Ill.  
NJSA Purebred Barrows & Crossbred Barrows: Ryan Sites, Okla.  
Crossbred Gilts: Seth Swenson, Ill.  
Novice & Intermediate Showmanship: Grant Grebner, Ill.  
Junior & Senior Showmanship: Adam Mendonza, Calif.

### Additional Jr. Show Information

**Contests:** Purebred and Crossbred Gilt Shows, Purebred and Crossbred Barrow Shows, Showmanship Contest, Judging Contest and Sweepstakes Contest.

**Note:** This is a joint event held in conjunction with Team Purebred. There will be no market hog loadout available.

**Limit per Exhibitor:** Two entries, per sex, per breed. You must show one purebred barrow for every one crossbred barrow and one purebred gilt for every one crossbred gilt.

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# NSR Summer Type Conference

## NJSA National Jr. Summer Spectacular

June 29-July 4, 2015

Kentucky State Fair & Expo Center • Louisville, Ky.

**FARROWING DATES:** Dec. 1 and after

**JR. SHOW OWNERSHIP DEADLINE:** May 1, 2015



### MONDAY, JUNE 29

**3 p.m.:** Earliest hogs may arrive (Junior and Open)

### TUESDAY, JUNE 30

**12 p.m.-8 p.m.:** Registration  
(Junior and Open Shows, Showmanship, Skillathon,  
State Scrapbook and Speech Contests)

**3-4 p.m.:** MVP Celebration (Showring B)

**4:30 p.m.:** Barnyard Olympics (Showring A)

**6 p.m.:** Corn Toss Tournament (Youth and adults welcome)

**6 p.m.:** Premier Breeder and The Maschhoffs  
Inc. Scholarship interviews

**7 p.m.:** All junior hogs must be in place

**8:30 p.m.:** Barrow weight cards due (Registration Area)

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

**8-11 a.m.:** Skillathon

**8-9:30 a.m.:** Adult PQA Plus Training

**8:30 a.m.:** Prepared and Extemporaneous  
Speech Contestant meeting

**9 a.m.:** Speech Contests begin

**9 a.m.-Noon:** Breed Eligibility Checks  
(wash racks/scales closed)

**9 a.m.-4 p.m.:** Open show registration

**10:30-11:30 a.m.:** Youth PQA Plus Training

**11-11:45 a.m.:** Skillathon Review

**Noon:** Wash racks opened

**Noon:** Opening Ceremony

**1 p.m.:** Showmanship Preliminaries

- Ring A: Junior followed by Senior
- Ring B: Novice followed by Intermediate

*\*Top Ten Finals held Thursday morning*

Immediately following Showmanship  
Preliminaries: Junior Barrow Show

- Ring A: Duroc and Hampshire
- Ring B: Landrace and Yorkshire

*\*Special award presentations will be given prior to the  
Grand Champion Barrow selection*

### HOTELS:

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**Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport** | 888.233.9527

Mention National Swine Registry

Rate: \$99 – King or Dbl.

Cut-off date: May 28

### THURSDAY, JULY 2

**8 a.m.:** Showmanship Finals

- Ring A: Junior followed by Senior
- Ring B: Novice followed by Intermediate

**9 a.m.:** All Open entries must be penned and  
checked-in. Scanning to follow (boars only)

**10 a.m.:** Junior Gilt Show

- Ring A: Duroc and Hampshire
- Ring B: Landrace and Yorkshire

*\*Special award presentations will be awarded given prior to the Grand  
Champion Gilt and Grand Champion Bred and Owned Gilt selection*

### FRIDAY, JULY 3

**7:30-8:30 a.m.:** Judging Contest Registration

**7:30 a.m.:** Open Show: Crossbred Boar Show  
followed by the Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace,  
and Yorkshire gilt and boar shows

**9 a.m.:** Judging Contest (Junior, Intermediate and Senior)

**11:30 a.m.:** Novice Judging Contest

**1 p.m.:** State Food Drive Counting

**5 p.m.:** Pizza Party and Judging Critique

**5:45 p.m.:** Ray Perryman Inspirational Service

**6:30 p.m.:** Awards Ceremony\*

*\*NJSS contest winners announced (State Food Drive, State Scrapbook,  
Amazing Advertising Contest, Swine is Fine Contest, Skillathon,  
Judging Contest, Speech Contests, Sweepstakes Contest)*

*\*Drawing winners announced*

*\*Premier Breeders awarded*

*\*2015-2016 Junior Board announced*

**9-11 p.m.:** Dance

*\*All Junior hogs are released at the conclusion of the Awards Ceremony*

### SATURDAY, JULY 4

**9 a.m.:** Crossbred boar sale followed by the Duroc,  
Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire boar and gilt sales

### JUDGES

**Open Duroc:** Blane Olson, Ill.

**Open Hampshire:** Kent Bennington, Ind.

**Open Landrace:** Bret Vickrey, Ind.

**Open Yorkshire:** Garry Childs, Ga.

**Open Crossbred Boars:** Ben Moyer, Ohio

**NJSA Duroc and Hampshire Barrows:** Clint Schwab, Ill.

**NJSA Yorkshire and Landrace Barrows:** Mike McCoy, Ohio

**NJSA Duroc and Hampshire Gilt:** Jay Winter, Texas

**NJSA Yorkshire and Landrace Gilt:** Will Winter, Texas

**NJSA Novice/Intermediate Showmanship:** Warren Beeler, Ky.

**NJSA Junior/Senior Showmanship:** Dan Shike, Ill.



## National Junior Summer Spectacular



**June 29-July 4, 2015**

Kentucky Exposition Center • Louisville, Kentucky

**Ownership Deadline:** May 1, 2015

**Farrowing Deadline:** Dec. 1, 2014 and after

**JUNIOR BREEDING GILT & MARKET BARROW SHOWS:**

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- \$75 for Fifth-Place Overall Gilt & Barrow
- \$1,000 for Breed Champions
- \$500 for Reserve Breed Champions
- \$150 for Third-Place Breed Champions
- \$75 for Fourth-Place Breed Champions
- \$50 for Fifth-Place Breed Champions



## SUMMER TYPE CONFERENCE



**June 29-July 4, 2015**

Kentucky Exposition Center • Louisville, Kentucky

**Farrowing Deadline:** Dec. 1, 2014 and after

**SHOW:** Friday, July 3

**SALE:** Saturday, July 4

The NSR open show includes purebred Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire boar and gilt and Crossbred boar genetics.

Held in conjunction with the National Junior Summer Spectacular.

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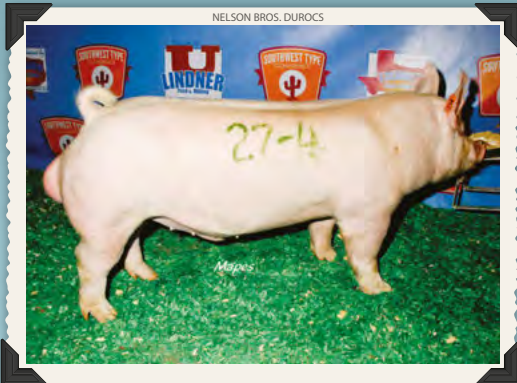
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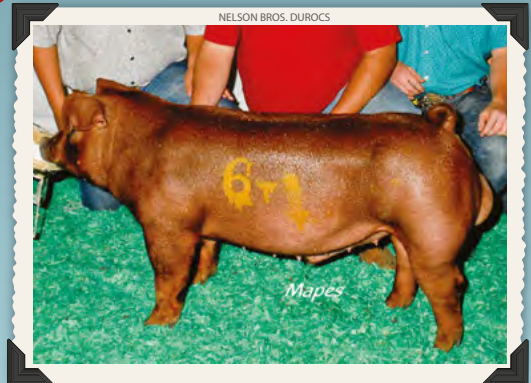
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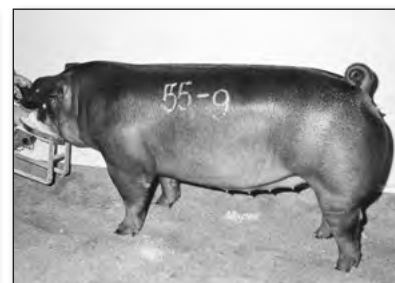
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Jan. 18-20, 2016



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Jan. 27-31, 2016



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Turlock, Calif.  
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**WPX Junior National**  
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June 1-6, 2015



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Summer Spectacular**  
Louisville, Ky.  
June 29-July 4, 2015



**NJSA  
Southwest Regional**  
Chickasha, Okla.  
Aug. 28-30, 2015  
Entry Deadline: Aug. 4



**NBS® Junior Classic**  
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Sept. 12-16, 2015  
Entry Deadline: Aug. 14



**Ak-Sar-Ben**  
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Sept. 24-26, 2015



**NJSA  
Eastern Regional**  
Hamburg, N.Y.  
Oct. 8-10, 2015  
Entry Deadline: Sept. 10



**American Royal**  
Kansas City, Mo.  
Oct. 23-25, 2015  
Entry Deadline: Sept. 10



**North American  
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Livestock Exposition**  
Louisville, Ky.  
Nov. 7-9, 2015



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Sire: 554011007

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Owned By: Olsen & Grimm Purebreds  
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Name: JGR4 Power Up 89-9

Registry #: 566099009  
Farrowed: October 03, 2014  
Owned By: Grimm Purebreds  
Bred By: Grimm Purebreds

JGR2 Brenda 39-5  
Dam: 532821005

Farrowed: April 10, 2012  
Owned By: Grimm Purebreds  
Bred By: Grimm Purebreds

TPSP2 Power On 10-1  
Sire: 544278001

Farrowed: December 20, 2012  
Owned By: Top Cut Genetics/platt Show  
Bred By: Tom Moyer & Family

Farrowed: May 03, 2012

Owned By: Chuck Or Ben Olsen  
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CDO2 Brenda 77-9  
Dam: 533428009

JGR0 Bootlegger 210-6  
Sire: 511916006

Farrowed: December 17, 2010  
Owned By: Grimm Purebreds  
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Farrowed: April 08, 2011

Owned By: Grimm Purebreds  
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JGR1 Brenda 61-3  
Dam: 517382003

TMP2 Power Drive 84-2  
Sire: 529473002

TMP1 Samantha 35-10  
Dam: 521905010

RWGO Net Worth 233-1  
Sire: 512481001

CDO1 Brenda 80-5  
Dam: 518043005

WGW9 Moonshine 72-4  
Sire: 493322004

JGR9 Brenda 129-2  
Dam: 497165002

TBR09 Rondo 64-4  
Sire: 500770004

JGR0 Brenda 19-1  
Dam: 502096001

ARK1 Final Drive 130-10  
Sire: 513807010

TMP0 Samantha 3-5  
Dam: 510465005

ARK0 Onslaught 35-3  
Sire: 509839003

TMP0 Samantha 46-3  
Dam: 502275003

YBM9 Virgile 1-4  
Sire: 499901004

CDO9 Lady 11-5  
Dam: 490531005

TBR09 Rondo 64-4  
Sire: 500770004

CDO0 Brenda 76-5  
Dam: 505995005

WGW8 Spud 53-7  
Sire: 484178007

WGW8 Miss Dekalb 58-7  
Dam: 481332001

JGR8 Mack Attack 84-5  
Sire: 481589005

JGR8 Brenda 64-3  
Dam: 479015003

JFC8 Cannon Ball 34-1  
Sire: 486820001

TBR07 Miss Dasher 33-9  
Dam: 471497009

JGR9 Big Easy 12-5  
Sire: 490372005

JGR7 Brenda 304-2  
Dam: 472549002

# JGR4 Power Up 89-9

Power Up is a boar we bred specifically to keep when we bred 39-5 to Chuck and Ben's Power On son for an early October litter. 39-5 is one of five littermate sows we had in the herd. She is sired by Bootlegger who is a Moonshine x Mack Attack x Tank. Her dam is 61-3 who is a Rondo x Big Easy x Tank. Every hog in this pedigree has made a positive contribution to our herd and the breed.

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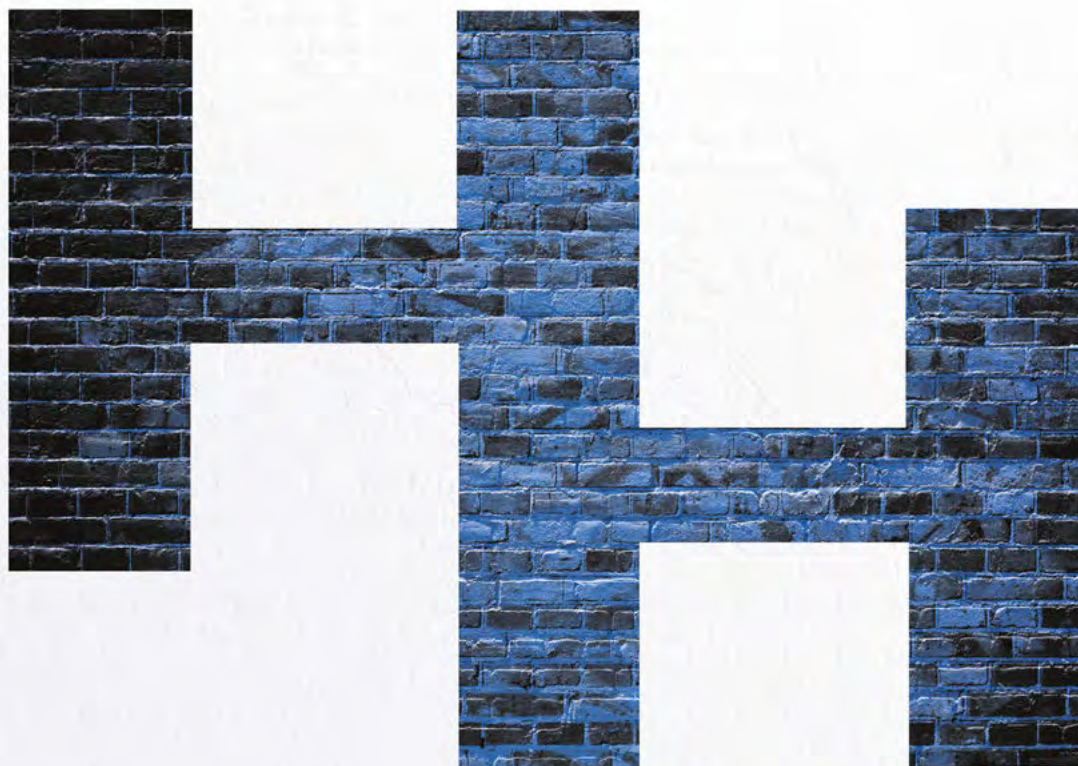


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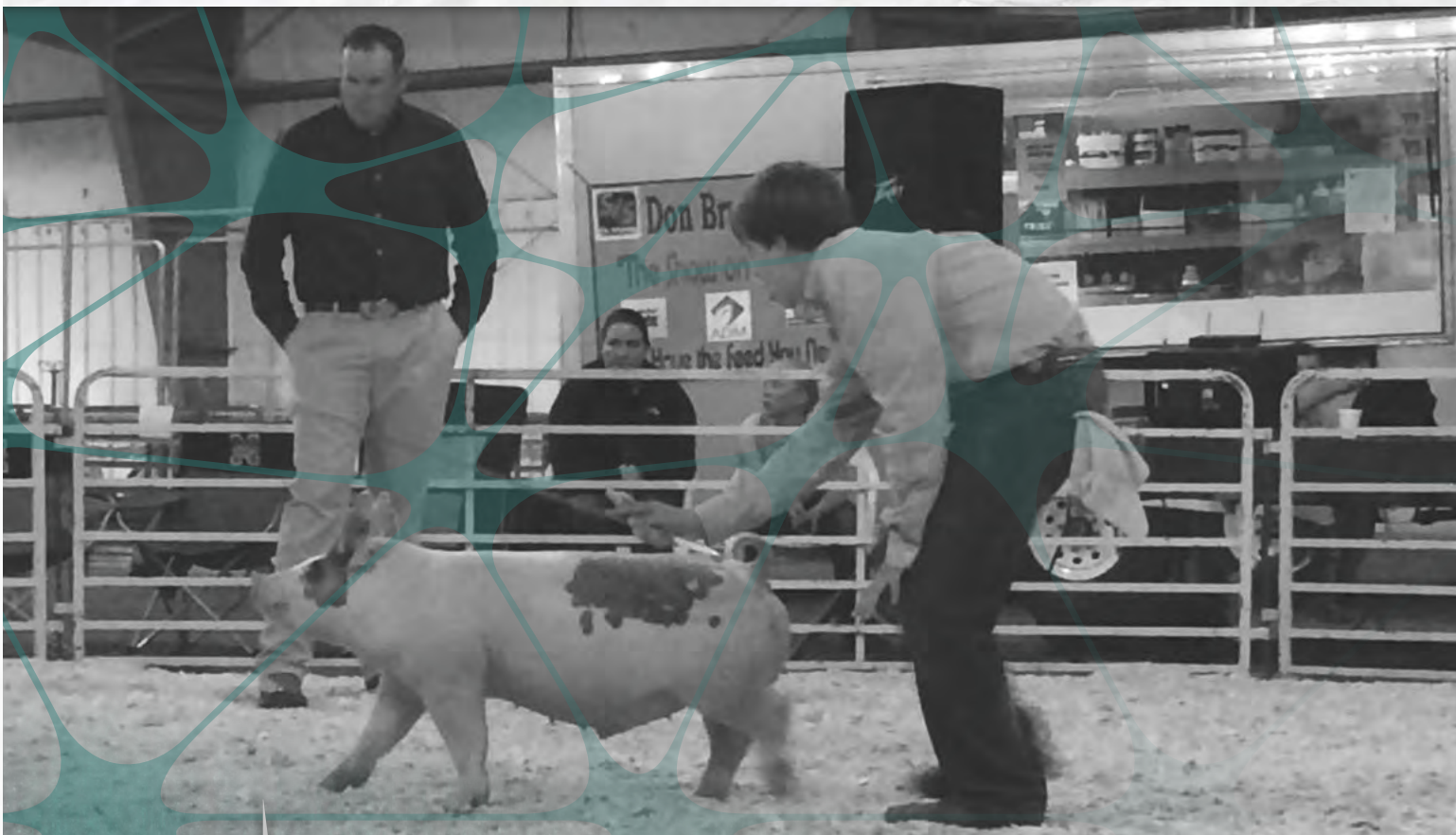
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By Macy Schneider, Iowa State University agricultural communications student

*Macy job shadowed at AgCareers.com in March of 2014.*

# Career PROFILE

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## A Building Block to Success: Job Shadowing

How do you know if your dream career is the right fit for you? There are hundreds of tests and quizzes online to assure you. You can spend hours and hours in the classroom and in college lecture halls filling your toolbox with information you hope to be able to put to use one day. There are even job descriptions available for job seekers, which give a broad overview of the exact position you may wish to fulfill in the job market. However, none of the tests or quizzes, endless lectures or job descriptions will give you as much reassurance as job shadowing a professional in your future career field.

The first step to any successful job shadowing experience is to determine what you wish to gain and what you want to learn more about. Once you have your overall objectives in mind, you can then look online or through your current networking contacts to determine who will help you meet those goals. It is always best to contact the person in the position you wish to job shadow first by email or phone. Always remember to be polite and professional, identify who you are, what you wish to achieve and ask if such opportunities are available.

On the day of your job shadow, allow yourself enough time to arrive 10 to 15 minutes early. Be sure to dress accordingly. Ask about proper dress code, when you are working out the details of the job shadowing experience. It is always better to be overdressed than underdressed. Go over the objectives you wish to gain from the experience again with the individual you are shadowing to ensure you make the most of your time together. Be attentive and notice the job environment you are in, the equipment used, tasks being completed, communication methods, workplace morale and so on. Can you imagine yourself doing the same things long term?

Ask questions about anything and everything. If something is confusing or you are curious to know more, feel free to ask. Some examples of key questions to ask are:

- What path did you take to work in this position?
- What is one thing that surprised you about your career/current position?
- What is the most rewarding/most stressful part about your position?
- What advice do you have for anyone aspiring to enter this career?

Your level of interest will show the employer how serious you are about the job shadowing opportunity, and the added conversation will allow for a more relaxed and friendly environment.

After you have completed your shadowing experience be sure to send a thank you note. It is best if the note is sent within one to two days after the experience is completed. To add an extra touch of appreciation you can personalize it with your own penmanship and comment on what you gained from the opportunity. Take time to reflect on the experience and how it will benefit you in your future endeavors. Remember to use your job shadowing experience to your advantage on your résumé and during an interview process. Job shadowing can be listed as industry-relevant experience, and during the interview, you can refer to the company, the goals you met and observations you made from the opportunity. Don't forget to add the professional you shadowed to your career network and stay in touch with them. One day, they could be an asset to helping you achieve your career goals.

Job shadowing has the ability to lead to an interview with the company. It also shows your interest in the business career field and can increase your chances of being hired one day. The opportunity allows you to gain experience and insight on how the industry operates on a daily basis, while also providing lifelong networking connections. There are many positive benefits of job shadowing you simply cannot get by doing online career placement quizzes, attending class or browsing the job market for position descriptions. Job shadowing is an under-utilized, hands-on experience, which delivers one of the most realistic insights into what a certain career field holds for your future.

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- 1-6 World Pork Expo, Des Moines, Iowa
- 9 July Seedstock EDGE Ad Deadline
- 15 Cobb Family Bred Female Online Sale, [showpig.com](http://showpig.com)
- 16 Ottenwalter Showpigs Online Sale, [showpig.com](http://showpig.com)
- 16 RW Genetics Online Bred Female Sale, [showpig.com](http://showpig.com)
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- 18 Huinker Durocs Online Bred Female Sale, [showpig.com](http://showpig.com)
- 18 Triple B Proven Sow and Bred Gilt Sale, [showpig.com](http://showpig.com)
- 20 Got To Be NC Livestock Show Pig Sale, 5 p.m., Wilson, N.C.
- 22 Peter Farms Prospect Sale, [showpig.com](http://showpig.com)
- 23 Heimer Hampshires Proven Sow Dispersal, [showpig.com](http://showpig.com)
- 23 Genetic Edge Online Sale, [thepigplanet.com](http://thepigplanet.com)
- 23 Olsen Yorkshires Online Bred Gilt Sale, [olsenyorks.com](http://olsenyorks.com)

- 24 Peter Farms Summer Online Bred Female Sale, [showpig.com](http://showpig.com)
- 28 Show Pig Planet Jackpot Show, Springfield, Ill.
- 29-July 4 NJSA National Junior Summer Spectacular and NSR Summer Type Conference, Louisville, Ky.

## JULY

- 1 July Seedstock EDGE mails
- 10 August Seedstock EDGE Ad Deadline
- 15 Cain Super Sires Online/Telephone Boar Sale, [cainfarms.com](http://cainfarms.com)

## AUGUST

- 1 American Royal Swine Show Ownership and DNA Validation Deadline
- 3 August Seedstock EDGE mails
- 4 RW Genetics Online Bred Female Sale, [showpig.com](http://showpig.com)
- 9 Indiana State Fair 4-H Junior Show, Indianapolis, Ind.
- 13 Iowa State Fair Blue & Gold Gilt Sale, 7:30 p.m., Des Moines, Iowa
- 20 Indiana State Fair Duroc Open Show and Sale, Indianapolis, Ind.

- 21 September Showpig Issue Seedstock EDGE Ad Deadline
- 25 State Fair of Texas Junior Entry Deadline

## SEPTEMBER

- 9 Cobb Family Online Sale, [showpig.com](http://showpig.com)
- 10 American Royal Swine Show Entry Deadline
- 11 September Showpig Issue Seedstock EDGE mails
- 26-27 State Fair of Texas Junior Gilt Show, Dallas, Texas
- 24 Torpedo Farms Online Sale, [showpig.com](http://showpig.com)
- 28 Oct./Nov. Seedstock EDGE Ad Deadline

## OCTOBER

- 7 Cobb Family Online Sale, [showpig.com](http://showpig.com)
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- 22 December Seedstock EDGE Ad Deadline
- 23-25 American Royal Swine Show, Kansas City, Mo.

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