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**Wisconsin State Fair Announces
New Classes and Rule Updates for the
2008 Junior Swine Shows**

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WEST ALLIS, Wis., (February 12, 2008) - Wisconsin State Fair announces exciting new updates for the 2008 Junior Swine Shows.

Two new programs are being implemented in the Junior Performance Barrow class and the Junior Bred and Owned Barrow Class.

The Junior Performance Barrow class is open to all junior exhibitors. Final placing will be a combination of performance 70% (lean gain) and live judging 30%. Barrows must weigh 60 lbs and under at initial check-ins on April 19th or 26th. Lean gain will be calculated using starting weight and scan data collected at the Fair. \$2,000 in prize money will be awarded to the top entries.

The Junior Bred and Owned Barrow Class is open to purebred barrows only. To be eligible to show in this class, the dam of the barrow must have been recorded in the exhibitor's name at the time of breeding. Bred and Owned barrows will show in a separate class and compete for over \$600 in prizes and awards.

Barrows will be identified by DNA and will be issued an official Wisconsin State Fair ear tag at regional check-in sites on April 19th or 26th. New for 2008, there are no maximum weight requirements for the junior show barrows as part of the identification process. Only exhibitors who wish to show barrows in the performance class need to weigh their. Also new for 2008, no ultra-sound scanning, lean gain calculations or a carcass contest. The junior barrow shows will remain terminal. In addition, all Crossbred breeding gilts will show by weight.