

# Swine Rules

## Buchanan County Fair 2023

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### IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 1	Mentor & lease paperwork needs to be turned in.
APRIL 1	Single Source pick-up – Swine barn on fairgrounds
MAY 1	Photos must be entered in 4hOnline
MAY 15	All Clover Kids and 4-H members must identify animals on 4hOnline and purebred transfers completed.
JUNE 15	Animal entries completed on Fair Entry and purebred papers to extension office.

### \*\*\*New For 2023\*\*\*

There will now be a purebred class! There will be a purebred market barrow class and purebred market gilt class. There will also be a Purebred Breeding Gilt Class. All breeds will be shown together. There will be a three pig minimum to have a class. If the minimum is not met, those pigs will be placed into the crossbred class. All purebreds must have papers transferred by May 15<sup>th</sup> and have copies to extension office by June 15<sup>th</sup>. See rule 19 for maximum number of pigs allowed.

### RULES

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. Non-Terminal Show: Exhibitors will be allowed to either sell their animals OR take them home.
3. Single source pigs will have a pre-fair weigh-in. All exhibitors wishing to compete in Single Source must participate in the pre-fair weigh-in.
4. For all species that weigh in, exhibitors will have a two-hour time frame to meet with their committee members to view and submit any changes to the show program. This will take place in each species barn and times will be decided by the committee at the pre fair meeting and will be posted on the 4-H fair office door at the beginning of fair week. There will be no further changes made to the show program after the two-hour review period.
5. Exhibitors are responsible for tagging their own pigs (except Single Source).
6. Exhibitors are responsible for submitting photos in 4hOnline by May 15th.
7. All pigs must be entered in 4hOnline by May 15th.
8. All hogs will be required to meet the specific health requirements set forth by the State of Iowa.
9. There are no littermate requirements for any swine class.
10. Swine exhibitors are responsible for obtaining and completing any paperwork required by the Extension Office.
11. All hogs must be unloaded at the east end of the hog barn.
12. Exhibitors need to be in the hog barn when their animals are being weighed. Please try to limit the number of family members in the barn during weigh-in and scanning. Exhibitors and a responsible adult must be available for weigh-in.
13. There will not be any pig washing or use of the wash racks during the weigh-in and scanning process.
14. There shall be no coloring agents, powder or oil used on hogs. The use of ether is strictly prohibited. Pigs in violation will not be allowed to show.
15. Hogs are to use wood shavings in pens.
16. In order for hogs to be exhibited in the market classes they must weigh at least 220 pounds and a maximum of 325 pounds.
17. Hogs that do not make weight are not eligible for the Overall Market Champion. Any lighter or heavier pigs will be placed in their own class and are eligible for the Pen of Two Class.
18. All swine will be scanned. The scanning fee must be paid before the exhibitor can show. Discounted scanning price is being made possible by the generous donation of the Buchanan County Pork Producers.
19. Maximum number of swine per exhibitor will be determined as follows:
  - a. Market swine only – Five hogs maximum (combination purebred and crossbred)
  - b. Breeding Gilts – three head maximum (combination purebred/crossbred)
  - c. Single Source swine only – four hogs maximum ( three market & one breeding gilt)
  - d. Market swine and single source swine – seven hogs maximum
20. Any exhibitor who brings extra hogs to the county fair will be assessed a \$25 penalty fee per additional hog (s). The exhibitor will not be allowed to participate in the swine show if this fee is not received by the Extension office prior to the show date.
21. There will be a maximum of three pigs per pen in the swine barn. Each exhibitor will have a limit of two pens unless partaking also in the single source (three pens). Extra pens will be allowed to exhibitors if space allows, no refunds will be issued.
22. Due to packer demands and concerns, it is strongly recommended that pigs are not clipped. Hair should not be shorter than ½ inch. NO clipping on the Fairgrounds.
23. Derby and Market swine will be sorted for classifications by ending weight.
24. Classes will be split up on weight, based on the superintendent's and committee's discretion.

25. **Breeding Gilt:** The breeding gilt class is an opportunity for 4-H/FFA exhibitors to compete in an additional class of judging based on the gilt's structure and potential for breeding. An exhibitor may only enter 3 gilts into the breeding class. The gilts can only show as a breeding animal or as an individual market animal, but not both. This must be identified at the county fair weigh-in.
26. **Showmanship:** Showmanship will be open to all swine exhibitors. Exhibitors choosing to participate are not required to be signed up ahead of time. There will be three divisions: Junior - Grades 4-6; Intermediate - Grades 7-8; Senior - Grades 9-12. Show order will be: Senior, Intermediate, and Junior at the start of the swine show. Exhibitors must show their own animal. . Intermediate and Senior members are responsible for penning their own pigs in the show ring during showmanship. Very little assistance will be provided. The judge will place 5 exhibitors in the showmanship class. Results will be announced at the conclusion of the show and recipients will receive awards at that time. The decision of the showmanship judge is final. There will be no interference, and no one is allowed in the ring. The champion will be asked if they would like to participate in Master Showmanship. If the champion has already participated in Master Showmanship and won in their age division, they must pass on to the next exhibitor after the champion.
27. **Livestock Auction:** Exhibitors interested in selling their swine at the auction **must designate at weigh-in the hog to be on the sale. There will be no substitutions.** One hog per exhibitor may be offered for sale. All auction animals must be an exhibit at the current fair. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will sell first. If the same exhibitor owns both Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion hogs, only the Grand Champion will be sold. Exhibitors will be responsible to show their pig in the livestock auction. If the exhibitor is unavailable on auction day, another exhibitor may show the pig. No ear tags will be removed from the animals at any time. Exhibitors are still responsible for the daily care of all pigs (including auction pigs) until the animals are loaded on the truck.

### **Market Swine Department Class**

26200 Crossbred Gilt

Purebred Market Gilt

Purebred Market Barrow

26201 Crossbred Barrow

26202 Pen of Two - **DO NOT enter animals into Fair Entry – the Extension office will enroll animals based on the gold sheets the exhibitor fills out at fair weigh-in.**

### **Breeding Gilt Department Class**

26100 Crossbred Breeding Gilt

Purebred Breeding Gilt

### **SINGLE SOURCE**

The Single Source Commercial Swine Project is an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to gain valuable experience in raising pigs through a partnership with local farrowing producers. Members will be able to purchase pigs at an affordable price. All pigs for this project will be sold to members from a pre-determined farrowing producer so that all of the pigs have the same genetics. The Swine Committee will offer weighing, transportation and tagging assistance to the single source producer.

### **Enrollment Process**

1. Interested members will need to fill out the Single Swine entry link in the 4-H newsletter. **DO NOT enter animals into Fair Entry – the Extension office will enroll animals based on the gold sheets the exhibitor fills out at fair weigh-in.**
2. Members have the option of purchasing one to four pigs. The purchase of three or more pigs will guarantee that the member will receive one barrow and one gilt.
3. Purchase price will be determined by Extension office and Swine Committee. Sign up and payment of \$140.00 per pig is due March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Pick-Up Process**

1. The Single Source Commercial pigs will be weighed, ear tagged and notched prior to the market swine weigh-in on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am.
2. Exhibitors need to be present at 9 AM at Pre-fair weigh-in on Saturday, April 1st. Upon arrival, participants will draw numbers out of a bucket. The numbers correspond with the ear tag numbers on the pigs. This will ensure that the pigs are selected at random.
3. The Swine Committee recognizes that there may be participants who have not raised pigs at home before. Therefore, the Swine Committee agrees to be available as mentors for any participant who needs help with their project. The Swine Committee will not be responsible for the prevention of swine illness/death. Members may fill out a mentor agreement. This

document is found at the Extension office or on the Buchanan County ISU Extension and Outreach website 4-H and Youth fair information.

4. Single Source Commercial pigs will need to be on the Fairgrounds day of check-in. Swine weigh-in and scanning will begin at 2:00 PM or as soon as the scanner is available. All pigs will be **weighed and scanned** just as the market pigs are done.
5. Participants must bring at least one pig to the fair to exhibit. In the event that there are no pigs to bring, due to death or illness, exhibitor must notify the Extension office as soon as possible.
6. Participants will follow the same fair process as the market pigs except that the Single Source pigs will be shown in separate classes.

#### **Single Source Pig Derby**

1. Pigs weighed at the spring weigh-in will be eligible for the derby classes. Exhibitors may show only one pig in each class of derby pigs.
2. If an exhibitor has more than one barrow and one gilt weighing less than 220 lbs., the exhibitor will pick only one of each to put into the appropriate derby classes. The rest of the pigs weighing under 220 lbs. will not be entered into competitions (except pen of three) but will be sold with the other hogs.
3. There will be one derby barrow class and one derby gilt class.

#### **Single Source Department Classes**

26400 Gilt

26401 Barrow

26402 Pen of Two

26403 Derby

26404 Breeding Gilt Single Source - 1 Swine

### **SWINE SHOW CLASS ORDER**

Senior Showmanship  
Intermediate Showmanship  
Junior Showmanship  
Breeding Gilt  
Market Gilt  
Market Barrow  
Single Source Breeding  
Single Source Market Gilt  
Single Source Market Barrow  
Overall Market Champions  
Pen of Two