

Swine

Rules

A. ID Eligibility – Exhibitors must file the Market Swine ID form with the Extension Office by June 3rd of the current year. Photos of tagged market swine must be submitted with ID forms (swine being nominated for State Fair require EID tags and DNA samples).

B. Market swine should weigh 230-320 pounds for the market class. Hogs weighing less than 230 pounds must show in the progress hog class and will not be eligible for the Livestock Sale. Hogs weighing over 320 pounds will be eligible to show but will not be eligible for the Livestock Sale. See Animal Rules to reference removing animals that do not meet weight requirements from the fairgrounds. No underweight and overweight hogs are eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion Market Hog.

C. Class Breakdown-Market Hog classes are broken and shown by animal weight by the discretion of the Livestock Committee. The Livestock Committee reserves the right to combine market hog classes if there are less than 3 animals entered per class by weight.

D. Pen of Two - Hogs must be owned by the same exhibitor.

E. Breeding Gilts- All breeding gilts are to be born after December 1 of the previous year. Gilts must be identified using the universal ear notch system with notches in both ears on an official ID Form by June 1 of the current year. Breeding gilts may not be identified as both breeding gilts and market swine. Purebred gilts must have registration papers and meet industry standards for breed type, color, and conformation. Commercial gilts can be crossbred gilts or gilts of pure breeds that do not meet breed standards. Gilts may not be shown in both market and breeding classes. Not eligible for Pen of Two.

Eligibility for State Fair

Refer to the [State Fair Livestock Identification and Nomination Requirements](#) for information on exhibitor eligibility at the State Fair. Classes are also structured differently at State Fair. Nominations are due June 15th for State Fair.

Divisions

Premium: P = \$5.00 B = \$4.00 R = \$3.00 W = \$2.00

Swine Showmanship

Class

G035007 – Junior Swine Showmanship – (8-10 years old before January 1 of the current year).

G035008 - Intermediate Showmanship - (11-13 years old before January 1 of the current year)

G035009 - Senior Showmanship - (14 years old and up before January 1 of the current year)

Market Swine

Class

036010 – Market Gilts and Barrows

3661L – Progress Gilts and Barrows

3662L – Pen of Two Market Swine

Breeding Swine

3663L – Purebred Breeding Gilts

3664L - Commercial Gilts

Clover Kid Swine

3665L - Clover Kid Entry (Either market or breeding. Clover Kids can NOT sell swine at the 4-H Livestock Sale.)

Resources

Breeding Swine

Learn about pig breeds; Discover how to market products; Find out how to prevent, diagnose and treat swine health problems

URL: https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/18

Market Swine

Learn about hog body parts; Calculate the cost to raise pigs; Find out how to care for pigs

URL: https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/19