

New 4-H Member Packet

Market/Breeding Swine

1. Who can I contact if I have questions?

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2. How do I know what classes to enter?

You can find the different classes in the Steuben County 4-H Showcase Premium Book Market Swine are entered in Markets Classes and weight classes are determined after weight in. Breeding swine are shown by breed and age. (unregistered or cross breed gilts are shown by weight)

3. What is showmanship, is it mandatory, and how do I know which class to enter?

Showmanship is when the judge is looking at the way the exhibitor is handling their animal, the cleanliness of the animal, and what the exhibitor knows about the species and there animal specifically. Showmanship is required until the exhibitor has won master showman. If it is the exhibitors first time showing this species (not including nonowner or clover bud) and is between 8 and 13 they should be entered in the novice class, if they are 14 and older, they should be entered in the junior class. After the exhibitors first year if they are between 8 and 13 and have not won the junior class, they should show junior, if they have won the junior class or are 14 or older, they must show in the senior class.

4. What should I wear to show my animal?

When showing a pig, you should wear clean jeans with no holes, clean closed toe shoes (avoid rubber boots), a nice shirt (button-up, polo, or blouse), and a belt. Hair should be clean and if it is long, it is suggested that it is pulled back in some way. Hats should be avoided.

5. What supplies should I bring into the show ring with me?

To show a pig you will need a show stick (whip, stick, or cane) and a small brush that can attach to back pocket of your jeans.

6. What supplies do I need to bring with me to the 4-H Showcase?

You will need:

- Feed pans
- Feed

- Waterer
- Water from home (pigs don't do well with changes to water)
- Bedding
- Shovel
- Show equipment
- Posters/signs for your animals and your name

7. When do I arrive/show my animal?

Refer to the schedule in the Premium Book for the specific time/date of the shows and move in times and dates

8. What papers do I need to bring my animal(s) to the Showcase?

You will need a certificate of veterinary inspection completed after May 1st for all swine brought to the Showcase.

9. What tags does my pig need?

All pigs need an USDA RFID tag to come to the 4-H Showcase. This tag should be placed by the breeder of the pig but if it is not, please contact Steph Waters to get a tag.

Market hogs will be given an additional Steuben County 4-H tag after they are weighed at the Showcase.

10. How/Where do I weigh my animal?

Market hogs and crossbred breeding stock will be weighed on the day they arrive at the 4-H Showcase. Purebred breeding stock do not get weighed.

11. Do I need additional papers to send my animal thru the sale?

Yes, you will need to complete and upload a YQCA certificate at the time of entries. You need to fill out the Market Animal Member Information Sheet that you can get online from the 4H website or at the Showcase. This is information about you that is given to the Auctioneer to announce when you are bringing your animal into the sale ring the during the Sale.

12. When/How does my animal leave the 4-H Showcase?

All Animals will leave no earlier than 5pm the day they show. Animals sold at the sale, the buyers are responsible for transportation.