

Department 18E

Swine

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Classes listed are for informational purposes only.

All Entries must be completed on FairEntry.com

1. This is a terminal show. All animals must go to slaughter. Hogs may go home for a short period until their slaughter date.
2. The mandatory tag-in for all hogs will be at the Fairgrounds from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the third Saturday in April or as circumstances allow due to COVID-19. 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.**
3. No Alternate tag-in will be available.
4. If the pigs are shaved or clipped the hair must be a minimum of 1/2 inch long.
5. The Swine Superintendent or exhibitor with superintendent supervision will tag all eligible entries at the Market Hog tag-in.
6. A Youth member can tag in a total of five (5) animals in the April tag-in.
7. **Swine weigh-in will be held the Sunday of the Fair, July 17 from 8 am -12 pm. Pigs need to arrive and be in a pen by 9 am. No weighing in after 12:00 noon.**
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 IFF Youth Livestock Auction. The exhibitor will receive placing award.
11. Hogs weighing less than 200 lbs. at the Fair weigh-in may not be shown.
12. Youth members may bring and show two (2) hogs of either sex.
13. Animals owned by an FFA Chapter may sell two (2) hogs.
14. 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.
15. **Record book requirements will be the responsibility of the individual clubs.**
16. 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.
17. The entire swine show will be held on the first Tuesday starting at 8:00 a.m., pending agreement from that year's judge.

18. Any show product may be used on hogs in order to prepare for show.
19. Wood shavings is the only bedding that may be used in the pens. NO SAWDUST!
20. All stalls must be cleaned completely prior to exhibitor leaving Fairgrounds.
21. Swine release will be determined on an individual basis based on their processing slots to be determined by the IFFYLA committee.
22. A showman will use the same hog in all showmanship drives, unless specified by the judge or superintendent on the day of the show.
23. The Ionia Free Fair Veterinarian reserves the right to remove any animal from the Fair based on the health condition or appearance of the animal.
24. Absolutely no feeding of ractopamine (Paylean, Optaflexx) allowed. Testing may occur at the discretion of the Fair Veterinarian.
25. All swine must have two doses of Influenza H1N2 vaccine documented to enter fairgrounds.

Youth must be registered for the Fair by July 1st. Entry must be made on FairEntry online. This document is for informational purposes only.

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.

Senior Member, ages 15-19
Intermediate Member, ages 12-14
Junior Member, ages 8-11
1st Year Member, ages 9-13
Year Member, ages 14-19

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

Barn Buddies Showmanship, age 7 only (Barn Buddies may borrow an animal or show their own.)
Prize: Participation Ribbon

Market Hogs

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

Prize: 1-8 Place flat ribbons in each class

Market Gilt
Market Barrow
Extra Light or Overweight Market Gilt or Barrows weighing under 220 lbs. or over 300 lbs. not eligible for the IFF Youth Livestock Auction

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

Champion & Reserve Champion Division 1 Gilt
Champion & Reserve Champion Division 2 Gilt
Champion & Reserve Champion Division 3 Gilt
Champion & Reserve Champion Division 1 Barrow
Champion & Reserve Champion Division 2 Barrow
Champion & Reserve Champion Division 3 Barrow

Prize: Plaque for division Champions

Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Market Gilt
Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Market Barrow

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

Overall Grand Champion Market Hog

Prize: Plaque

Overall Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog

Prize: Plaque

Charles Earl Benedict Memorial Award:

This award is for the individual who has been most helpful to the Swine Superintendent, to the leaders, members and Fairgoers.

Prize: Plaque