

## SWINE DEPARTMENT

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### SWINE GENERAL RULES

1. All state fair swine nominations will happen through the county office.
2. All state fair market or breeding swine will still need DNA ear punch tags.
3. Swine projects must be owned or purchased on or before Swine ID Day.
4. Exhibitors are limited to 15 swine at Union County ID Day. May weigh up to 4 head for the carcass class.
5. All county fair swine entries must attend spring identification at the fairgrounds.
6. 3 head per pen will be allotted at the fair.
7. **A 4-H'er may bring a total of 6 swine to fair.**
8. A member may exhibit any combination of the following swine at fair: 2 individual market gilts and 2 individual market barrows, 1 carcass hog, and 2 breeding gilt.
9. Members have the option to sell their hogs at the livestock auction. If hogs are taken home state laws must be followed.
10. All pigs will be tattooed before the sale unless you notify a swine committee member.
11. You must make your own arrangements to have fresh bedding in the pens on a daily basis.
12. Within two hours after weigh-in members must notify the swine committee with tag numbers of animals being placed into their specified show classes.
13. Following July county fair weigh-in and penning of swine, there will be a required exhibitor meeting. Families are encouraged to attend.
14. You are responsible to bring your animal to and from the holding pen/show ring.
15. We encourage you to keep your pen area clear of debris and manure. This will help to ensure your club/barn performs well in herdsman-ship.

16. Each animal will be identified by
  - Ear tag at both county and state fair 4-H/FFA
  - Ear notches
  - Color pattern description
17. Animals may be pre-tagged prior to spring ID date.
18. All animals will be brought to the fairgrounds on designated Union County Swine ID day to be recorded
  - Animals will be identified on the trailer.
  - Only the owners will physically handle the swine unless being weighed for carcass.
  - Only swine that are identified for the carcass contest will be weighed.
  - A maximum of 4 may be identified for carcass.

### **MARKET SWINE (X-bred & Purebred)**

1. Entries open to market swine identified in 4-H Online by May 15.
2. All county fair swine entries must attend spring weigh-in at fairgrounds.
3. All hogs will be weighed at county fair in July. Hogs weighing less than 220 lbs. may be shown, however, they are ineligible to participate in the final drive. These pigs can be sold, but not through the auction ring unless they fall into the weight bracket at weigh back.
4. Hogs weighing over 320 lbs can be shown; however, they will be sold at a maximum weight of 320 lbs.
5. Individual market class entries may be selected from those identified in 4-H Online.
6. Individual market pigs will be divided into classes by gender, weight, and breed.

**50301 — Market Barrow Pig - Crossbred**

**50302 — Market Gilt Pig - Crossbred**

**50303 — Market Barrow - Purebred**

**50304 — Market Gilt - Purebred**

### **HOME RAISED SWINE**

1. You must indicate Home Raised on your swine ID sheet at spring weigh-in time.
2. Exhibitor must have ownership and farrowing done on their farm OR exhibitor's immediate family farm (parent or grandparent).
3. Committee will decide availability of Home Raised class based on numbers at July 1 entry deadline.

## **50305 — Market Barrow - Homeraised**

## **50306 — Market Gilt - Homeraised**

### **BREEDING GILTS (X-bred & Purebred)**

1. Entries open only to gilts identified in 4-H Online by May 15.
2. Exhibitor must be enrolled in the swine project. All gilts must be owned by ID date & identified by ear tag.
3. Each member may exhibit two breeding gilts, one commercial and one purebred. Breeds will be broken up into their own class if there are three exhibited.
4. Breeding gilts may be sold in fair sale, the same as market pigs. If a gilt is taken back to the farm from the fairgrounds, quarantine procedures must be taken according to Iowa law.
5. Breeding gilt cannot be shown in market class.
6. There is no minimum or maximum weight requirement to show. Weight requirements will apply to those selling at auction.
7. Divisions will be made based on weight.

## **50201 — Commercial Breeding gilt**

## **50202 -- Purebred gilts**

### **CARCASS HOGS**

1. Each swine exhibitor may select one hog to be ultra-sounded for carcass information. Additional animals may be scanned at the member's expense but will not be entered in the ultrasound carcass class.
2. Maximum beginning weight for a swine project to be considered for the carcass class is 80 pounds.
3. Carcass class entries must weigh at least 240 pounds at fair during the initial weigh-in.
4. Carcass class entries will be judged both live and hanging at Weaver's Locker. Exhibitors are encouraged to go to the locker on Monday at 5:00 PM to view the carcasses with an ISU Livestock specialist.
5. Swine carcasses will be ranked on pounds of lean gain per day on feed. This criterion is influenced by daily gain, back fat and loin-eye muscle area.
6. Carcass Hogs cannot be shown in any other class.
7. Rate of gain contest will ONLY apply to carcass animals.
8. All carcass hogs will sell at actual weight.

### **Hanging Carcass Hogs and Sale Ring procedure**

1. Exhibitors with a carcass entry will enter the ring in place of their carcass swine project. Winner of carcass class will be announced during this time.
2. Weaver's Locker will donate prize money for the buyer who picks the exhibitor with the winning pig out of the sale ring.
3. The Hanging Carcass Hog class counts as one time through the ring.
4. All carcass hogs will sell at actual weight.

### **50307- Live Class & Hanging**

#### **Purebreds**

1. Market rules will remain the same as the x-bred show.
2. Breeding rules will remain the same as the x-bred show.
3. There must be a minimum of three purebred animals, per breed, per class for a complete class. If there is not a full class, they will be combined into AOB (All Other Breeds) to be exhibited.
4. Pedigrees for purebred swine must be present and in an exhibitor or logical family name.  
Example-Sam and Shane Smith or Smith Family Show Pigs
5. Erroneous entries may result in disqualification

#### **Class Order**

1. Showmanship  
Senior  
Intermediate  
Junior  
Elite
2. Breeding Swine  
Commercial  
Purebred  
Overall breeding drive (Grand/Reserve)
3. Market Swine  
X-bred  
Purebred  
AOB  
Overall market drive (Grand/Reserve)

### **SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES**

**50101—Senior**

**50102—Intermediate**

**50103—Junior**

**50104—Elite**

### **Fair swine livestock auction**

1. Members have the option to sell their hogs at the livestock auction. If hogs are taken home, state laws must be followed.
2. Exhibitors with a carcass entry will enter the ring in place of their carcass swine project.
3. The winner of the carcass class will be announced at the livestock sale auction.
4. Weaver's Locker will donate prize money for the buyer who picks the exhibitor with the winning carcass class pig during the sale.
5. The carcass hog class counts as one time through the sale ring.
6. Hogs weighing over 320 lbs. will be sold at a maximum weight of 320 lbs.
7. All carcass hogs will sell at actual weight.