

SWINE RULES

“SWINE COMMITTEE”

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IN ADDITION TO ITS REGULAR DUTIES, THIS COMMITTEE SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT ANIMALS GET TO THE SALE RING, INTO THE CORRECT PENS AFTER BEING SOLD, AND SEE THAT SOMEONE STAYS WITH THE PIGS UNTIL THEY ARE LOADED OUT!

CURRICULUM – 4-H Swine Resource Handbook (1 per family), 4-H Swine Activity/Record Sheets.

READ THE GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND THE 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION SECTION. MINI 4-H SWINE MEMBERS SHOULD READ THE MINI 4-H SECTION.

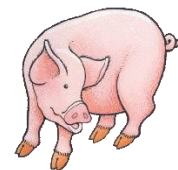
1. **Farm visits may be conducted randomly by committee members and during fair week to verify animal welfare and wellness. Families will be notified of visits at least 24 hours ahead.**

IF LIVESTOCK PULLS OUT BEFORE THE FAIR WEEK IS OVER, THE 4-H'ER WILL RECEIVE AN INCOMPLETE, WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO SELL AN ANIMAL AT THE 4-H AUCTION. THE 4-H'er WILL ALSO NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW AT THE STATE FAIR, AND NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW IN CASS COUNTY THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

2. **DO NOT take home any hog with a "Sale Tag" in its ear.**
3. Any tack left in the barn after 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning will be donated to the Swine Committee.
4. There will be a swine exhibitor's orientation meeting 15 minutes before weigh-in. Location to be announced.
5. **To be able to exhibit Swine**, please read and follow General Livestock Rule number 15.
6. *Health papers are not required.* Because of this change the Swine Committee wants to emphasize the importance of correct ear notch registration with 4-H'ers. Incorrectly notched pigs will not be allowed to unload. Decision of the committee at unloading will be final. Committee will also check for illness and parasites at unloading.
7. Any contagious medical condition should be brought to the species committee before unloading or as soon as it is noted. If the committee feels it is a contagious condition, the 4-H'er will be given 2 choices. They can take the animal home or have a Veterinarian come and diagnose the condition at the cost of the 4-H'er.

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8. All medications, oral or injected, must be approved by the co-chairs prior to being given. Also, no injection unless witnessed by a co-chair or designated swine committee member. Any injectable drug must have a written approval with appropriate dosage from a vet. Withdrawals may make the animal ineligible for the 4-H auction. If found to be given without approval, it will result in immediate automatic dismissal from the show and auction.
9. Barrows and gilts **MUST BE OWNED** and in the 4-H member's possession. **ALL BARROWS AND GILTS MUST BE EAR NOTCHED PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT.** No two crossbred hogs of the same gender from the same 4-H family may have the same ear notches. Swine animal enrollment must be completed on-line to be eligible for County and State fair. Enrollment must show breed and ear notches.
10. NOTICE TO STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS - On each livestock information page there will be a warning statement, "If all necessary information is not entered on-line by the enrollment date, you have made yourself ineligible for State Fair."
11. A 4-H member may enter a total of 15 barrows and 15 gilts on May 15, but may only bring a total of 4 head to the Fair. 4-H'er may bring no more than a total of 3 pigs of any sex. If any breed has more than 25 animals, then more than two weight classes will be established for that breed.
12. A given pig may not be enrolled by more than one 4-H member, except for brothers and sisters and then only on separate forms. No co-enrolling of an animal by friends, cousins, etc.
13. The Swine committee may check identification of the exhibitor's barrows and gilts (also gilts' registration papers) any time before the **MAY 15 DEADLINE**. It is the responsibility of the 4-H Swine project member to contact the swine advisory committee member and set up a date/time/location to check ear notches, for 4-H'er's that would like to have them checked. Here is a list of Swine committee members: Brian Beaman (574-664-2012), Aaron Wagoner (574-664-9915), Adam Peppers (574-270-0394), Tommy Hook (765-461-7667, and Steve Miller (765-432-9510).
14. *No straw will be allowed in the swine department. Shavings should be used at your own expense. No bales of shavings will be offered for sale at the fairgrounds.*
15. Pens must be kept clean all week. The Swine Committee reserves the right to request that swine pens be cleaned, and failure to comply may result in disqualification from showing swine and selling an animal in the 4-H Auction. Clean pens are an important part of exhibiting swine and showmanship. Pens should be cleaned and clean shavings left in your pens so 4-H Auction pigs can be put in pens in sale order on Friday. If in doubt about your pens being clean enough, ask a Swine Committee member.
16. Feeding in the wash racks will **NOT** be allowed.
17. No walking of pigs out of building except to the washrack, show ring & sand pit.
18. No washing of pigs from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. daily, exception on Wednesday – no washing of pigs from 6:30 – 8 p.m. Therefore, pigs are to be in their pens during this time (to help visitors thru the barn). (Water in wash racks will be turned off during those hours.)
19. Ownership of pigs must be declared prior to weigh-in.
20. *“House Type” fans ONLY!* All fans must face North.
21. All 4-H Swine exhibitors **MUST** have a “Premise ID” number for the location of their 4-H swine. This is a Board of Animal Health requirement. The Swine Committee totally backs this requirement. Contact the Extension Office for more information.
22. An animal affidavit will be required to exhibit and sell 4-H swine at the Cass County 4-H fair. Turn this form in at weigh-in on Monday.
23. **No** overnight or daytime camping is allowed at the Cass County 4-H fairgrounds.



24. All pigs must be in assigned pen(s).

25. **All** 4-H swine members must be PQA certified to exhibit at the Cass County 4-H Fair.

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GILT CLASSES - (REGISTERED AND CROSSBRED)

1. All registered gilts must be farrowed between *December 15, 2015 – March 31, 2016*. They will be divided into classes after arriving at the 4-H Fair, according to breed and age.
2. Purebred gilt registration requirements follow State Fair guidelines. These papers will be checked at weigh-in time on Monday. Any Purebred gilt without registration papers by weigh-in time Monday, will show as a crossbred. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
3. Crossbred gilts will be divided into equal classes according to weight.
4. NOTE – Light hogs (under 175#) are in a lightweight class which shows first class of the day. These hogs are not eligible to come back out for champion selections.

MARKET BARROW CLASSES

1. All barrows must be farrowed between *December 15, 2015 – March 31, 2016*. They will be divided into equal classes according to weight and breed upon weighing. No AOB classes.
2. A total of 3 single barrows may be shown regardless of breed.
3. Purebred barrows must be ear marked according to breed code. Late notched or late cut barrows will not be allowed to show.
4. Purebred barrow registration requirements follow State Fair guidelines. Barrow certificates are required when animals are weighed and papers checked on Monday. Breed barrows without certificates by weigh-in time on Monday, will show as a crossbred. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
5. NOTE – Light hogs (under 175#) are in a lightweight class which shows first class of the day. These hogs are not eligible to come back out for champion selections.
6. There will be no removal of gates without consent of swine committee.

SHOWMANSHIP - the first 5 places in each class to receive blue ribbons. Champion and Honor Group ribbons will be awarded in each class.

*All previous winners move up one division. No previous champions are eligible in the same division.

***Exhibitors must show their own animals.**

- 1) Beginner Division – All first year swine members-3rd grade.
- 2) Junior Division – grades 4 and 5
- 3) Intermediate Division – grades 6, 7, and 8
- 4) Senior Division – grades freshmen and higher
- 5) Master – any previous Senior showmanship winner is eligible. No limit on the number of times members can enter Master showman classes (even if previous winner).

NOTE – When the 4-H Showman has won a showmanship class they MUST move to the next showmanship class the next year (not in the same year) – EXCEPTION – if the member wins Senior Showmanship, he/she will automatically move up into Master Showmanship division for the Master Competition, in the current year.

SWINE SHOW ORDER

1. Purebred Gilts
2. Crossbred Gilts
3. Purebred Barrows
4. Crossbred Barrows (3 Divisions: Light, Medium, and Heavy)

*Division Champions will be selected during the Crossbred Barrow show.

5. Champions (Gilts & Barrows)
6. Showmanship



Look at the current year project guidelines for exhibit due dates and locations.

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DRESS CODE FOR EXHIBITING AND SELLING 4-H LIVESTOCK

4-H'ers should dress appropriately for the 4-H livestock shows and 4-H livestock auction. Appropriate dress includes being neat and clean, no midriff showing, no shoulders showing, and no sandals. Commercial advertisement of names or insignia, farm names and family names on 4-H exhibitors or exhibits while showing, is prohibited. No low cut shirts or short shorts, no tank tops, no cleavage showing and no cracks showing. Violations could be subject to animal/4-H'er dismissal from class.

AUCTION RULES:

AUCTIONING OF AN ANIMAL

Any barrow or gilt weighing 220-280 pounds will be eligible to sell in the 4-H Livestock Auction. There will be no changes once the choice is made.

If the minimum weight of 220 pounds is not met, the animal will be ineligible to sell.

- 1) If the 4-H member is not at their pen at time of line up in the 4-H auction, then the 4-H auction animal will be scratched from the auction and will not have another chance to sell. The animal will be the responsibility of the family to remove from the fairgrounds by 6:00 p.m., Saturday of the fair.
- 2) Only one family member plus 4-H member at the pen in the barn. (Need to keep aisle open.)
- 3) *For each 4-H item or animal that is sold in the auction, 10% of the premium will be assessed for the auction fee, with a \$300 maximum (auction fee)..*
- 4) **See 4-H Auction Section for more auction details.**
- 5) A minimum of one half inch hair in length on the body is preferred by packers that purchase and process the animals. Animals having less than ½ inch body hair length may be condemned by the processor. 4-H'ers will not receive carcass value for auction animals that are condemned by the processor.
- 6) Grand, Reserve, and top 5 gilts do not receive special recognition at the auction.