

2026 NATIONAL BARROW SHOW® GENERAL INFORMATION

ENTRY INFORMATION

- Each exhibitor may enter a MAXIMUM of 4 PUREBRED OPEN GILTS PER BREED, 4 PUREBRED BOARS PER BREED and 4 CROSSBRED GILTS or 4 CROSSBRED BOARS. Purebred breeding animals must be farrowed on or after December 1, 2025. Market animals must be farrowed on or after January 1, 2024.
- A MAXIMUM of 4 TRUCKLOAD entries per exhibitor may be entered.
- If you wish to enter the Junior or Open show, you must complete BOTH the Junior and Open show entry forms.
- Entry fees for all entries must accompany the entry form.
- All entries must be postmarked by August 21, 2026, or made online by this date.
- All late entries will be charged double the regular entry fees. All entry fees are non-refundable.
- CPS reserves the right to close entries due to pen space limitations any time after the printed deadline.
- All pedigrees for purebred breeding animal entries must be recorded by August 21, 2026, or an additional rush fee will be charged.

EXHIBITOR REQUIREMENTS

- If an exhibitor has a CPS account that is past due, funds from the sale of their animals will be applied to their past-due account.

ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS

- All entries must be ear notched using the official CPS system (starting with number 1 in January and again in July of each year). Any evidence of fresh ear notches will automatically disqualify the animal from both the show and the sale.
- No purebred entries will be eligible to show or sell without a registration certificate.
- Purebred breeding animals must have been farrowed on or after December 1, 2025.
- All boars and gilts must have six (6) functional teats on each side for exhibition.
- Market animals must be farrowed on or after January 1, 2026.
- Truckload entries must be guaranteed to have never been fed ractopamine. Exhibitors will be asked to sign an affidavit ensuring animals will be ractopamine free.
- All hogs must arrive on the grounds between 2 p.m. on Friday, September 11th, and noon on Saturday, September 12th. All animals must meet NBS® health requirements to remain on the fairgrounds. This includes animals in transit.
- If all hogs meet show requirements, NBS® entries may be unloaded and non-entries may stay in your vehicle at the south end of the fairgrounds. There is some shade, but no utilities.
- If non-show animals meet Minnesota import requirements, but not NBS® requirements, show animals may be unloaded and remaining animals must be immediately removed from the fairgrounds. A parking lot is available south of the fairgrounds across the street. The welfare and care of these animals is the owner's responsibility.
- If any animals arriving on trailers do not meet Minnesota import requirements, all animals will be refused entry, including NBS® animals.
- No clipping is allowed in the barns. No paint, adhesive, or color altering products can be used.
- Purebred breeding animal classes will be divided as equally as possible by farrowing date.
- Crossbred gilt and boar classes will be divided by weight.
- CROSSBRED BOARS: A documented stress test must be presented at check-in. Stress status of boars will be listed in the show and sale catalog. This is not a requirement for crossbred gilts.

DNA STRESS STATEMENT

- No known stress positive Poland or Spotted animals will be allowed to be exhibited or sold at any association event.
- No known stress positive or stress carrier Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace or Yorkshire animals will be allowed to be exhibited or sold.
- Such warranty is, however, solely that of the seller and not that of the American Berkshire Association (ABA), Chester White Swine Record Association (CWSRA), Poland China Record Association (PCRA), National Spotted Swine Record Association (NSSR), or National Swine Registry (NSR).
- The CWSRA, PCRA, NSSR, NSR, and ABA assume no responsibility or liability in connection with such warranty by the seller.
- If any PCRA or NSSR purebred animal sold at this conference is found to be positive of the stress gene or any ABA, CWSRA or NSR purebred animal sold at this conference is found to be a positive or stress carrier of the stress gene, the purchaser has the right to receive full refund of the purchase price from the seller.
- DNA testing for the stress gene must be done within 30 days of the sale date and all costs associated with testing for stress must be paid by the purchaser. The seller has the right to review the test results and the right to re-test the animal at a laboratory of his/her choice.
- Cost associated with re-test by the seller is at the seller's expense. There will be no refund of commission from animals who do not meet breed DNA rules.
- Stress status of Berkshire (must be negative), Poland and Spotted entries must be noted on pedigree. Also, the new Spot DNA rules will be followed.

BREEDING ANIMAL SALE

- A minimum of 60% of the number of each sex (boars and gilts) shown will be selected for the sale. These animals will be selected with no set number selling from any single class. Animals not selected for the sale can be consigned to the sale for an additional fee of \$20 per head; this must be done by 10 minutes after the conclusion of the breed show.
- All animals selected and cataloged for the sale MUST go through the auction. Sale commission will be 15% for all animals. If an animal who is selected and cataloged for sale does not go through the sale ring, the exhibitor will be banned from exhibiting at CPS, NSR and ABA events for one year and will be charged 15% of the average selling price of their respective breed sale. This amount must be paid before reinstatement will be allowed. The exception to this rule will be if an animal has become injured or ill and is inspected by a CPS staff member prior to the sale.
- The CPS acts only as the agent between buyer and seller. If proper payment is made by the buyer in a timely manner, CPS will make settlement with the seller in approximately 30 days after the sale.

TRUCKLOAD CONTEST

- The Truckload Contest will consist of two divisions, purebred and crossbred. A grand champion overall will be selected.

- No individual hogs in a truckload may weigh less than 230 lbs. or more than 300 lbs.
- Truckloads consist of six market hogs, at least three of which must be barrows. All must have been farrowed on or after January 1, 2026.