

# 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 swine must be tagged at the county tagging day.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Purebred breeding gilts will be shown by age. They will also be weighed at fair check in for sale weight.
14. 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 7-8
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.

## Value Added Carcass

1. All swine must identified on the specified county ID date in April.
2. All swine will be eligible for the Carcass class as long as they were tagged in.
3. Exhibitors will choose at least one pig for the carcass scan class and **MAY** scan all pigs.

4. Value Added Carcass will be scanned to determine back fat, loin eye, etc. and final Value Added Carcass Class placing will be determined from scan data.
5. Trophies will be awarded to first and second place Value Added Carcass entries.
6. Value Added Carcass swine will be eligible for the auction.

### **Own, Breed, Born, & Raised Class (OBBR)**

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 (4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 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 (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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**

1. All swine will be vet checked before unloading animals. Vet checks will run 5:00am-8:00 am.
2. All vet issued health paper must be within 7 days of the show.
3. Note the weigh-in times on the front of this book.
4. All Swine must have a completed drug affidavit at the time of check in at the Polk County Fair.
5. If hogs are clipped, packer guidelines of hair at least one half inch in length must be followed.
6. All livestock must be in place by 9:00 AM, Sunday.
7. Classes will be determined by the superintendent after weigh-in.
8. The weigh-in weight will be used for the sale. Hogs weighing less than 230 lbs. are not eligible for the sale. Animals in excess of 300 lbs. may be subject to a price discount.
9. 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.
10. 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).
11. 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.
12. Champions for the commercial gilt class are not subject to the 300lbs weight limit
13. All hogs can be taken home subject to state health rules and regulations.

14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. Showmanship classes will follow Championship Drive.
18. 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.
19. Wash pens will be closed starting at 8:00 AM on show day, they will re-open over the noon break and close again when show resumes. Animals exhibiting signs of distress will be allowed access to wash pens as determined by show officials.

### 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
109 A	Value Added Carcass Class- Gilt
109 B	Value Added Carcass Class- Barrow
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

## Youth Open Class Swine Show

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1. Entry and fee to be submitted online by July 1. Any 4 y/o through 3rd grader, (as of July 1) may exhibit in this class
2. Exhibitors may only exhibit an animal shown by another exhibitor in the 4-H/FFA Swine Show
3. Exhibitor may exhibit only one animal.
4. The classes may be divided into classes depending on the number of exhibitors. Classes divided by age of the youth.
5. Fair board is not liable for injuries. Parent or guardian must be present during the show.
6. No premiums paid (ribbons only.)
7. Each youth will be interviewed in regard to care and management and care of swine. Judging to be based on:
  - a. What the exhibitor has learned about the care and raising of swine. Conformation and quality of the animals is NOT to be considered.
  - b. The grooming and cleanliness of the animal.
  - c. General health, condition, and management of swine and exhibitor's knowledge of this area.

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009	Youth Open Swine Class
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