

SWINE

General Livestock Information: See page 13 for more information

Manual Information: See page 11 for more information.

Mini 4-H: Refer to Mini 4-H rules on page 14.

Born and Raised: See page 15 for more information

Animal Enrollment Deadline: ALL animals MUST be identified in FairEntry by May 15th. See page 13 for more information.

Quality Livestock Assurance: In order to show an animal, 4-H members must be certified through Quality Assurance Training. Please See page 15 for more information.

Animal Education Posters: See Animal Education page 45. **ALL POSTERS** need to be turned in on check-in day for the exhibit buildings. **DO NOT** turn any posters in at animal check ins.

Stall Selection Process: Those who help with barn set up get first choice. Those who come to stall selection night get second choice. All pen assignments are final at stall selection night and leftover pens will go to those that need it at check in.

Exhibit Introduction:

1. **All hogs are the youth's responsibility to remove from the fairgrounds. The swine committee will not send any hogs to a packer.**
2. Each class will have at least 1st place and 2nd place finisher. 1st place in each class will compete for Grand Champion. The 2nd place from the class the Grand Champion was selected from will return to compete for Reserve Grand Champion.

Classes:

Mini 4-H – Refer to Mini 4-H rules.

Gilts - Gilts may be entered as either market or breeding market gilts.

Gilts will be judged as **Breeding** or **Market gilts**. Members must declare in FairEntry/check-in which class to be entered. Breeding gilts and market gilts will be divided into manageable classes by the committee after check in.

Barrows - Barrows farrowed December, January, and February will be shown as **market barrows**.

Barrows will be divided into manageable classes after check in.

Showmanship - Members compete by grade.

Junior - 3rd-4th graders Intermediate - 5th-6th graders

Senior - 7th-9th graders Master - 10th grade & up

Swine General Rules

1. **Member must have swine in possession before May 1st in preparation for tagging.**
2. All 4-H swine must be ear tagged, and barrows castrated AND entered into 4HOnline by May 15th. A member may tag up to six (6) swine for the county fair. An additional six (6) swine may be tagged for state fair entry only. No more than four (4) swine of the first six (6) tagged may be exhibited at the county fair per 4-Her.

3. All state fair swine must have ear notches. Both ears must be notched, one with litter number and other with pig number. Notches must be made at the same time. Also, DNA hair samples are required for state fair and must be submitted to Extension office by the end of the business day May 15
4. Members may show only those animals tagged and identified in family profile in 4-H Online. Animals may not be switched between family profiles.
5. Swine check in, show, and check out dates and times will be in a 4-H newsletter and on the fair schedule.
6. **All hogs are the youth's responsibility to remove from the fairgrounds. The swine committee will not send any hogs to a packer.**
7. Swine with dirty, unreadable ear tags will be held from check-in until the tag is readable.
8. Swine pens will be assigned at the discretion of the committee. Exhibitors must furnish their own bedding.
9. Show numbers will be assigned in random order and will be received at check-in.
10. All barrows will be judged in one class market barrows. Gilts will be judged in two classes; market gilts, and breeding gilts.
11. **Market Swine Project** (barrows & market gilts) – All market swine must weigh a minimum of 230 lbs. If the animal does not meet this requirement on the first weigh-in when they arrive, they will have the opportunity to re-weigh at 9:00 am of check-in morning to try and make weight. If the animal does not meet the minimum weight of 230 lbs., they will be placed in the underweight class. Animals in the underweight class will compete in class but will not compete for an overall grand champion. **THERE IS NO MAXIMUM WEIGHT.**
12. Place ribbons will be awarded in each class. First place in each group will receive 1st place award. 1st place winners will come back and compete for Grand Champion for Breeding Gilts, Market Gilts, and Market Barrows.
13. One overall Grand Champion and one overall Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded for each of the following: Breeding Gilt, Market Gilt, and Market Barrow.
14. Swine must meet all BOAH rules. (Found under General Livestock Information at the beginning of the handbook.)
15. Each 4-H member is responsible for tearing down and cleaning their pen and/or empty pens around theirs to leave the grounds at checkout.
16. 4-H Swine Species Committee - this group has the responsibility of bringing needs of species to the 4-H Council Livestock Committee, oversee check in at fair, oversee ID days, provide barn chaperones as needed, provide volunteers to run the show, and livestock barn set up.
17. 4-H Council Livestock Committee – this group is the decision makers, review suggestions from species committees, review concerns and grievances from livestock individuals, set livestock dates, oversee, and enforce rules, and procedures of the livestock program. **4-H Council Livestock Committee also has the right to remove any animal during the week of the fair for the animal's health or for the safety of anyone(s).**