

Iowa 4-H Swine Project

Regulations Pertaining to State and Interstate Shows

Age of Exhibitors

1. 4-H'ers will be eligible to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair if they have completed 5th through 12th grade (or that equivalent).

To be eligible for a state or interstate show, a 4-H'er must have completed 5th grade **prior to the event** unless a particular show is more restrictive.*

*Ak-Sar-Ben requires that exhibitors be 10 years old by January 1 **AND** must meet the requirement for exhibition as set by the 4-H office in the state of 4-H membership (5th grade in Iowa).

2. A 4-H'er becomes ineligible to exhibit beyond the county level upon completion of the **calendar** year of high school graduation. **Note:** In the event that a 4-H'er has dropped out of high school, the 4-H'er is only eligible to exhibit livestock through the calendar year that his/her class graduated.

Ownership

All of the animals must be owned by and identified to the individual 4-H'er. When registration papers are involved (e.g., purebred gilt/barrow), the papers must either be in the 4-H'ers name or show a logical family relationship. Animals changing ownership after being identified as a project are ineligible to be exhibited as 4-H animals for that 4-H year.

Animals offered for sale in an auction are considered to have changed ownership even though bought back by the original owner or if the owner refuses a bid or says, "NO SALE."

Identification

All swine **must** be earnotched and identified by notches, sex, and color markings. Breeding swine will **NOT** be allowed to show at the Iowa State Fair without all three forms of identification entered on this form. Animals identified as part of a 4-H project cannot also be identified or exhibited as an FFA project or *vice versa*.

Derby-Iowa State Fair Derby swine must be identified with color markings and sex, along with earnotches using the universal earnotching system and tagged with Iowa 4-H tags. Derby swine also will be tattooed, as well as have a DNA sample taken. Derby swine also must be weighed. The maximum number of Iowa State Fair Derby swine that may be identified is 20 crossbred plus 20 purebred. Birth data must be included for purebred Derby pigs.

To be eligible for the Iowa State Fair Derby contest, all hogs must be weighed-in during a specific time frame, announced annually. The extension staff/volunteers in charge of the weigh-in must put their initials in the space provided on this identification sheet.

Market – Market swine will be identified in the same manner as described for derby. Birth date must be included for purebreds. The maximum number of Iowa State Fair Market swine that may be identified is 20 crossbred plus 20 purebred.

Breeding Gilts – Breeding gilts must be identified with earnotches, color markings, and sex. Include ear tags numbers, if used. Birth date must be included for all gilts and must match registration papers for purebreds.

Special Note

Gilts shown in breeding classes may not be shown in market classes or *vice versa*. Swine identified as derby can be shown as derby or market swine but not as both.

Deadlines

Swine must be owned and identified by May 15. Additional market pigs and breeding gilts can be identified by June 15 and eligible to show at fairs and shows held after September 1. These animals are ineligible to show at 4-H shows held before September 1. County rules may be stricter than state rules (e.g., earlier deadlines.) Check with your county office of ISU Extension to determine your county deadline.

Filing Your ID Sheet

Your signature on the front of this form indicates that you have reviewed the form and that the information is correct. Keep the pink copy for your use.

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