

2009 Linn County Fair



Swine Department

Superintendent—Mike Rice

Committee—Kim Donaldson, Tom Donaldson, Kim Jordan, Albert Martin, Vicki Martin, John McGovern, Mary Michaels, David Rice, Doug Rice

Judging—Sunday July 12, 2009 5:00pm

Fair Weigh-in 6:30am-9:30am Saturday July 11, 2009

Show Order

- 1) Pen of Three Market Pigs
- 2) Swine Showmanship
- 3) Individual Market Gilts
- 4) Home Raised Market Gilts
- 5) Individual Market Barrow
- 6) Home Raised Market Barrow
- 7) Derby Barrow
- 8) Home Raised Derby Barrow
- 9) Derby Gilts
- 10) Home Raised Derby Gilts
- 11) Champion Market Pig & Champion Derby Pig

Rules (Note: All General Rules and rules for Animal Division apply)

1. All pigs must have been weighed in on March 7, 2009. Each exhibitor can weigh in a maximum of 12 pigs. Maximum weight at weigh-in was 40 pounds each. All pigs must have been castrated and ear notched prior to weigh-in.
2. Each exhibitor must be PQA or FSQA certified and provide proof at fair weigh-in.
3. Swine in market classes may be purebred, grade or crossbred and will be judged on market quality.
4. 'Home Raised' are hogs owned and raised on your family farm from birth, shown by a son or daughter of the family and identified at the Linn County weigh-in as such. Home raised are eligible to show in either home raised or the regular classes, but must be specified before pigs are unloaded and weighed at the county fair in July.
5. An exhibitor may exhibit three market and three derby with no more than two pigs per class. Two gilts and one barrow or two barrows and one gilt may be shown. Individual market or derby pigs may be used in a pen of three, but an individual market pig cannot be a derby pig. The pen of three may be selected from the six pigs brought to the fair.
6. Swine exhibits must arrive Saturday according to the following schedule:

6:30—7am	Families of swine project committee
7—7:30am	Dairy/Rabbit/Goat Show exhibitors
7:30—9:30am	Other swine exhibitors
7. Before unloading all exhibitors must meet all health requirements.
8. All swine must be consigned directly to a slaughter establishment from the fair. The swine committee will obtain bids from packer buyers and swine will be sold to the highest acceptable bidder. **Hogs to be slaughtered at locker must be transported by that locker.**
9. The minimum weight is 230 pounds unless the buyer will go lighter. If so, the swine committee will notify exhibitors before weigh in. If the buyer allows light pigs, under 230 pounds will be allowed to show but not eligible for the champion drive. A price reduction on the light pigs should be expected. The upper limit has been completely lifted. The swine project committee encourages members to market their hogs at a profitable market weight.
10. A portable scale will be used. Scales will be checked after every ten head. No pigs will be re-weighed or permitted to re-enter scales. At weigh-in time pigs must be identified for each class.
11. Any animal exhibiting outward signs of carcass degrading traits will not be allowed to show.
12. Questions concerning a pig's eligibility to show will be directed to the Swine Committee. The pig(s) will be penned and dealt with last.
13. Individual pig and pen of three classes will be divided by fair weights. Derby pig classes will be divided by March 7, 2009 weights.
14. Carcass merit class will be scanned and ranked by "Lean gain per day on test", no limit to number scanned, awards given to barrows and gilts. Cost of scanning will be paid at weigh in.
15. Powder, oil, shaving and/or clipping or any other unnecessary grooming will not be allowed.
16. Any violation of the above rules will disqualify the exhibitor from showing their project in the live or carcass classes or in participating in the auction. Disqualified hogs will be sold on the truck. Repeat violators will be banned from showing.

Classes

171MB—Individual Market Barrow

171MG—Individual Market Gilt

171MP—Market Pen of Three

171DB—Derby Barrow

171DG—Derby Gilt

171HRMG—Home Raised Market Gilt

171HRMB—Home Raised Market Barrow

171HRDG—Home Raised Derby Gilt

171HRDB—Home Raised Derby Barrow

171CMG—Carcass Merit Gilt

171CMB—Carcass Merit Barrow

Showmanship Classes

171EA—Seniors—Grades 9-12

171EB—Intermediates—Grades 7-8

171EC—Juniors—Grades 4-6

171ED—Advanced

The Elite Swine Exhibit Award

This is a club award based on the following requirements for club members:

- Forms filled out at weigh in
- Stall cards filled out and displayed promptly after weigh in
- Appearance of club's exhibit
- Exhibitor's overall attitude and skill during the two days
- Having a representative at load out to assist committee and make final cleaning of stalls

Award: \$100.00 Check to the winning club

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Special Premium

The Linn County Pork Producers will pay \$10 to each member who completes a swine project record and attends one swine workshop. Records must include a Swine Project Record and Swine Worksheet and be turned into the Extension office by September 15, 2009.