

## 2021 PULASKI COUNTY 4-H SWINE RULES & GUIDELINES

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**For Swine, complete the General Livestock Record Sheet and the grade specific Swine Activity Sheet in use with the Swine Resource Handbook (4-H 134R)**

1. The ear notch identification system will be used. However, **all swine members are required** to pick up their RFID tags at the Extension Office. Tags are \$3 each. Members will enter their tag numbers online, along with ear notches. **All swine tags must be placed in the ear by May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Taggers will be available for use, on a first come bases. Assistance on tagging your swine will be available by the swine committee or by contacting your veterinarian.
2. With the recommendations from the State Board of Animal Health, all swine that are not going for auction, excess, or processing will be sent home Monday night after the swine show, from 8-9 pm, if they desire to.
3. Pigs weighing less than 180 pounds are unacceptable and will be taken home.
4. A 4-H'er may only exhibit a **maximum of (4) four pigs**.
5. The 4-H Swine Committee will set up the market classes of barrows and gilts after the official weigh-in. Large classes will be divided into smaller classes at the discretion of the 4-H Swine Committee.
6. Once a pig has been entered and weighed, there will be no reassignment of ownership or re-weighing.
7. **All swine record sheets and project sheets must be completed and turned in at swine check-in. If forms are NOT COMPLETE, you will go to the end of the line. It is the responsibility of the 4-Her (and family) to obtain the forms they need to show livestock at the County Fair.**
8. On show day, wash racks will remain open, for washing only.
9. Fans must be on the north side of the pen. Fans on the outside of barn must flow air from the outside to inside. Fans in middle (inside the barn) must flow air to the south (Fans **MUST** be caged to avoid small fingers!)
10. After hogs have been signed up as either auction, take home, excess or processing, there will **absolutely be NO changes allowed**. You have by the **conclusion of the swine show** to let us know what you will be doing with your hogs.
11. Shavings are the only bedding to be used. No straw or sawdust allowed.
12. Nothing but fans will be hung from the rafters in the swine barn.
13. **Purebred gilts DO NOT need weighed unless you plan on selling it in the auction or sending excess.**
14. Farm visit's may be conducted randomly by committee members during the time between May 15<sup>th</sup> and fair week to verify the animal's welfare, wellness, ear notches and RFID tags. Families will be notified at least 24 hours prior.
15. Purebred barrows and gilts must have papers and meet breed standards to show as a purebred. For registration of pure-bred animals (swine) please see general livestock rules to see how animals must be registered in regards to ownership. State Fair rules apply for purebred ownership methods.
16. Participation in showmanship must be declared through Fair Entry. This deadline is set by the Extension Office.
17. It is required that 4-H members display their name on or above their pen. This is solely the responsibility of the 4-H members. Members are encouraged to decorate! Exhibit cards will be available at swine check-in or by contacting the swine committee.
18. 4-H members must take full responsibility to tend to their animals. Keeping their pen clean, feeding, watering and washing/rinsing are a part of swine husbandry. Disciplinary actions may occur if members fail to uphold proper swine husbandry. Those who exceed husbandry expectations will be awarded.

**ALL SWINE: Must be born after December 1st of the previous year.  
State Fair entries must be born on or after January 1st of the current year.**

### **BARROW DIVISION:**

Barrows **must be** in the 4-H member's possession **by May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Barrows will show by weight. Registration papers **must be** presented for purebred barrows at the scale when weighed to show in a purebred class. If you don't have the papers, they will be put in a crossbred class.

### **GILT DIVISION:**

Gilts **must be** in member's possession **by May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Purebred gilts will be shown by birthday and crossbreds will be shown by weight. A copy of the registration should be turned into the Extension Office to confirm birthdays. Registration papers **must be** presented for purebred gilts at the scales when weighed to show in a purebred class. If you don't have the papers, they will be put in a crossbred class.

### **MARKET PAIR DIVISION:**

Must weigh between 220-280 and have 1 hour after weigh-in to declare as market pair.

### **SHOWMANSHIP:**

Showmanship Classes: (Grade in school on January 1st of the current year) that will

**Below are the divisions but the showmanship order will start with senior showman and run oldest to youngest.  
Winners of previous years will advance to the next level.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Showmanship:** Must be a 3rd grade swine member at time of enrollment.

**Beginner Showmanship:** Any 4th or 5th grade swine member at time of enrollment may compete.

**Intermediate Showmanship:** Any 6th or 7th grade swine member at time of enrollment may compete.

**Junior Showmanship:** Any 8th or 9th grade swine member at time of enrollment may complete.

**Senior Showmanship:** Any 10th, 11th or 12th grade swine member at time of enrollment may compete.

**Champion Swine Showman** - Current year winners from the Beginner Showmanship, Intermediate Showmanship, and Senior Showmanship, as well as any past Senior Showmanship winners, may compete for the "Champion Swine Showman" title. The Champion Swine Showman will move on to compete in the Ultimate Showman of Showmen competition. Champion Swine Showmen who go on to win the Ultimate Showman of Showmen competition representing the Swine Species are no longer eligible to compete in future Swine Showmanship classes.

**Mini 4-H**

All previous rules and general livestock rules apply. See the Mini 4-H Manual for project requirements.

1. Mini 4-H members may sell their pigs excess. Please see the swine committee if you plan on selling excess by the end of the swine show.
2. Mini 4-H members are encouraged to show an enrolled pig already being exhibited by a Pulaski County 4-H swine member.

