

Guidelines for 2012 State 4-H and FFA Market Hog Show

TO: 4-H Agents and FFA Advisors
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RE: 2012 State 4-H and FFA Market Hog Show
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Last Day to Tag	Hardcopy and On-line Entry Deadline	Show Date
October 21, 2011	November 7, 2011	January 18, 2012

1. The 2012 State Market Hog Show will be held at the Tennessee Livestock Center in Murfreesboro on January 18, 2012. Arrival and processing will occur Monday, January 16, 2012.

One bale of shavings will be provided for every two pens of hogs that are exhibited at the show. One pen will provide space for 2-3 hogs. As much as possible, comingling of hogs within a county is encouraged as pens will be assigned based on county numbers.

The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be offered for sale at public auction. A pool sale will also be available.

2. All hogs entered in the show must be owned and in the possession of the Exhibitor **on or before October 20, 2011.**
3. **Hogs must be tagged at least 90 days before the show.** They must be tagged using tags furnished by the Regional Extension Office. Tagging of pigs must be personally supervised by a county Extension agent or vocational agricultural teacher. The agent or teacher must verify with their signature that tags were placed in the ears of all pig entered on the days specified on the entry form. Each Region office is supplied with ear tags for county use. Order only those tags that are needed to tag your county market hog entries for this year. These tags are not to be used for any other purpose. Unused tags should be returned to the Region office. **Do not use old tags.**
4. A \$5.00 entry fee for each hog entered will be charged. Entry fee must accompany entry form, which must be received in the Department of Animal Science no later than November 7, 2011. **Entries must also be submitted on-line via the Market Hog Entry Program by November 7, 2011.**

5. Each exhibitor may tag and enter up to 12 hogs. Each exhibitor may show up to two pens of three and up to six individual (singles) in the show. **Hogs shown in the pens of three cannot be shown as individuals.**
6. **It is highly recommended that hogs weigh between 230 and 270 pounds at show and sale time.** All hogs will be weighed as soon as possible as they arrive on the grounds and this weight will be both their official show weight and where appropriate, sale weight.

Hogs exhibited as individuals and those exhibited in “pen competition” must weigh 200 pounds.

Underweight hogs, those weighing less than 200 lb., will be eligible to compete in a “special” light weight class. They will be eligible only for “light weight” awards and will not be eligible for additional awards.

Hogs will be shown by weight. Show management will endeavor to divide the classes so approximately a comparable number of hogs will be exhibited in each class. Classes may not have equal weight ranges and the number per class will depend on the weight and number of hogs that are entered.

Classes will be divided into four divisions. Divisions will be determined after all hogs have been weighed and assigned to classes. Division and Reserve Division Champions will be selected and will eventually compete for Grand and Reserve Grand Champions.

In the “Pen Show,” if more than 20 pens of three are exhibited, there will be two classes. If less than 20 pens of three are exhibited, there will be one class.

7. Attempts will be made to scan a single hog per exhibitor, on a voluntary basis, for competition in a Carcass Show. Hogs must weigh a minimum of 200 pounds to participate.
8. **All animals must have valid health papers at the time of weigh-in.**
9. Exhibitors are encouraged to sell their hogs back in their counties; however, the decision to sell in the state pool sale or to take them back home must be made before the hogs are weighed in at the show. There will be no exceptions made to this requirement for any reason. Selling of exhibitor’s hogs at this event is not guaranteed by the show management.
10. All exhibitors **must be PQA certified** and have a certification number (see your County Extension agent for PQA training).
11. Grade divisions for the Showmanship and Premier Exhibitor are below:

Explorer: 4th graders
Junior: 5th and 6th graders
Junior High: 7th and 8th graders
Senior Level I: 9th and 10th graders
Senior Level II: 11th and 12th graders

12. **Premier Exhibitor:** Exhibitors must enter all three of the below events to be considered for Premier Exhibitor. It will be determined by the following:

a. **Skillathon:** This event consists of different activities that will evaluate an exhibitor's knowledge gained from participation in the swine project for a total of 100 points. Each exhibitor will participate in the skillathon as an individual. The activities will increase in difficulty as the grade division increases. Examples of skillathon activities include but are not limited to:

- Feed identification
- Breed identification
- Meat identification
- Health practices
- Production practices & records

b. **Market Hog Show:** Each exhibitor will receive a score for their highest placing market hog or pen of 3 as follows:

1 st place: 100 points	6 th place: 90 points
2 nd place: 98 points	7 th place: 88 points
3 rd place: 96 points	8 th place: 86 points
4 th place: 94 points	9 th place: 84 points
5 th place: 92 points	10 th place: 82 points
	All others: 80 points

c. **Showmanship:** Showmanship will be conducted by the divisions described in number 11 above. The scoring will be as follows in each division:

1 st place: 100 points	7 th place: 94 points
2 nd place: 99 points	8 th place: 93 points
3 rd place: 98 points	9 th place: 92 points
4 th place: 97 points	10 th place: 91 points
5 th place: 96 points	All other blues: 90 points
6 th place: 95 points	Red: 80 points