Ontario County 4-H
2026-2027 Meat Animal Hog Regulations

- Market hogs are barrows (castrated males) or gilts (females) that may be either purebred or crossbred. Animals must be born after January 1st of the current year. We recommend that you purchase a January born pig for it to be able to make market weight by fair.
- Starting your project: Most hogs are purchased direct from producers or purchased at a feeder pig sale. The 4-H office has reference materials available to aid you in selection, feeding and showing your animal. Contact Taryn at tjb322@cornell.edu if you need assistance.
- A participant may tag/weigh-in up to 2 animals (strongly encouraged) for the meat animal swine program. At weigh-in time at the fair, the 4-H office will need you to designate which animal will be their animal for the Livestock Auction.
- You must bring your hog to the Ontario County Fairgrounds to be officially weighed and identified on April 30th. Hogs must be selected and in your possession at this time.
- Only 1 hog may be shown and sold in the meat auction animal division by each participant.
- Hogs must weigh between a minimum of 220# and maximum of 300# at the final weighing at the fair in July.
- Rabies shots are not required for county exhibition but are required if you are showing at the NYS Fair.
- Meat animal hogs are to be shown clean and dry. Animals may be clipped.
- Participants are required to provide feed and bedding for their hog while on exhibit at the fairgrounds. Pens should be cleaned daily. Exhibitors are expected to help keep the barn aisles swept and look presentable to the public.
- Participants need to communicate to the Auction Committee where their animal will be housed after the sale.
- Participants are required to show their own animals in the auction market class and must participate in showmanship.
- The Livestock Meat Animal Auction will take place on Friday, July 30th!

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