

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, time management and communications). Skills are learned under the direction of caring adults.

Exhibitor Checklist:

- Enroll in 4-H, pay annual program fee, and enter project in V2.4online by January 15th
- Pig must be ID in V2.4online by May 15th
- Enter exhibit(s) in Fair Entry by June 8th

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 (YQCA) or in-person trainings (QLC). For more information about obtaining in-person trainings in our county, please contact your County Extension Office. Online certification is available at <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

PROJECT OPTIONS are: (1) Market Barrow (2) Breeding Gilt (3) Market Hog and, (4) Carcass Evaluation

Exhibit Guidelines:

- 1) See General Livestock Rules
- 2) As stated in the rules for animal exhibits: 4-H animals are expected to be in the possession and regular care of the 4-H member who owns/leases them from the animal ID deadline until the conclusion of the county and/or state fair.
- 3) All pigs must be enrolled in 4-H online by May 15th by breed, sex and ear notch, and RFID number. 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.
- 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) No AC or cooling units in designated swine area.
 - Blowers or fans are allowed in designated swine area.
 - Cords need to be run overhead.
- 7) Only Champion and reserve breed champions will be considered for the Overall top 5. After the Grand Champion is selected that breed reserve champion will enter the ring for the grand reserve champion to be selected. If the overall reserve grand champion selected is a different breed than the grand champion then its reserve champion will enter the ring to compete for 3rd place. This will continue as well for 4th and 5th places to be chosen.
- 8) All pigs exhibited at the County Fair will be weighed at check in. Each pig needs to be tagged before coming to the County Fair with an RFID tag that has a chip. RFID tags must be purchased from the Swine Committee. The tag must remain in their ear until the pig is released. Any refusal of an animal being weighed and tagged will result in that animal showing in the under/over class.

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- 9) Information regarding declaration of pigs (auction, home, or consign to market) must be turned in at time of weigh in, changes must be made by one hour after the 4-H show. If exhibiting in the market hog show, information regarding disposition of Grand and Reserve Grand must be turned in by one hour 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, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog, 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 210-300 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 accesses.
- 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) It is the 4 H member's responsibility to read and document all ear notches. Ear notches will not be changed after May 15th 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 that animal showing in the under/over class. If you need assistance reading an ear notch please contact a swine executive committee member before May 10th for assistance.
- 15) **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.
- 16) At gate check in, if a pig's ear notch & RFID tag number does not match the 4-H enrollment entry, the pig is only eligible to show in the under/over class.

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 previous year.
- 3) 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 isle way behind the make-up rings.
- 4) Any animals enrolled in 4-H Online by the May 15th deadline are eligible to show at the Allen County Swine Show (Carcass evaluation, breeding gilt and market barrow show, and Market Hog show)
- 5) See all rules listed under Guidelines for Animal Exhibits.

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CARCASS SHOW/EVALUATION

- 1) All animals that weigh between 210 – 300 pounds will be weighed, scanned, and entered in the carcass show at initial weigh in.
- 2) Carcass scan awards will be given in the gilt and barrow division based on the scan data.
- 3) Carcass animals may be considered for the auction.
- 4) Carcass show results will be presented after the Sunday market hog show.
- 5) All pigs weighing between 210-300 pounds will be scanned (paid for by the swine committee) at check in.
- 6) Carcass Scan results will display gilts and barrows separately. Carcass scan awards will be given in gilt and barrow divisions based on the scan data. They will have a Grand Champion Gilt, Reserve Grand Champion Gilt as well as 3rd, 4th, & 5th place, Grand Champion Barrow, Reserve Grand Champion Barrow as well as 3rd, 4th, & 5th place, Champion Largest Loin Eye, & Champion Leanest Back Fat awards.
- 7) Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Barrow, Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Gilt, Grand and Reserve Champion Market Hog cannot participate in the carcass evaluation results.

BARROWS

- 1) **Classes will be offered for Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spot, Tamworth, Yorkshire, & Crossbred.**
- 2) Pure bred certificates are required for all pure-bred barrows to be shown. Any without certificates must enter crossbred classes.
- 3) 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.
- 4) Barrows must weigh 210 – 300 pounds to be eligible for breed champions. There will be a separate class for market barrows less than 210 and more than 300 pounds.
- 5) Barrows must meet Swine Show Breed Classifications to participate as a purebred.

See classification guidelines below

BREEDING GILTS

- 1) **Classes will be offered for Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spot, Tamworth, Yorkshire, & Crossbred.**
- 2) Pure bred certificates are required for all pure-bred gilts to be shown. Any without certificates must enter crossbred classes.
- 3) Purebred gilts will be shown by age, crossbred gilts by weight.
- 4) Exhibitor having purebred gilts with the same birth date will show them in the same class. They will need to find another 4 H member to help them show the other gilt.
- 5) Gilts must meet Swine Show Breed Classifications to participate as a purebred.

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SWINE SHOW CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES

BERKSHIRE

Berkshire barrow guidelines:

- A black and white animal with erect ears exhibiting Berkshire character.
- A Berkshire must have white on all four (4) legs and tail (unless tail is docked). One of the white points may be missing.
- Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.
- A Berkshire must NOT have a solid white or a solid black head from the ears forward.
- A Berkshire must NOT have a solid black nose (rim of nose).
- An occasional splash of white may appear on the body, as long as the white does not constitute the start of a belt.

Berkshire gilts must meet the above guidelines along with the following: • Must have at least six (6) functional teats on each side of the underline. • Must not have a swirl on the upper half of the body.

CHESTER WHITE

Chester White barrow guidelines:

- Must possess Chester White Breed character.
- Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.
- Must be solid white in color; with no colored hair.
- The pig cannot have more than 5 pigmentation spots on its body, and none of these areas can be larger than a silver dollar.
- Ears must be down and medium sized.
- Any signs of weighted ear tags or evidence of past existence of such ear tags is not permissible and are grounds for disqualification.

Chester White gilts must meet the above guidelines along with the following: • Must have at least six (6) functional teats on each side of the underline.

DUROC

Duroc barrow guidelines:

- Must be red in color and possess Duroc Breed Character (ears must be down and medium in size).
- Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.
- Must NOT have any white hair located on the animal.
- Must NOT have any black hair located on the animal.
- Must NOT have more than three (3) black spots on the skin, and none of these spots can be larger than two (2) inches in diameter.
- Must NOT have any shading or indication of a belt.
- Must not show evidence of an extra dew claw.

Duroc gilts must meet the above guidelines along with the following: • Must have at least six (6) functional teats on each side of the underline.

HAMPSHIRE

Hampshire barrow guidelines:

- Must be black in color with a white belt starting on a front leg. One (1) white front hoof constitutes the start of a belt. The belt may partially or totally encircle the body. An animal is eligible if the head is black and the body is totally white.
- Must possess Hampshire Breed character (ears must be erect and not rounded).
- Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.
- Must NOT have any red hair.
- Must not show evidence of an extra dew claw.

Hampshire gilts must meet the above guidelines (except color markings) along with the following: • Black in color with a white belt totally encircling the body, including both front legs and feet. A gilt can have white on her nose as long as the white does not break the rim of the

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nose and when her mouth is closed, the white under the chin can NOT exceed what a U.S. minted quarter will cover. White is allowed on the rear legs as long as it does NOT extend above the tuber calis bone (knob of the hock). • 2. Must have at least six (6) functional teats on each side of the underline.

HEREFORD

Hereford barrow guidelines:

- Dark to light red in color with no black spots. • Must have a face that is 2/3 white in color. • Must have a body that is at least 2/3 red in color, the belly can be white or red. • Must have three (3) white legs with white starting at the hoof and going up at least one (1) inch. • Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth. • Cannot have a complete, white belt. • Cannot have any blood warts.

Hereford gilts must meet the above guidelines along with the following: • Must have at least six (6) functional teats on each side of the underline.

LANDRACE

Landrace barrow guidelines:

- Must be white in color and possess Landrace Breed character (ears must be down). • Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth. • Must NOT allow any color hair other than white. • Must NOT allow more than three (3) spots of skin pigmentation. • Must NOT allow any spot of skin pigmentation larger than one (1) U.S. minted quarter. • Must not show evidence of an extra dew claw.

Landrace gilts must meet the above guidelines along with the following: • Must have at least six (6) functional udder sections on each side of the underline.

POLAND

Poland barrow guidelines:

- Must possess Poland Breed character. • Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth. • Must be black with six (6) white points (face, feet and tail) with an occasional splash of white on the body. A hog may not possess more than one (1) black leg and be classified as a Poland. (Tail docking is permissible eliminating that white point.) • Must have ears down. • Must NOT have evidence of belt formation. • Cannot have any red or sandy hair and/or pigment. • Hogs that have weighted ear tags or evidence of tampering with possible ear tags are ineligible.

Poland gilts must meet the above guidelines along with the following: • Must have at least six (6) functional teats on each side of the underline.

SPOTTED

Spotted barrow guidelines:

- Must be black and white in color. • Must possess Spotted breed character. • Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth. • Ears must not be erect. • Any red tinted or sandy brown spots are ineligible. • No solid black head from ears forward. • No distinct white belt pattern (hair or skin) encircling and extending down and onto each shoulder.

Spotted gilts must meet the above guidelines along with the following: • Must have at least six (6) functional teats on each side of the underline.

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TAMWORTH

Tamworth barrow guidelines:

• Golden red to dark red in color. • No more than 5% black spots. • No white hair or spots. • Ears must be eye level or above. • Must be long headed and long bodied. • Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.

Tamworth gilts must meet the above guidelines along with the following: • Must have at least six (6) functional teats on each side of the underline.

YORKSHIRE

Yorkshire barrow guidelines:

• Must be white in color and possess Yorkshire breed character (ears must be erect). • Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth. • Must NOT have any color hair except for white. • Must NOT have more than two (2) pigmentation spots larger than a U.S. minted dime or one (1) pigmentation spot larger than a U.S. minted quarter. These spots (combined) can NOT exceed a U.S. minted silver dollar. • No evidence of an extra dew claw.

Yorkshire gilts must meet the above guidelines along with the following: • Must have at least six (6) functional teats on each side of the underline.

MARKET HOGS

- 1) All market hogs need to weigh between 210 – 300 pounds to show.
- 2) Market Hogs will be shown with barrows and gilts together.
- 3) Classes will be divided by weights.
- 4) All entries will be divided into weight groups to make classes as nearly equal as possible. Any effort will be made to group no less than five or more than twelve hogs per class.
- 5) All participants will be evaluated by the judge on how they look as a market hog.
- 6) They will have an Overall Grand Champion, Overall Reserve Grand Champion, as well as 3rd, 4th, & 5th place.

MINI SWINE

- 1) Mini 4-hers in grades K-2 may exhibit at the Allen County 4-H Fair.
- 2) Mini 4-her will need to exhibit with the assistance of an Allen County 4-H member.
- 3) Mini swine showman will lead off the Saturday swine showmanship show.
- 4) Mini 4-Hers are not eligible to sell in the auction.
- 5) Mini 4-Hers will need to complete and submit Mini activity papers by June 4th.

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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.

Showmanship participants must show their own animal which they exhibited in an earlier class. Each participant must show the same animal throughout the entire showmanship competition.