

## FFA MARKET SWINE DIVISION

Superintendents: Clay County FFA Advisors

1. Entries in this department are open to agricultural education students and active members of a FFA Chapter that is in good standing in the Iowa Association of FFA and surrounding Minnesota counties.
2. Entries are open to purebred, crossbred, or grade pigs, either barrows or gilts, fed for market, that were farrowed on or after February 1 of the current year.
3. Pigs may be owned in partnership, providing the exhibitor has at least half interest. Partnership agreement signed by both parties and instructor must be recorded in member's record book.
4. **No clipping of 4-H/FFA swine once they enter the fairgrounds.**
5. Youth may clip pigs prior to bringing them to the fair. Hair length must be at least ½ inch at fair entry. **The minimum hair length is critical to potential base (packer) buyers.**
6. Projects exhibited in the FFA swine classes are not eligible to exhibit in the 4-H classes or vice-versa.
7. Gilts shown in the market class cannot be shown in the purebred class, commercial gilts or vice-versa.
8. Each exhibitor will be permitted to show a maximum of six pigs which consist of one pen plus three more individuals. An exhibitor may pull one individual out of his/her pen for a total of four individuals. (A carcass pig may be additionally exhibited.)
9. Pens will be comprised of three pigs, all of the same breeding, but not necessarily litter mates.
10. Pigs from pens may be shown in the individual classes.
11. Exhibitor must designate which pigs will be shown as individuals, carcass and pens at time of weigh in.
12. Minimum weight for each pig will be 220 pounds. Maximum weight will be 290 pounds.
13. Superintendents reserve the right to disqualify hogs on the basis of weight. No re-weighs.
14. All hogs must be brought to the scale at the same time. There will be no going back to get more hogs at a later time.
15. The swine superintendents will make weight breaks into light, medium, light heavy and heavy individual and pen classes after all pigs are weighed in.
16. The grand champion and reserve grand champion market pigs and pens will be selected from the top two market pigs or pens in each weight division.
17. During the judging of the classes, individuals will be selected for the showmanship award.
18. Premiums will be awarded. Ribbons will be awarded on a district and county basis.
19. All hogs must be sold and harvested and will go directly to a consigned packer.
20. A swine premium auction will be held on the last Saturday of fair. Members showing in both 4-H and FFA must indicate under which organization they would like to sale.
21. FFA member will be limited to entering the sale ring twice. Once with a champion and once with a project premium.

### FFA MARKET SWINE

- Class 1 - Lightweight Market Pig
- Class 2 - Medium-weight Market Pig
- Class 3 - Light Heavyweight Market Pig
- Class 4 - Heavyweight Market Pig
- Class 5 - Lightweight Market Pen
- Class 6 - Medium-weight Market Pen
- Class 7 - Light Heavyweight Market Pen
- Class 8 - Heavyweight Market Pen
- Class 9 - Carcass Hog

### FFA CARCASS CUTOFF CONTEST

1. Each member may enter one pig in the FFA carcass contest.
2. Carcass pigs will be tattooed at check-in. This pig is in addition to the regular six. Carcass hogs will show in the Carcass Hog Class.
3. Hogs must weigh within the **220-310** pound live weight to be included in the contest.
4. Carcass contest placing will be determined by percent lean. Members will receive the following information: average backfat, loin eye area, grade and percent lean.