



March 2, 2023

TO: All 4-H/FFA Clinton County Youth with Swine Project
RE: County Derby Swine Weigh In and 4-H State Fair Information

Swine weigh-in will take place **on April 1 from 9:00-10:30 a.m.** at the Central DeWitt Bus Barn. The process for county and state fair are similar but not identical. Underlined items are 4-H State Fair only. FFA state fair, talk to your advisor. Please read all guidelines and rules below before attending weigh in.

Weigh In Process

1. April 1 – weigh in at the bus barn
 - a. Information for each **derby** pig or state fair pig (tag #, sex, breed, ear notch) gets written down on ID form at weigh in
 - b. Pigs will get an EID tag and DNA tag
 - c. Staff collects tag fees from 4-H'er (\$2/ EID tag, \$8/ DNA tag)
2. April 3-May 5 – Any non-derby pigs not tagged at weigh in that want to be exhibited must be tagged during this time.
 - a. Call Extension Office to check out tagger (there's only two!)
 - b. Pick up ear tags, tagger, ID forms and DNA tags
 - c. Return tagger, ID forms and DNA sample to Extension Office
 - d. If you would prefer to bring your pigs to weigh-in, we can tag them without weighing them for the derby show. Just tell us!
3. By May 15 – **4-H youth** enter pig's data into 4hOnline. Help sheet given at weigh in and posted at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-id>
FFA youth enter on Google Spreadsheet, ask your advisor.
4. By May 15 – Drop off DNA envelopes (with samples inside and signatures) at the Extension Office. Staff (Amanda) will mail them to Iowa 4-H Office.
5. Between May 20 - July 1 – **4-H and FFA youth** then must make actual fair entry. The DNA tagging process only nominates the pigs for State Fair eligibility. The youth must make the fair entry if they wish to show the animal they nominated.

Fair Book Rules

The Extension Council has approved the rules included in this packet. The full fair book will be posted online soon. 4-H families will receive a printed copy again!

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Things to Note

- Each exhibitor can weigh in up to 10 gilts and/or barrows for the derby show.
- Limited to exhibiting 3 in the Derby Show (Derby pens of 3 must include 1 barrow)
- Pigs must weigh less than 50 pounds at weigh in on April 1 to be eligible.
- Non-derby swine are still welcome to attend weigh-in to be tagged. You can also pick up tags during weigh-in if you let Amanda know ahead of time.
- **Your animals' ears must be notched.**
- ALL state fair swine (market and breeding) must have a DNA punch tag.
- Breeding gilts must be farrowed on or after January 1.
- A maximum of 40 head can be identified in 4hOnline.

YQCA Training (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals)

All 4-H/FFA livestock exhibitors are required to be YQCA certified for county and State Fair exhibition for swine. Youth have two options to complete this:

- 1) Instructor-Led Certification (\$3):
 - a. March 26 at 3 pm in DeWitt at Extension Office
 - b. April 30 at 3 pm in Maquoketa at Pearson Event Center
 - c. Please sign up at yqcaprogram.org before class!
 - d. *4-H members can call or email to request their free coupon code!*
- 2) Online Certification (\$12): Members complete the certification online. A help sheet is posted at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/yqca>.

Premise ID

All 4-H/FFA swine exhibitors (either their family farm or property owner) **MUST** have a registered IDALS Premise ID Number by May 15 to exhibit swine at the county fair. It may take several weeks to receive the numbers, so it is important to complete the application right away. Want more information about Premise ID's? <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/files/page/files/premiseid.pdf>

Continue Learning - More resources to develop your swine project are available online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/swine>

Record Keeping is an essential piece of learning. Download a free swine record from 4-H to include in your record book:
<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/224>

Exhibitor Awareness: PEDV Biosecurity - A letter is enclosed for your reference. This is the same document as last year, but it's included as a reminder for you.

As always, please reach out with questions,



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