

**REVISED**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** County Agents in 4-H Agriculture

**FROM:** Alan Mathew, Department of Animal Science

**RE: 2010 State 4-H Market Hog Show**

**DATE:** October 20, 2009

Below is information regarding the 2010 State 4-H and FFA Market Hog Show.

<b>Last Day to Tag</b>	<b>Hardcopy Entry Deadline</b>	<b>On-line Entry Deadline</b>	<b>Show Date</b> Murfreesboro, MTSU Pavilion*
October 22, 2009	October 29, 2009	November 4, 2009	January 20, 2010

1. The 2010 State Market Hog Show will be held in Murfreesboro on January 20, 2010. Arrival and processing will occur Tuesday, January 19, 2010. 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 three hogs. **There will not be a sale of champions for 2010, however, the pool sale will continue.**
2. All hogs entered in the show must be owned and in the possession of the Exhibitor **ON OR BEFORE October 22, 2009.**
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. All entry fee money will be used for cash awards to exhibitors. Entry forms must be received in the Swine Extension Office no later than October 29, 2009. **Entries must be submitted on-line via the Market Hog Entry Program by November 4, 2009.**

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. **There will be no weight limits for hogs shown in the 2010.** Hogs will be divided into classes depending on weight and will be broken into as equal numbers as possible. Classes may not have equal weight ranges and will depend on the actual weight and number of hogs that are exhibited. There will be no more than 15 singles classes. If more than 20 pens of three are shown, there will be two classes. If less than 20 pens of three are shown, there will be one class.

**Note: It is highly recommended that hogs weigh between 230 and 270 pounds at show and sale time. Packers will always discount hogs that are outside this weight range.**

7. **Hogs will not be scanned for competition in the Carcass Show, however, an ultrasound demonstration will be conducted for educational purposes.**
8. **The State Market Hog Show is no longer a terminal show and all animals must have valid health papers at the show.**
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. **The Premier Exhibitor Awards will include awards for Senior Level I, Senior Level II, Junior High, Junior and Explorer exhibitors. Age divisions will be as follows:**
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Explorer**
  - 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades – Junior**
  - 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades – Junior High**
  - 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grades – Senior Level I**
  - 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades – Senior Level II**
11. All exhibitors must be PQA certified and have a certification number (see your county extension agent for PQA training).

**STATE 4-H & FFA MARKET HOG SHOW  
Premier Exhibitor Award - 2010**

A premier exhibitor award will be made in each of the following divisions:

- Explorer – 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Junior – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades
- Junior High – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades
- Senior Level I – 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades
- Senior Level II – 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades

The premier exhibitor in each division will be determined by the following:  
(Exhibitor must enter all three events to be considered for premier exhibitor)

- Herdsman Score (Skillathon)
- Show Score: Total points earned by highest placing individual market hog **or** pen of three
- Showmanship Score

**Herdsman Contest (Skillathon)**

This event consists of different activities that will evaluate an exhibitor’s knowledge gained from participation in the swine project. Each exhibitor will participate in the skillathon as an individual (not a team). The activities will increase in difficulty as the grade division increases. Examples of skillathon activities are:

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

Total points possible in the skillathon are 100.

**Market Hog Show Score**

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

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

**Showmanship**

Showmanship will be conducted in each division. The scoring will be as follows in each division:

1 <sup>st</sup>	100 points	6 <sup>th</sup>	90 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	98 points	7 <sup>th</sup>	88 points
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