

~~ Swine ~~



1. **All pigs must be legibly earmarked according to the 1-3-9-27-81 system by May 15. NO pigs shall be marked like any other belonging to that member.**
2. Each member may identify by May 15 a **maximum of fifteen (15)** market pigs as eligible for the Benton County Fair.
3. Members may exhibit a maximum of **five (5) market pigs, three (3) derby-gilt pigs, and three (3) derby-barrow pigs**. If you maxed out each category, your total entries would be eleven (11) pigs.
4. Individual hogs weighing and pens averaging under 230 pounds will show in the Light Weight Division and are not eligible for championship honors. There is no upper weight limit. All hogs will be scanned.
5. All market swine will be paint branded at the scale on entry day.
6. All swine brought to the fairgrounds will be required to go to slaughter. Hogs will be sold to a packinghouse on a carcass basis.
7. *** New for 2009 Fair *** - - Clipping: ALL hogs will be required to have **AT LEAST** a ½ inch of hair or more on them. This rule is subject to change pending packer requirements.
8. **Ear notches of all pigs will be read at Fair weigh-in and checked against livestock ID's. NO FRESH EAR NOTCHES!**
9. **Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) Certification is REQUIRED!** All swine exhibitors are required by the State of Iowa to have their FSQA Certification to be able to show at county fair or state fair. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS!** **A copy of your certificate and/or card must be on file at the Extension Office by June 1. If you do not supply a copy of your FSQA certification, you will NOT be allowed to unload at the fairgrounds!**

Pen of Three Market Pigs

CLASS 6900 -- Pen of Three Market Pigs

1. Members may exhibit **only one pen** in this class.
Pen may consist of Market Barrows, Market Gilts or any combination.

Market Pig Carcass Class

1. All swine not exhibited in the Derby Class will be placed in the Market Pig Carcass Class.
2. Final placing of the carcasses will be on the basis of pounds of acceptable quality lean pork adjusted to 230 pounds live weight basis. To place among the top ten, carcasses must meet the standards of the packinghouse.
3. Pigs in the carcass contest will be disqualified for any of the following reasons – Live weight is less than 230 pounds and/or back fat is greater than 1.7 inches and loin muscle is less than 4.5 inches.
4. Carcass information fee will be deducted from your hog check.
5. Non-premium Ribbons -- 10 placing. The top ten carcasses will receive premiums of \$10, \$9, \$8, \$7, \$6, \$5, \$4, \$3, \$3 and \$3.

Market Pig Derby Barrow

CLASS 7200 -- Market Pig Derby Barrow

1. Benton County 4-H and FFA member may nominate a maximum of 10 pigs for derby competition.
2. These pigs must be barrows. (They will be separated into their respective classes for the show.)
3. These pigs must be identified and weighed at the assigned location and time in March set by the 4-H Committee.
4. At the time of nomination, these pigs must meet these requirements:
 - a. Must be castrated.
 - b. Must be ear notched -- no pig can be ear notched like any other pig nominated by that member.
 - c. Maximum weight of 50 pounds.

5. Members may exhibit a **maximum of 3** derby barrow pigs.
6. Pigs exhibited in the derby class may not be shown in any other class.
7. Final placing will be made on the basis of an index of pounds of muscle gained per day on test, which gives approximately equal emphasis to rate of gain and carcass merit.
8. The carcass information fee will be deducted from your hog check.
9. **Live:** Premium Ribbons -- Blue, Red & White & 10 placing non-premium ribbons. **Final:** Non-premium Ribbons - 10 placing.

Market Pig Derby Gilt

CLASS 7000 -- Market Pig Derby Gilt

1. Each Benton County 4-H and FFA member may nominate a maximum of 10 pigs for Derby Competition.
2. These pigs must be gilts. (They will be separated into their respective classes for the show.)
3. These pigs must be identified and weighed at the assigned location and time in March set by the 4-H Committee.
4. At the time of nomination, these pigs must meet these requirements:
 - a. Must be ear notched -- no pig can be notched like any other pig nominated by that member.
 - b. Maximum weight of 50 pounds.
5. Members may exhibit a **maximum of 3** derby-gilt pigs.
6. Pigs exhibited in the derby class may not be shown in any other class.
7. Final placing will be made on the basis of an index of pounds of muscle gained per day on test which gives approximately equal emphasis to rate of gain and carcass merit.
8. The carcass information fee will be deducted from your hog check.
9. Champion Live: Premium Ribbons - Blue, Red & White.
Overall Final: Non-Premium Ribbons - 10 placing (based on carcass data).

**** The combined classes of 7000 & 7200 will receive premiums of \$50, \$45, \$40, \$35, \$30, \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10 and \$5 for 10 derby placings. Premiums are presented by the Benton County Pork Producers. ****

Individual Market Barrows

CLASS 7400 -- Individual Market Barrows

1. Members may exhibit a **maximum of two** market barrows in this class to be designated at the scale on entry day.
2. Entries will be shown in weight class.
3. The carcass information fee will be deducted from your hog check.

Individual Market Gilts

CLASS 7600 -- Individual Market Gilts

1. Members may exhibit a **maximum of two** market gilts in this class to be designated at the scale on entry day.
2. Entries will be shown in weight class.
3. Carcass information fee will be deducted from your check.

~ Swine Showmanship ~

1. No pre-entry is required in this division.
2. Showmanship judging will be after all judging is done.
3. Ribbons and trophies will be awarded.
4. Winner's Showmanship, Senior Showmanship, Intermediate Showmanship, Junior Showmanship.

