

Iowa 4-H Swine Project

Regulations Pertaining to County, State, and Interstate Shows

Age of Exhibitors

1. To be eligible for a county, state, or interstate show (including Iowa State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben), a 4-H'er must have completed 5th grade prior to the event.
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 eligible to exhibit livestock only through the calendar year that his/her class graduated.

Maximum

Exhibitors may verify a maximum of 20 purebred and 20 crossbred market swine (nonderby), 20 purebred and 20 crossbred derby swine, and 10 purebred and 10 commercial breeding gilts for exhibit purposes at the Iowa State Fair.

Ownership

All the animals must be owned by and identified to the individual 4-H'er. When registration papers are involved, the papers must either be in the 4-H'er's 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. All swine animals must be in the possession of the 4-H'er.

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."

Iowa State Fair Identification

All market swine animals (derby and nonderby) and breeding gilts must be tagged with the official state 4-H ear tag, ear notched, and a DNA sample collected at a Verification Site during the April time period. Derby pigs also will be weighed. Animals identified as part of a 4-H project cannot also be identified or exhibited as an FFA project.

Deadline

All swine must be identified and derby swine weighed at state established verification sites during the April weigh period to be eligible for the Iowa State Fair, or by your county weigh-in for county fairs. All State Fair (and possibly county fair) animals will be entered into the 4-H online enrollment system and must be verified by May 15.

Signing and Filing the Verification Form

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

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