

Swine

To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. For more information about in-person trainings in our county, please contact your County Extension Office. More information about YQCA is available at <http://yqca.org/>.

PROJECT OPTIONS are: (1) Market Barrow (2) Breeding Gilt (3) Pair of Barrows and, (4) Carcass Evaluation

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

1. See General Livestock Rules

2. All pigs must be enrolled in 4-H online by May 15th by breed, sex and ear notch. The standard ear notch system will be used. If you plan to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair, you must follow Indiana State Fair requirements.

3. The 4-H member is required to complete the Swine Activity Sheet packet in its entirety and attach a valid Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certificate. These activity sheets must be turned into the Purdue Extension Allen County Office by the last business day of June, June 28, 2019.

Activity sheets that are late or incomplete will result in the loss of eligibility for showmanship and the member will receive a participation ribbon when exhibiting their animals. Late activity sheets must be received before checking in their animal at the fair check-in time. Failure to turn in activity sheets in will result in member not being eligible to compete in show. The Swine committee may recognize up to three members in each level for outstanding work with the Swine Workshop/Activity Sheet according to the following grades:

Level 1 - Grades 3-4-5

Level 2 - Grades 6-7-8

Level 3 – Grades 9-10-11-12

Grade eligibility is according to the grade member was on January 1 of the current exhibition year.

Workshop dates are available from the County Extension Office and the Clover Chronicle publication.

4. Each exhibitor will pen 2 pigs per pen with odd pigs being penned single. Each exhibitor must provide a divider if necessary. Pens are 6'x6'. Pigs may be penned individually if the exhibitor receives an extra pen in the random drawing.

5. For safety reasons, cordless clippers only may be used at the fair only in designated areas specified by the Swine Committee.

6. Ribbons will be distributed using the Blue, Red and White Danish ribbon system. Judges discretion will be used to award all ribbons and awards. After Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions are placed, additional three(3) "Honor Class" will be named.

7. All pigs exhibited at the County Fair will be weighed and ear tagged. Tag must remain in ear until pig is released. Any refusal of an animal being weighed and tagged will result in all exhibitors' animals being released and sent home.

8. If you want to dispute your weigh-in weight, you must notify the person weighing the animal before leaving the scale. The animal will be placed in a designated holding pen. The animal will not be allowed to be fed, watered, groomed, clipped or altered in any way. The pig will be reweighed immediately. One dispute per animal is allowed.

9. Information regarding disposition of pigs (auction, home, or consign to market) must be turned in at time of tag/weight in, changes must be made two hours after the 4-H show. If exhibiting in the carcass show, information regarding disposition of Grand and Reserve Grand must be turned in after show.

10. Swine exhibitors will be allowed to sell one (1) pig at the 4-H auction. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Barrow, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Gilt, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Carcass Barrow and Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Carcass Gilt and all other purebred champions may be sold at the auction and will be recognized as such. Ten-year members will auction animals following the champions.

11. All pigs going through the auction must conform to the weight of 220-300 lbs within one pound. Any pig not conforming to the auction weight still can be shown in its appropriate class and be consigned to the packer taking whatever cuts or docks the packer access.

12. If a member fails to show up for the auction, their animal will be consigned. In the event they cannot attend the auction, they may find a substitute to run the animal through the ring.

13. A minimum of one half inch of hair in length on the body is preferred by the packers that purchase and process these animals. Animals having less than one half inch of hair in length on the body may be condemned by the processor. 4-H'ers may not receive carcass payment for animals.

14. While at the Allen County Fair, only 4-H exhibitors and immediate family (parents and siblings) and Allen County 4-H members and Allen County 4-H Leaders are responsible for the care and custody of animal exhibits which includes show preparation, exercising, feeding, clipping and grooming.

15. While at the Allen County Fair, only 4-H exhibitors and family members two (2) generations removed from the exhibitor, Allen County 4-H members and Allen County Volunteers are responsible for the care and custody of animal exhibits which includes show preparation, exercising, feeding, clipping and grooming.

GENERAL EXHIBITOR RULES

1. Purebred pigs must be registered in the name of the exhibitor or in the partnership of the family (Ex. John Doe & Sons or John Doe and Family). Purebred registration papers must be shown at weigh in.

2. Pigs must be born on or after December 1 of the past year. **NOTE: For 2019 Exhibition Year – Pigs must be born on or after January 1st of the current year.**

3. There are no minimum or maximum pig weight requirements to exhibit in the 4-H Show.

MARKET BARROWS

1. Exhibitor may show a maximum of (3) individual market barrows.
2. Barrows will be shown by breed and weight, rather than just weight. All entries will be divided into weight groups to make classes as nearly equal as possible. An effort will be made to group no less than five or more than twelve hogs per class. Purebred barrows are shown strictly by weight not by birth date. Every effort will be made so no member will show their barrows in the same class. If possible the member will be given the option to show one animal against a higher weight class.

BREEDING GILTS

1. Exhibitor may show a maximum of (3) individual gilts.
2. Purebred gilts will be shown by age, crossbred gilts by weight.
3. Exhibitor having purebred gilts with the same birth date will show them in the same class.

PAIR OF BARROWS

1. Exhibitor must enrolled and entered both barrows at the fair.
2. The pair may be completed by bringing in a fourth market barrow to more nearly match the chosen single.
3. Classes will be set up by the combined weight of the animals
4. **ONE** Champion and Reserve Champion Pair of Barrows may be sold at the 4-H auction in lieu of a single barrow.

CARCASS EVALUATION

1. Exhibitors may show three barrows and three gilts. They may show pigs designated for the traditional barrow and gilt show or they may bring two additional hogs specifically for, and only for, the carcass show.
2. Carcass animals will be weighed and scanned at initial weigh in only. Carcass animals must weigh between 220 to 300 pounds to be exhibited.
3. Carcass animals must scan to be eligible to show on foot. If the carcass animal does not show on foot, it will be eliminated from the scan competition.
4. All pigs will be shown by sex. Entries (regardless of breed) will be divided into weight groups to make the classes as nearly equal as possible.
5. Carcass animals may be considered for the auction.
6. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Barrow and Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Gilt cannot be shown in the carcass show.

SHOWMANSHIP will be conducted in four divisions:

Members will compete in the level according to school grades as of January 1 of current exhibition year.

Rookie for grade 3. **If competing in rookie class you are ineligible to compete for overall showman.**

Junior for grades 3-4-5 (Cannot have competed in Rookie class during the same year)

Intermediate for grades 6-7-8.

Senior for grades 9-10-11-12

Overall Showman for all current Junior, Intermediate, Senior, previous Senior and previous Master Showman winners. Winner will be eligible to compete for Showman of Showmen if he/she wins master showman (See Showmen of Showman).

1. Once an exhibitor has won a division he/she must compete in the next higher division the following year. Senior division winners may not compete for the senior division showman again.
2. Once an exhibitor has represented swine in Showman of Showmen he/she will compete in the Overall Showman unless he/she wins master showman (See Showmen of Showman).

Showmanship participants must show their own animal which they exhibited in an earlier class.