

DEPT G – SWINE

Judge: Wade Hilker, Columbus NE

Purple award \$7; blue award \$6; red award, \$5; and white award \$4

The show is open to market hogs only. The show will be non-terminal. Hogs entering the fairgrounds may be shipped for slaughter at the end of the show.

Although exhibitors are strongly encouraged to send their hogs to market at the Cuming County Fair, they will not be required to do so. Any exhibitor wanting to take any hogs home from the fair must sign them up at the livestock office within one hour of the completion of the swine show. Exhibitors assume all risks for introduction of any diseases into their herd as a result of taking swine home from the fair.

Also exhibitors will be required to meet/exceed the expectations of Hormel Foods (who we market our swine to). All exhibitors who will be marketing their swine projects at the fair will be required to turn in their completed "Hormel Exhibitor Swine Affidavit" to the livestock office within one hour of the completion of the swine show. Exhibitors must provide a premises identification number and PQA Plus number for all swine being marketed.

1. No Breeding class swine to be exhibited.
2. No Health Certificate required.
3. Swine will check in from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Wednesday. All swine must have identification checked in the holding pen prior to moving to stall area.
4. This is a non-terminal swine show and all animals will follow stated procedures for slaughter.
5. All swine not meeting health requirements will be immediately removed from the grounds by the owner.

Each exhibitor may enter four entries in the swine division (as long as at least one of the four is a county bred & fed animal.) Entries must be properly identified. Ear notches must be healed and clearly visible, otherwise the project will be shown in open class or dropped one ribbon placing.

Hogs below 230 pounds or above 320 pounds will be allowed to show, but no purple ribbons will be awarded. Hogs weighing less than 215 or more than 330 pounds live weight will not be accepted by the packer.

All hogs entered will be shown by weight classes in a barrows and a gilts division.

Grand champion and reserve champion will receive rosettes. Only wood chips or newspaper bedding is allowed in the pens – no straw is allowed.

Grooming

No grooming dressing except water will be permitted on hogs. Use of oil, powder, or any other coat dressing compound considered objectionable by the packer will disqualify the entry from the show and carcass contest.

They will also be subject to all price discounts imposed by the packer for such compounds.

Hog Weighing – 6:00-9:00 p.m. Wednesday

There will not be any re-weighing this year.

There will be a barrow and gilt division. The champion and reserve champion of each division will vie for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion market hog honors.

Swine Showmanship Contest (Note: Pre-Entry is required)

- G-35-9A Junior Division – 8, 9, 10, 11 on January 1 of current year
G-35-9B Intermediate Division – 12, 13, 14 on January 1 of current year
G-35-9C Senior Division – 15 and over on January 1 of current year.
Winners in previous years can compete in this division and are eligible to win again.

A Rookie Showmanship award will be presented to a first year 4-H member in the junior age division only.

Market Classes

- G-35-10 Market Gilts
G-35-901 Bred & Fed Gilts
G-35-20 Market Barrows
G-35-903 Bred & Fed Barrows

All breeds will show together in competition. No class breakdown by breed.

Swine Bred & Fed – This special class is for barrows or gilts that are both bred and then fed in Cuming County. Exhibitors can purchase projects if the pig is born in Cuming County. At the fair exhibitors are limited to show one barrow and/or one gilt. These projects must be identified as “Bred & Fed” on the ID sheet in June and from whom (if purchased).

- G-35-902 **Swine Breeding Project Display**
Purple award \$2, blue award \$1.50, red award \$1, and white award \$.50

4-H members enrolled in the Swine Breeding project have an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned. A poster board or plywood display on a subject related to swine breeding will be displayed in the Watson Pavilion. The entries will be judged during the market swine show. Ribbon placing will depend primarily on the judge’s opinion on the suitability of the subject and how clearly the subject is explained. Part of the placing will depend on display appearance and attractiveness. Display size requirements will be identical to Veterinary Science requirements. First place exhibit will receive a medal from the Cuming County Pork Producers. Only one exhibit per swine breeding 4-H member.

Swine Skillathon: (conducted Thursday at 10:00 a.m.)

Premiums are sponsored by Cuming County Ag Society for each division. 1st - \$15, 2nd - \$10, 3rd-5th \$5

- G-35-905 Junior – 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 on January 1 of current year
G-35-906 Senior – 13 and over on January 1 of current year

This contests will consist of production and management questions/activities. Examples could include equipment identification, breeds, feeds, meat identification, reading ear notches, quality assurance, etc. The contest will be 25 questions/activities for Juniors and 35 questions/activities for Seniors.

The 4-H clubs are encouraged to submit up to 20 questions (with correct answers) to the Extension Office by July 15. A committee will put together the contest from these questions, the Swine Learning Kit (available at the Extension Office) and other swine resources.