



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.

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.

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.

For information on YQCA or Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care, grounds fees or grooming rules, please refer to the general livestock rules located on the website. Additional questions and situations will be handled by the Swine Project Leaders, 4-H & Youth Development Extension Educator and the 4-H Council President.

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.

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 championing 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 breed 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