

## Swine

Description: The educational 4-H swine program and related activities (such as workshops and tours) provide youth with a fun and hands-on learning experience which develops both swine subject skills (such as nutrition, housing, and health care) and life skills (such as responsibility, decision making, nurturing, and communications). Skills are learned under the direction of caring adults.

- Enroll in 4-H, pay annual program fee, and enter project in V2.4online by January 15
- Pigs must be ID in V2.4online by May 15
- Enter exhibit(s) in FairEntry by May 24, 2024. See page 7 Rule #24.

To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. For more information about in-person trainings in our county, please contact your County Extension Office. More information about YQCA is available at <http://yqca.org/>.

**PROJECT OPTIONS are:** (1) Market Barrow (2) Breeding Gilt (3) Pair of Barrows and, (4) Carcass Evaluation

### PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

1. See General Livestock Rules
2. All pigs must be enrolled in 4-H online by May 15<sup>th</sup> by breed, sex and ear notch. The standard ear notch system will be used. If you plan to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair, you must follow Indiana State Fair requirements.
3. The 4-H member is required to complete the Swine Activity packet in entirety by May 24, 2024 & submit it to the Purdue Extension Office. Any packets that are late or incomplete will result in the loss of eligibility for showmanship and the member will receive a participation ribbon when exhibiting their animal. Late activity sheets must be received before checking their animal in at fair check in or they will not be allowed to show.
4. Each exhibitor will pen 2 pigs per pen with odd pigs being penned single. Each exhibitor must provide a divider if necessary. Pens are 6'x6'. Pigs may be penned individually if the exhibitor receives an extra pen in the random drawing.
5. For safety reasons, cordless clippers can only be used while grooming your pig.
6. After Grand Champion is selected the respective reserve champion will enter the ring for the reserve champion to be selected as well as the 3rd, 4th and 5th places for all shows.
7. All pigs exhibited at the County Fair will be weighed. All pigs need to be tagged before coming to the County Fair with RFID tags. Tag must remain in ear until pig is released. Any refusal of an animal being weighed and tagged will result in all exhibitors' animals being released and sent home.
8. All pigs exhibited at the County Fair will be weighed in at check in. Each pig needs to be tagged before coming to the County Fair with RFID tags. The tag must remain in ear until pig is released. Any refusal of an animal being weighed and tagged will result in all exhibitors' animals being released and sent home.
9. Information regarding disposition of pigs (auction, home, or consign to market) must be turned in at time of tag/weigh in, changes must be made two hours after the 4-H show. If exhibiting in the carcass show, information regarding disposition of Grand and Reserve Grand must be turned in after show.
10. Swine exhibitors will be allowed to sell one (1) pig at the 4-H auction. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Barrow, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Gilt, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Carcass Barrow and Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Carcass Gilt and all other purebred champions may be sold at the auction and will be recognized as such. Ten-year members will auction animals following the champions.
11. All pigs going through the auction must conform to the weight of 220-300 lbs within one pound. Any pig not conforming to the auction weight still can be shown in its appropriate class and be consigned to the packer taking whatever cuts or docks the packer access.
12. If a member fails to show up for the auction, their animal will be consigned. In the event they cannot attend the auction, they may find a substitute to run the animal through the ring.
13. A minimum of one half inch of hair in length on the body is preferred by the packers that purchase and process these animals. Animals having less than one half inch of hair in length on the body may be condemned by the processor. 4-H'ers may not receive carcass payment for animals.
14. While at the Allen County Fair, only 4-H exhibitors and family members (mom, dad, Step parent, Siblings, Grandparents, Aunt, & Uncles) of the exhibitor, Allen County 4-H members and Allen County 4-H volunteers are responsible for the care and custody of animal exhibits which includes show preparation, exercising, feeding, clipping, and grooming.
15. It is the 4 H member's responsibility to read and document all ear notches. Ear notches will not be changed after May 15<sup>th</sup> for any reason. It is the 4-H members' responsibility to make sure that the ear notches that are submitted are identical to the ear notches in their 4-H barrow and gilt. It is strongly encouraged to submit pictures of ear notches on 4-HOnline. Any discrepancy in the actual ear notches from those submitted will result in disqualification of the animal from the Allen County 4 H swine show. If you need assistance reading an ear notch please contact a swine executive committee member before May 10<sup>th</sup> for assistance.
16. **Only current** Allen County 4-H members are allowed in the make-up pens. Only 1 approved family member (refer to rule 14) may go in the aisle way behind the make-up rings.
17. At gate check in, if a pig's ear notch & RFID tag number does not match the 4-H enrollment entry, the pig is not eligible to show and will not be allowed to enter the barn.

### GENERAL EXHIBITOR RULES

1. Purebred pigs must be registered in the name of the exhibitor or in the partnership of the family (Ex. John Doe & Sons or John Doe and Family). Purebred registration papers must be shown at weigh in.
2. Pigs must be born on or after December 1 of the current year.
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## **MARKET BARROWS**

1. Exhibitor may show a maximum of (3) individual market barrows.
2. Barrows will be shown by breed and weight, rather than just weight. All entries will be divided into weight groups to make classes as nearly equal as possible. An effort will be made to group no less than five or more than twelve hogs per class. Purebred barrows are shown strictly by weight not by birth date. Every effort will be made so no member will show their barrows in the same class. If possible the member will be given the option to show one animal against a higher weight class. There will be a separate class for market barrows less than 220 and more than 300 pounds.

## **BREEDING GILTS**

1. Exhibitor may show a maximum of (3) individual gilts.
2. Purebred gilts will be shown by age, crossbred gilts by weight.
3. Exhibitor having purebred gilts with the same birth date will show them in the same class.

## **PAIR OF BARROWS**

1. Exhibitor must enrolled and entered both barrows at the fair.
2. The pair may be completed by bringing in a fourth market barrow to more nearly match the chosen single.
3. Classes will be set up by the combined weight of the animals.

## **CARCASS EVALUATION**

1. Exhibitors may show three barrows and three gilts. They may show pigs designated for the traditional barrow and gilt show or they may bring two additional hogs specifically for, and only for, the carcass show.
2. Carcass animals will be weighed and scanned at initial weigh in only. For a pig to be scanned they must weigh between 220 to 300 pounds to be exhibited.
3. Carcass animals must scan to be eligible to show on foot. If the carcass animal does not show on foot, it will be eliminated from the scan competition.
4. Market Hog/Carcass Scan show will show gilts and barrows together and be evaluated as market hogs. They will have an Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion Market hog. Entries regardless of breed will be divided into weight groups to make the classes as nearly equal as possible. The executive committee will select the divisions based on the number of entries. Carcass scan awards will be given in gilt and barrow divisions based on the scan data.
5. Carcass animals may be considered for the auction.
6. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Barrow and Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Gilt cannot be shown in the carcass show.

## **SHOWMANSHIP will be conducted in four divisions:**

Members will compete in the level according to school grades as of January 1 of current exhibition year.

Rookie for grade 3. **If competing in rookie class you are ineligible to compete for overall showman.**

Junior for grades 3-4-5 (Cannot have competed in Rookie class during the same year)

Intermediate for grades 6-7-8

Senior for grades 9-10-11-12

Overall Showman for all current Junior, Intermediate, Senior, previous Senior and previous Master Showman winners. Winner will be eligible to compete for Showman of Showmen if he/she wins master showman (See Showmen of Showman).

1. Once an exhibitor has won a division he/she must compete in the next higher division the following year. Senior division winners may not compete for the senior division showman again.

2. Once an exhibitor has represented swine in Showman of Showmen he/she will compete in the Overall Showman unless he/she wins master showman (See Showmen of Showman).

**Showmanship participants must show their own animal which they exhibited in an earlier class.**