

Department 18E

Swine

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1. Entries are limited to youth ages 9-19 as of Jan. 1 of the current year. **Please include your birthday (MM/DD/YYYY) on the entry form.**
2. This is a terminal show. All animals must go to slaughter.
3. The mandatory tag-in for all hogs will be at the fairgrounds from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the third Saturday in April. All exhibitors must attend. **NOTE: Exhibitors who purchased hogs must provide Superintendent with farm name, address and phone number at weigh-in for trace back purposes.**
4. No Alternate tag-in will be available.
5. If the pigs are shaved or clipped the hair must be a minimum of 1/2 inch long.
6. The Swine Superintendent or exhibitor with superintendent supervision will tag all eligible entries at the Market Hog tag-in.
7. A 4-H member can tag in a total of five (5) animals in April tag-in.
8. Swine weigh-in will be held the first Friday of the Fair (July 14) from 5:30-8:00 PM. No weighing in after 8:00 PM.
9. To be eligible for market show and sale, hogs must weigh between 220 lbs. and 300 lbs.
10. Any hog that does not meet the minimum weight requirement of 220 lbs. or goes beyond the maximum weight of 300 lbs., may show in Showmanship and the no-sale class. Hogs that are in the no-sale class are NOT eligible to sell in the Large Animal Meat Sale. The exhibitor will receive placing award.
11. Hogs weighing less than 200 lbs. at the Fair weigh in may not be shown.
12. 4-H members may show three (3) hogs to Fair; they may show two (2) animals- one (1) gilt and one (1) barrow, the other animal goes to the carcass show.
13. Current market prices for hogs will be posted at the scales at Fair weigh-in. Youth must use the market price for all calculations in their record books.
14. A record book is required for all animals. **Members must turn in their record book by 5pm on Saturday of weigh-in at the 4-H Fair Office. No records = No Show.**
15. PQA Certification is required each year for all youth ages 8-11. All youth 12-14 must take a PQA test unless they have already completed it for this age group. All youth ages 15-17 must take a PQA test unless they have already completed it for this age group. Ages 18 and over need to take a Level 3 PQA test. **These ages are 4-H age.** Parents may not do the PQA Certification or testing for their youth.
16. The entire swine show will be held on the first Tuesday starting at 8:00 a.m., pending agreement from that year's judge.
17. Hogs may not be oiled or powdered at any time during the Fair.
18. Wood shavings or straw bedding is the only bedding that may be used in the pens. NO SAWDUST!
19. All stalls must be cleaned completely prior to exhibitor leaving Fairgrounds.
20. No hogs will be released early. The Fair Board prior to the Fair will set release time.
21. Carcass quality issues are defined as, but not limited to: remaining testicle, rupture, milk spots, back fat under 0.25" or over 1.15", loin eye area under four (4) square inches, and a carcass under 29" in length.
22. Any carcass displaying signs of PSE will be automatically disqualified and receive no placing.
23. All youth who want to participate in carcass class MUST have their hogs weighed by the superintendent on tagging day. Participants are expected to keep the carcass at the processor. If exhibitors choose to take their carcass to another processor, they will be charged a minimum \$30 slaughter free and a minimum \$15 removal fee.
24. All hogs except carcass may be weighed by leaders or exhibitors for recordkeeping purposes.
25. A showman will use the same hog in all showmanship drives, unless specified by the judge or superintendent on the day of the show.
26. All youth must send the 4-H Program Coordinator a clear picture of each pig, with the ear tag, within 2 weeks of their pigs being tagged.

Registration is available from the Ionia Free Fair website.

Ionia Free Fair is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged articles prior to, during or after the Fair.

Swine Showmanship

The showmanship classes will be divided into heats by age, beginning with 19 year olds, depending on the number of entries in each class.

4695 Senior Member, ages 15-19

4696 Intermediate Member, ages 12-14

4697 Junior Member, ages 9-11

4698 1st Year Member, ages 9-13

4699 1st Year Member, ages 14-19

Prize: 1-8th Place Ribbons and 1st Place Plaque

4700 Cloverbud Showmanship, ages 7-8 only (must be registered 4-H member in a 4-H swine club to participate. Cloverbuds are not to bring a hog to the Fair.)

Clover Climbers: 4-H ages 5-6 only (must be accompanied by a mentor (adult 18 or over).

Clover Climbers are not to bring a hog to the Fair

Prize: Participation Ribbons

Market Hogs

Weight classes will be determined after final weigh-in. When registering for classes online please only select 4800 and 4801 for Market Gilt or 4815 and 4816 for Market Barrow.

1-8 Place flat ribbons in each class

4800-4814 Market Gilt

4815-4829 Market Barrow

4703 Extra Light or Overweight Market Gilts or Barrows weighing under 220 lbs. or over 300 lbs. not eligible for the Meat Animal Sale.

Not eligible to drive from champion. Only eligible for B or C award at judges discretion.

4704 Champion & Reserve Champion Division 1 Gilt

4705 Champion & Reserve Champion Division 2 Gilt

4706 Champion & Reserve Champion Division 3 Gilt

4707 Champion & Reserve Champion Division 1 Barrow

4708 Champion & Reserve Champion Division 2 Barrow

4709 Champion & Reserve Champion Division 3 Barrow

Plaque for division Champions

4710 Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Market Gilt

4711 Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Market Barrow

**The Grand and Reserve Champion Market Gilts, and the Grand and Reserve Market Barrows will continue on to the next class (Supreme Champion)

4712 Overall Grand Champion Market Hog

Prize: Plaque

4713 Overall Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog

Prize: Plaque

Market Hog Carcass Contest

4725 Carcass Market Contest: This is the class you must register for if you plan to participate in carcass. Do not register for the below classes.

4714 \$300 prize awarded to Champion Carcass

4715 \$200 prize awarded to Reserve Champion Carcass

4716 \$100 prize awarded to 3rd place carcass

4717- 4721 \$50 prize awarded to 4th place and on **through** 8th place carcass

- This money is being donated by Pinkney Hill -

4722 Charles Earl Benedict Memorial Award: This award is for the individual who has been most helpful to the 4-H Swine Superintendent, to the 4-H leaders, members and fairgoers.

Prize: Plaque