Swine

Description:

The 4-H Swine program provides youth with educational information and experiences about different swine species.

Decatur County Expectations

Youth will complete the Swine Record Book, which must be included in your Green Record Book. Youth will have cared for and fed one or more animals since May 15th. Youth may show no more than six (6) head total. A maximum of three (3) barrows and three (3) gilts are allowed per exhibitor. A single 4-H member can only place two (2) pigs in the Top 5 of the Barrows and two (2) pigs in the Top 5 Gilts. Remaining pigs in the ring will be dismissed.

Example: exhibitor has three (3) breed champions in the grand drive. Their pigs are selected Grand and Reserve overall; their third breed champion cannot qualify for 3rd, 4th, or 5th overall. They will exit the ring.

Rules & Responsibilities

Failure to meet the expectations outlined below will result in ineligibility to show, or participate in the livestock auction, and forfeit any winnings. This will be determined by the project leader.

Enrollment Deadline: All 4-H animals must be properly enrolled via 4-H Online by May 15th. Animals not enrolled correctly will be ineligible to show at the county and state fair. For all species, lease agreements must be submitted by May 15th. For information on lease agreements, refer to the website or contact your species project leaser.

Possession/Ownership: 4-H animals exhibited after May 15th by anyone other than the participating 4-H member, sibling or parent, will not be eligible to show at the county level. The term sibling is defined as any youth member who shares the same 4-H family profile information.

Inspection: All animals must have a visual inspection by a veterinarian or approved species project leader upon arrival and check-in. Any animal deemed sick or uncontrollable by the livestock project leaders may be sent home. Any animal with an abscess, ringworm, etc., will not be permitted to exhibit or show unless written clearance is presented and signed by a licensed veterinarian. **Animals will only be weighted once, upon check-in/unload from trailed, for official weight.**

Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care/YQCA: In order to exhibit any livestock project, 4-H members must be certified through YQCA or Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care. This is a county and state requirement. This documentation must be turned in prior to animal check-in.

Registration Paper Requirements: All registered animals must bring purebred registration papers to tag day. 4-H ownership should be listed on these registration forms in one of the following approved methods:

- In the 4-H member's name
- John Smith and Sons
- John Smith, Sons and Daughters
- John Smith and Family
- Mark Smith (brother) and Mary Smith (sister)
- Family Corporations (the 4-H members' name appears as a holder of stock in the corporation)
- Family Partnerships (the 4-H members' name appears on legal, notarized partnership)

If additional paperwork is needed to validate nomenclature (corporation or partnership documentation), it should be on file at the Extension Office prior to the deadline.

Grooming: 4-H exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members their immediate family (father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, legal guardian, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, grandfather, step-grandfather, grandmother, step-grandmother, aunt or uncle), from a current Indiana 4-H member, and/or another 4-H members' immediate family. All updated state fair grooming guidelines apply for all shows and participation.

Slick clipping or body shaving of 4-H barrows and gilts is prohibited. Animals that are slick clipped or body shaved less than one half inch (in length) will not be allowed to exhibit. Water will be the only substance permitted for coat dressing. No color grooming compounds are allowed. If found, the exhibitor is subject to disqualification. No adhesives are allowed. Added hair or other material, natural or man-made, may not be used in the grooming of any exhibit.

Animal Arrival, Inspection & Release: All swine animals must arrive during the designated check-in time. Animals will only be weighed once upon check-in for official weight. All animals must have their 4-H member present. Any animal deemed sick or uncontrollable by the veterinarian and/or project leader may be sent home. Any animal with an abscess, ringworm, etc., will not be permitted to exhibit or show unless a written clearance is presented and signed by a licensed veterinarian.

Any swine projects that are not participating in the 4-H Auction, will be released at the conclusion of the Tom Swain Memorial Showmanship Competition. Any special circumstances that may result in the early release will be determined by the project leader and the 4-H Youth Educator.

Required Animal ID: The following type of identification is required to be eligible for 4-H animal shows at the Indiana State Fair: 840-RFID tag, ear notch and DNA hair sample.

State Fair Entries

An animal does not need to be shown locally in order to be shown at the state fair. If you do not show at the county level, the animal must still be registered by May 15th in 4-H Online.

Exhibit Guidelines

Tag and Tattoo Requirements: All swine must be RFID tagged and ear notched. The 840-RFID and matching tags may be obtained during tag days. The tagging information must be accurately listed in the 4-H Online System (https://v2.4honline.com). Any animal not officially enrolled by May 15th is not eligible to show at the county or the state fair.

Be accurate when entering 840-RFID numbers. It is recommended to take a picture of the RFID tag before placing it in the animal's ears. It is also recommended to record the 840-RFID tag information on your registration papers. Registered animals must have legible notches that correspond to their papers. Registration papers must be on file at the Extension Office by May 15th to show as a breed animal. The ear notch must be in the ear prior to fair, and can be easily read. Animals with fresh ear notches or ear notches that have been changed will not show.

General Swine Rules

All animals must meet the health requirements as listed in the General Health Rules. All 4-H Swine must be enrolled in the 4-H Online System (https://v2.4honline.com) by May 15th, please contact the Extension Office or Swine Project Leaders with any questions. **All swine must be tagged prior to coming to the fair, NO EXCEPTIONS!** If you have tag problems with your swine, please contact the Project Leaders for assistance.

Swine are NOT to be unloaded until the Project Leaders have properly checked in the animal. All purebred paperwork and fees must be turned in at this time.

Any hog showing signs of late castration will not show. Swine from Indiana do NOT need a pseudorabies test. Swine from outside the state do NOT need a pseudorabies test, as long as the state of origin is classified as pseudorabies free by the United States Department of Agriculture.

All barrows and gilts to be sold in the 4-H Livestock Auctions Sale must be designated one (1) hour after the end of the show. All barrows and gilts selling must remain in the barn until auction. No movement of pigs to other pens without consulting the Project Leaders first.

Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care/YQCA: In order to exhibit livestock, the county and state require that all 4-H Livestock exhibitors must be certified through the YQCA or Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care programs.

Class Placings: Ribbons will be presented to the top ten (10) placing in each class. Classes will be broken up by best fit, but months of age for purebred gilts will be recognized separately in larger breeds (i.e., December, January, February classes). The Grand Drive will determine a top 5 barrow and top 5 gilt lineup, amongst all breeds.

Animal Care Expectations: Livestock exhibitors are responsible for timely feeding, watering during the day, and keeping pens/stalls clean at all times. Aisle must be kept clean and clear at all times of tack, feed, bedding, etc. Failure to meet these expectations after a documented, written warning from the livestock project leader and/or 4-H Extension Educator shall forfeit their right to show, participate in the livestock auction, and must remove their animal from display.

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

Crossbred Barrows & Gilts

Crossbred barrows and gilts will be split based on their color markings into divisions: Dark Cross (black, red, sandy) and Light Cross (any hog with white and/or blue only). There will be a separation of these color patterns within the crossbred show (divisions). There will not be a Light Cross and Dark Cross champing in the Grand Drive. The project leader or a designated representative will confirm the division each entry qualifies for and these determinations are final. These interpretations are taken directly from the Indiana State Fair crossbred guidelines.

All crossbred barrows and gilts will be shown by weight and divided into approximately even classes. Pending entry numbers, there will be division crossbred shows for barrows and gilts. Divisions will be based on weight ranges appropriate for that division. The second-place pigs from each class in that division will be penned and on standby for reserve consideration. The division crossbred champions will show for a Champion Crossbred, which will be represented in the Grand Drive.

Crossbred Gilts will not be allowed to show older than December 1. Crossbred Gilts will NOT be eligible for Champion Crossbred weighing over 350 pounds at check-in. Heavier gilts will be in a class for participation.

All barrows must weigh under 315 pounds at check-in. Heavy barrows will be in a class for participation.

Purebred Barrows & Gilts

All purebred swine in the purebred classes must have registration papers in the name of the exhibitor or exhibitor's family. The registration will be a verification of breed purity and age. Barrows and gilts can only be exhibited in the purebred class or crossbred class, but not both. Each purebred breed will show separate. Single entry barrows and gilts will be breed champion and participate in the Grand Drive.

Barrows and gilts will show by breed and age. They must be farrowed on or after December 1st and before March 1st prior to the fair. All barrows must weigh under 315 pounds at check-in. Heavier barrows will be in a class for participation.

Decatur County Bred, Born and Raised

Only animals which have been bred, born, and raised in Decatur County are eligible. The only exception to this rule is in the case of a purchased bred gilt. Youth exhibitors must submit signed, hard copy forms by May 15th. The nomination form is NOT complete unless it is accompanied by the nomination fee and required signatures. The nomination fee of $3.00 per pig must be paid with the nomination form.

The Decatur County Bred, Born, and Raised Barrows and Gilts will be shown in the same manner as a regular show. Gilts by breed and age; barrows by bred and weight. Exhibitors of the Bred, Born, and Raised pigs will show in the regular show as well. A top five (5) overall for barrows and top five (5) for gilts will be added for the county BBR pigs. A maximum of two (2) pigs per barrow and gilt show will be allowed in the Top five (5), per 4-H member.

The Decatur County Bred, Born and Raised Champion Market Barrow will have the opportunity to sell in third position in the 4-H Livestock Auction (following the Grand and Reserve Grand Champions). In all cases, the Reserve Champion Decatur County Bred, Born, and Raised animals will have the opportunity to sell immediately following their respective Champion.

Showmanship

Exhibitors may switch out pigs listed under their name during check-in; between rounds of showmanship if desired. Exhibitors may not switch to another family member's pig.

Showmanship starts after the Mini Showmanship. To be eligible to show in any Mini 4-H animal show, the Mini 4-H'er (K-2nd Grade) must enroll in Mini 4-H in the 4-H Online system by May 15th. After winning Beginner, Intermediate, or Senior Showmanship, the member may advance to the next division the same year. The following categories are for the grade completed:

Mini Showmanship: Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

Rookie Showmanship: 3rd Grade

Beginner Showmanship: 4th – 5th Grade

Intermediate Showmanship: 6th – 8th Grade

Senior Showmanship: 9th – 12th Grade

Expert Showmanship: Previous winner of Senior Showmanship,

Old Timer: 18 or older and not in 4-H

Fraud and Deception

Fraud and/or deception will not be allowed relative to 4-H exhibits. Fraud and/or deception being defined to include, but not limited to, the following terms:

● Tampering (altering) and/or misrepresentation relative to an animal's breeding, age, ownership, and/or method of preparation or completion.

● Artificial enhancements of adding, removing and/or remedying physical filling under the skin, use of artificial heels, methods to give the appearance of hair in locations where it is not grown naturally and false swatches.

● Unethical fitting of animal exhibits considered as consisting of administration of any substance (this includes, but is not limited to, carbonated beverages, alcoholic beverages, forced consumption of water, etc.) or performance of any surgical procedure, altering the animal's conformation and/or rendering its tissue unfit for human consumption at the time of exhibition or subsequent slaughter. Exceptions include hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, manipulation of normally attached hair, and treatments or surgical procedures applied to relieve pain and suffering of sick or injured animals, providing such treatments do not render the animal's tissue unit for human consumption.

Determination of Fraud & Deception

Species Project Leader(s), Extension Youth Educator & 4-H Council President will determine if fraud and deception have occurred. Any suspected animals may be required, upon conclusion of judging, to submit to examination or tests as prescribed by the 4-H Council. If the Project Leader(s) determines that fraud and deception have occurred, the result may be disqualification.

Penalty: upon determination that fraud and/or deception has occurred prior to, during, or after judging, any one or more of the following penalties may be imposed:

- The exhibit in question may be immediately disqualified
- The exhibit may not be allowed to be sold in the Livestock Auction
    - In the case of an exhibit already sold at the Livestock Auction, the exhibitor may be required to refund/return all sale money in excess of market value to the Decatur County 4-H Council; at the discretion of the Decatur County Livestock Committee, the money will be returned to the buyer (placings of other exhibits will not be adjusted as a result of the imposition of this penalty).
- Any or all premiums, trophies and awards won by the exhibitor in any or all Fair departments may be withdrawn and required to be refunded or returned to the species Project leaders(s).
- The 4-H Exhibitor may be barred from the competition at the Decatur County 4-H Exhibition shows in the project where the fraud or deception for up to three years.

Due Process

The assessment of any or all penalties for fraud and/or deception, excepting immediate disqualification shall follow the below listed processes:

- The director in charge of the department will determine which penalties to impose.
- The exhibitor will be notified in writing of the penalties imposed.
- Within 15 days of receiving written notification, the exhibitor may appeal the decision in writing to the Decatur County 4-H Council.
- A date will be set for the hearing by the 4-H Council and the exhibitor will be notified in writing.