

Swine Department

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- **ALL SWINE PROJECT MEMBERS will be required to be certified through YQCA to exhibit hogs at county fair, sell their hogs to a packer and/or exhibit at State Fair. Check with Extension Office for certification information.**
- **Maximum number of pigs ID'ed for county fair is 40**

General

1. Entries - See General Rules and Regulations. Dress Code – Livestock Rules and Regulations.
2. Each exhibitor is limited to showing six crossbred market hogs (barrows or gilts), six purebred market hogs (barrows or gilts), and one pen of three, four commercial breeding gilts, four purebred breeding gilts and one litter.
3. Classes must be designated in Fairentry on July 1.
4. All hogs competing may be purebred or crossbred.
5. **All hogs must be born on or after December 15.**
6. All pigs must be ear notched. All pigs from a litter must have identical litter ear notch marks. Ear notch for litter must be done at birth. Pigs coming to weigh-in without notches will not be eligible for litter classes. No duplicate ear notches allowed in litter.
7. Exhibits of market gilts and barrows, commercial gilts, commercial purebred gilts, purebred market hogs or market pen of three may be made from a litter project or non-litter entries or purchased feeder hog.
8. Purebred breeding gilts will be shown by age.
15. Showmanship Contest
 - a. Exhibitors showing their own livestock in all classes including showmanship are eligible to compete for showmanship awards.
 - b. Previous winners are not eligible for this competition in the age divisions they have previously won.
 - c. Showmanship will be broken into three age divisions, as of September 1, previous year:

Class Number and Description

001	Junior Showmanship Grades 4-6
002	Intermediate Showmanship Grades 5-8
003	Senior Showmanship Grades 9-12 & FFA

Litter

1. The exhibitor must obtain the sow or gilt before she farrows. Hogs purchased after farrowing cannot be shown as a litter project.
2. A Market Litter will consist of a litter of six or more hogs farrowed by one sow.
3. Market Litters will be judged as follows: total weight of litter, number and age considered, 50%; uniformity of quality from market standpoint, 50%.
4. A litter consisting of less than 6 market hogs cannot be entered and judged as a litter.
5. A market litter will have to average not less than 230 lbs. or more than 300 lbs. per hog in order to compete for Champion Litter.
6. If entries warrant purebred litters may be in a separate class from commercial.
7. Ear notch for litter must be done at birth. Pigs coming to weigh-in without notches will not be eligible for litter classes. No duplicate ear notches allowed in litter.

Own, Breed, Born, & Raised Class (OBRR)

1. Project is made up of required documentation of ownership, breeding, gestation, farrowing and raising of swine, as well as exhibiting at the county fair.
2. Open to 4-H and FFA members
3. Novice (4-7 grade) and Advanced (8 and up) were assigned for Essay requirements.
4. The animals involved in this class need to have the exhibitor as the daily primary care giver.

5. Photos are required at every stage of the project.
6. You will need one Sow Packet per sow.

Sow ownership

- Exhibitor must own and show ownership of the unbred sow or gilt by September 1.
- Refer to of OBBR Sow packet for full requirements.

Breeding

- Photos of the boar are required.
- It is the participants' responsibility to oversee the breeding process whether it is natural or artificial.
- Refer to of OBBR Sow Packet for full requirements.

Gestation & Farrowing

- Details of the farrowing are required.
- Refer to of OBBR Sow Packet for full requirements.

Raising

- This section refers to birth to pre-fair activities.
- Refer to of OBBR Sow Packet for full requirements.

Essay

- **For Novice OBBR Project Participants (4th-7th grade)** Write a 250 or more word essay (double-spaced, 12 pt. font) about your experience in the Owned Bred Born & Raised Project this year.
- **For Advanced OBBR Project Participants (8th-12th grade)** Write a 500 or more word essay (double-spaced, 12 pt. font) about your experience in the Owned Bred Born & Raised Project this year.

Fair

4. All swine will be vet checked before unloading animals. Vet checks will run 5:00am-8:00 am.
5. All vet issued health paper must be within 7 days of the show.
6. All Swine must have a completed drug affidavit at the time of check in at the Polk County Fair.
7. Classes will be determined by the superintendent by declared weights. Weight cards must be turned in by 8:30 am.
8. A weigh-back is required for the top 3 in each class. Must be within 10 lbs of declared weight.
9. Show to start at 10:00 am or 15 minutes after show book is posted.
10. Only the market gilts and barrows weighing 230-300 lbs. will be eligible to compete for the Grand Champion market hog. All hogs weighing over 300 will compete in their weight classes but will not be eligible to compete for Grand Champion Individual Market Hog.
11. Each hog will weigh separately and each exhibitor will identify their hog classes (market gilt, market barrow, purebred market hog, litter, pen of three, commercial breeding gilt, purebred breeding gilt and Value Added Carcass).
12. Commercial breeding gilts or purebred breeding gilts cannot be shown as individual market gilts, but can be shown in a pen of three, litter, or Value Added Carcass.
13. Champions for the commercial gilt class are not subject to the 300lbs weight limit
14. All hogs can be taken home subject to state health rules and regulations.
15. A market pen of three will be composed of three pigs, Commercial or purebred (either barrows or gilts), but need not be litter mated. Market Pen of Three will have to average not less than 230 lbs. or more than 300 lbs. per hog in order to compete for Champion Market Pen of Three.
16. Champion ribbons will be awarded if the judge feels the exhibit merits the award. The first two blue ribbons in the market gilt, market barrow, purebred hogs, and pen of three, commercial gilt, purebred gilt and litter classes will compete for division champion.
17. The division champions in the market gilt, market barrow, purebred market hog and Value Added Carcass classes will compete for grand champion market hog. The champion commercial gilt and champion purebred gilt will compete for grand champion breeding hog.
18. Showmanship classes will follow Championship Drive.
19. Wash pens are for washing pigs only. Feeding livestock in the wash pens is not allowed. Exhibitors are encouraged to wash pigs and return them to their pens as quickly as possible to allow all exhibitors time to use the washing facilities.

20. Wash pens will be closed at the start of the show, they will re-open over the lunch break and close again when show resumes. Animals exhibiting signs of distress will be allowed access to wash pens as determined by show officials.

21. NO pigs are to be loaded-out until the show is complete. Failure to follow this rule will result in a 1 year suspension from the swine show.

Class Number and Description

102	Commercial Gilt
103	Purebred Gilt
104	Litter
105	Market Pen of Three
106	Individual Market Gilt
107	Individual Market Barrow
108	Purebred Market Hog
110	Own Bred Born & Raised - Novice 4-7 grade (Book)
111	Own Bred Born & Raised - Advanced 8-12 grade (Book)
112	Own Bred Born & Raised – Purebred Market Hog
113	Own Bred Born & Raised – Purebred Breeding gilt
114	Own Bred Born & Raised – Crossbred Market Hog
115	Own Bred Born & Raised – Crossbred Breeding gilt