SWINE COUNTY GUIDELINES

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STATE FAIR ENTRIES: All livestock for STATE FAIR must be properly identified and enrolled. Refer to indianastatefair.com for entry information.

Project Description:
The 4-H Swine educational program and related activities (such as workshops, tours, etc.) provide youth 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, and communications).
Levels:
>   **Junior Grades 3-5**
>   **Intermediate Grades 6-8**
>   **Senior Grades 9-12**

Project Guidelines:
• To exhibit at the county and state fair 4-H members showing beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine, must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program or the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). The purpose of this program: Youth will be more prepared to be ambassadors for animal agriculture in their role as youth livestock exhibitors; Animals from youth livestock programs are treated with the utmost care; 4-H members are contributing to a safe, wholesome food supply. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. More information about this program will be provided from the Extension Office.

- *To participate in the auction youth must exhibit at least one indoor project and participate in the auctioned animal's showmanship competition.*

• It is recommended to complete a record sheet.

4-H SWINE:
Identification deadline- May 15
• All swine entered in the Floyd County 4-H show must be owned, individually identified by ear notches, and cared for by the 4-H member by **May 15**. These animals must remain in the same continuous ownership and care through show day at the Floyd County 4-H fair. Animals with fresh ear notches or ear notch changes after **May 15** will be disqualified.
• All 4-H swine must have a completed 4-H Swine ID enrollment in the 4-H Online system by **May 15**. It is the 4-H members' responsibility to make sure that the ear notches entered on 4-H Online are identical to the ear notches on their barrows and gilts.

4-H Fair:
• Any 4-H member wishing to show swine at the 4-H fair must be Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program or YQCA certified.
• All 4-H swine will be physically inspected prior to entering the barn and may be rejected or removed due to health issues at <u>any time during the fair.</u> All animals exhibited at the 4-H Fair must meet Board of Animal Health (BOAH) requirements.

- All parents and 4-H Volunteers that are not helping as ring or isle stewards are required to either remain in the pens or exit to the stands 30 minutes before the show. All grooming and prep should be completed by this time.
- No parents, unless they are deemed volunteers, are authorized in the isle during show.
- Gates will be locked during show and auction to prevent accidentally allowing an animal to escape.

Exhibit Requirements:
Animal exhibitors also have the option of exhibiting a poster in place of, or in addition to exhibiting an animal. The poster should cover a topic of one (1) of the activities or learning experiences in the completed grade level of the project manual. Poster must follow poster rules, page 30, #14. A Champion poster will be chosen in each level (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) for each animal species (Example: Dog, cat, goat, sheep, etc.). A Grand Champion animal poster will be selected from all eligible Champion animal posters. All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to original author.

GENERAL RULES:
• The 4-H'ers may enroll a maximum of two animals at the Floyd County 4-H Fair.
• They must use the standard ear notch system and record the notches on an online swine identification enrollment prior to **May 15**.
• Each Animal may be entered and shown by only one (1) 4-H member at the Floyd County 4-H Fair.
• 4-H animals purchased, sold or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the Floyd County 4-H Fair shall not be eligible to show in the 4-H show at the Floyd County 4-H Fair.
• Slick clipping or body shaving of 4-H barrows and gilts is prohibited. Animals slick clipped or body shaved will not be allowed to exhibit. A minimum of one half (1/2) inch of hair (in length) on the body is preferred by the packers that purchase and process these animals. Animals may be condemned by the processor. 4-H'ers will not receive carcass payment for animals that are condemned.
• All 4-H barrows and gilts will be tagged by appointment.
• An entry card must be filled out for each animal before they can be unloaded.

• Order of show: Showmanship, Gilt/Barrow Market, Breeding Class. Classes are subject to change based on number of entries and may have combined market classes.
• Each 4-H member is responsible for keeping his/her pen and aisle clean at all times. The Floyd County 4-H Council has guidelines listed in the Floyd County 4-H Fair book. Shavings are required to be used as bedding.

• **ALL MEMBERS MUST ENTER AND SHOW THEIR OWN ANIMALS.** If a member has more than one (1) animal in a class, 4-H'er must get permission from Barn Superintendent to have another Floyd County 4-H'er show additional animal(s).

• There will be an opportunity to sell your animals either through the auction or direct. If an exhibitor wishes to sell his/her animal in the auction, all auction rules and deadlines must be met in accordance to the rules stated in the Fair book. It is a privilege to sell in the auction. Animals may be sold direct. To sell in the auction swine (barrow or gilt) must weigh at least 200 pounds. Please follow all withdrawal times for medications on your animals. Animals may be condemned by the processor. 4-H'ers will not receive carcass payment for animals that are condemned.
• Once animals are checked in, exhibitors are not allowed to remove their animals from the swine barn except for show and sale, or as stated above. 4-H swine must stay in the barn at all times with the exception of going to the wash rack, loading and unloading, and going to the show/sale ring.
• All barrows and gilts exhibited must be born on or after December 1 of previous year.
• No feeding of animals in the wash rack area.
• No dumping of manure and/or shavings in the wash rack area.
• Any item not addressed above will be referred to Indiana State Fair 4-H Swine rules.
• 4-H'ers will sign up for showmanship during check-in.

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES
SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS: Grade in school on January 1 of the current year.

Junior Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in grades 3-5 are eligible.

Intermediate Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in grades 6-8 are eligible.

Senior Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in the 9th grade or above are eligible.

A Master Showman of each specie is determined through a final round of showmanship which the Champion of each class will compete.

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Swine Show Amendment for 2026

We will now run **all breeds as "market style classes,"** shown **by weight.**

New Breed Divisions:

1. Duroc
2. Yorkshire
3. Berkshire
4. Crossbreds
5. All Other Breeds

Show Format:

- Each breed will show separately.
- For example, if there are **6 Durocs in 2 classes**, the **1st and 2nd place winners** from each class will return to compete for **Champion and Reserve Champion Duroc.**
- **Breed Champions** will then return to the ring to select an **Overall Top 5.**
- If a Champion Berkshire, for example, is selected as 1–4 Overall, the **Reserve Berkshire** may come back in to compete for the remaining Top 5 spots.

Awards & Premiums:

- We'll recognize the **Top 5 Overall Swine** with **large, custom-designed banners** (with cool graphics!).
- The focus will be on providing **high-quality banners** as memorable awards.
- Murphy Homes has agreed to sponsor any difference in premiums or the cost of banners.

Breed Classification:

- Swine Superintendent will help with breed typing.
- **No registration papers are needed.** If it looks like a Berkshire, it will show as one.
- Any questionable pigs will be placed in **All Other Breeds** or **Crossbred** classes.

Note:
If we don't have enough entries to select a full Top 5, we'll adjust accordingly based on numbers after **ID Day.**