Swine Projects

CLASS 26216: Individual Home Raised Market Barrow
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1. Swine will be designated as Market or Derby individuals. All swine need to be identified and weighed in at the weigh-in site on March 23\textsuperscript{th}. All animals must be verified in 4-H Online by May 15.

2. All pigs MUST be properly ear notched, and ear tagged with a 4-H tag inserted at the time of the spring weigh-in.

3. A member may weigh in up to 8 pigs; pigs may not exceed 60 pounds at the time of the weigh-in. No pig will be allowed to be shown that has not been previously identified, tagged and tattooed.

4. Each exhibitor may exhibit up to 3 pigs. The same pig may not be shown in more than one class. An exhibitor may have 2 pigs per class.

5. At County Fair time, swine must weigh at least 240 lbs. and not more than 310 lbs. Pigs weighing over 310 lbs. or under 240 lbs. will be shown in a class for swine over 310 lbs. or fewer than 240 lbs. and will not be eligible for Champion of Show. An animal may not be reweighed unless scale error is determined by Animal Science Coordinators and the most senior member of the Extension staff present.

6. Pigs will not be weighed with excessive dirt on them.

7. All swine must be checked as they get off of the truck by a licensed, practicing vet that is approved by the swine committee, and a committee member.

8. Champions from each live class will compete for a Supreme Champion of Show. Entries will be placed in blue, red and white ribbon groups according to individual merit.

9. All swine project youth must be able to show a current Pork Quality Assurance Level III certificate to show animals at the fair. Youth must be YQCA certified. Parental PQA III certificate is NOT adequate.
10. Purchased animals need to have been bought and paid for by the 4-H member, even if the pig stays on the farm it was born on.

11. Swine will be judged on the quality and finish from a market standpoint.

12. Due to packer demands and concerns, it is strongly recommended that pigs are not clipped. Hair should not be shorter than ½ inch. Reminder: NO clipping on the fairgrounds.

13. 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 eligible for awards or premiums.

14. There will be no drenching at the Dubuque County Fair.

**CLASS 26216: Home Farrowed Market Barrow**

1. This class is for exhibitors wishing to exhibit swine that are home raised.
2. Each exhibitor may show 2 pigs in this category.
3. Market Barrow weight classes will be determined at the time of the final weigh-in at the Dubuque County Fair.
4. Weight limit is 240-310 lbs. and strictly enforced. Pigs weighing over 310 lbs. or under 240 lbs. will be shown in a class for swine over 310 lbs. or fewer than 240 lbs. and will not be eligible for Champion of Show.

**CLASS 26219: Purchased Market Barrow**

1. This class is for exhibitors wishing to exhibit swine that are not home raised.
2. Pigs that have been purchased (money was exchanged) by the 4-H member, even if the animal was raised on the farm it was born on, must be shown in the purchased class.
3. Each exhibitor may show 2 pigs in this category.
4. Market Barrow weight classes will be determined at the time of the final weigh-in at the Dubuque County Fair.
5. Weight limit is 240-310 lbs. and strictly enforced. Pigs weighing over 310 lbs. or under 240 lbs. will be shown in a class for swine over 310 lbs. or fewer than 240 lbs. and will not be eligible for Champion of Show.

**CLASS 26222: Home Farrowed Market Gilt**

1. This class is for exhibitors wishing to exhibit swine that are home raised.
2. Each exhibitor may show 2 pigs in this category.
3. Market Gilt weight classes will be determined at the time of the final weigh-in at the Dubuque County Fair.
4. Weight limit is 240-310 lbs. and strictly enforced. Pigs weighing over 310 lbs. or under 240 lbs. will be shown in a class for swine over 310 lbs. or fewer than 240 lbs. and will not be eligible for Champion of Show.

CLASS 26225: Purchased Market Gilt
1. This class is for exhibitors wishing to exhibit swine that are not home raised.
2. Pigs that have been purchased (money was exchanged) by the 4-H member, even if the animal was raised on the farm it was born on, must be shown in the purchased class.
3. Each exhibitor may show 2 pigs in this category.
4. Market Gilt weight classes will be determined at the time of the final weigh-in at the Dubuque County Fair.
5. Weight limit is 240-310 lbs. and strictly enforced. Pigs weighing over 310 lbs. or under 240 lbs. will be shown in a class for swine over 310 lbs. or fewer than 240 lbs. and will not be eligible for Champion of Show.

CLASS 26210: Derby Barrow
1. Derby animals can be either purchased or home raised and is open to purebred and crossbred individuals.
2. Each exhibitor can exhibit 2 Individual Derby Barrows.
3. Derby Animals cannot be shown as both Derby and Market Individuals.
4. All Derby pigs will be scanned at the cost of the exhibitor. Scanning fees will NOT be returned.
5. Placing will be made on a combination of rate of gain and carcass traits calculated by ISU’s “real time” formula.
6. All Swine exhibited should weigh an absolute minimum of 240 lbs. As determined by the price discounts by the packer buyers.
7. Final weight class of Derby Pigs will be determined by the initial weigh-in weight in March.

CLASS 26213: Derby Gilt
1. Derby animals can be either purchased or home raised and is open to purebred and crossbred individuals.
2. Each exhibitor can exhibit 2 Individual Derby Gilts.
3. Derby Animals cannot be shown as both Derby and Market Individuals.
4. All Derby pigs will be scanned at the cost of the exhibitor. Scanning fees will NOT be returned.
5. Placing will be made on a combination of rate of gain and carcass traits calculated by ISU’s “real time” formula.

6. All Swine exhibited should weigh an absolute minimum of 240 lbs. As determined by the price discounts by the packer buyers.

7. Final weight class of Derby Pigs will be determined by the initial weigh-in weight in March.

CLASS 26228: Commercial Breeding Gilt
1. Each exhibitor may show 2 pigs in this category.
2. Breeding Gilt weight classes will be determined at the time of the final weigh-in at the Dubuque County Fair.
3. Exhibition as breeding gilts must be designated at weigh in at the fair.
4. Breeding Gils are NOT eligible for Supreme Champion Market Swine.
5. The Commercial Breeding Gilt class is NON-terminal. However, all breeding gilts will have the option to sell to the packer at the fair. They must be weighed and tattooed, or they will not be allowed to sell. Option to sell to the packer must be declared at fair weigh-in.

Swine Showmanship
A Champion and Reserve Champion Showman will be selected from Junior, Intermediate and Senior aged exhibitors. Junior Showmanship is open to all swine exhibitors in grades 4th–6th. Intermediate Showmanship is open to all swine exhibitors in grades 7th–9th. Senior Showmanship is open to all swine exhibitors in grades 10th–12th as of September 15, 2018. 

Exhibitors can win once in each age division and can participate only in their age division.

The Dubuque County Swine Committee has added a Master Showmanship class to the 2019 fair. All showmanship winners who have won a Junior, Intermediate, or Senior class are encouraged to participate in this class.