

Market Hog Division

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Notice to Exhibitors: All sifted hogs must be removed from the Showgrounds immediately after sifting and are not allowed to return. Hogs suspected to be less than 220 pounds will be weighed by committee; hogs less than 220 pounds must be taken home at that time. All Market Hog, including sifted hogs must be consigned by the exhibitor to the processing plant individual, etc. who places the highest bid with the Show Management. Violation of this rule will result in exhibitor being barred from future shows.

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in Starr County, and in their respective FFA Chapter or 4-H club by November 1st of the show year.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least nine years old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1st of the show year.
3. Market hogs must be a bona fide property of the exhibitor as of November 30th of the show year, and must be continuously fed and cared for by the exhibitor as a project under the supervision of AST or CEA
4. An exhibitor may enter only one hog.
5. Both barrows and gilts are eligible to be entered. All market hogs must have been validated by the Texas Swine Validation Program.
6. Any animal, which is found to have been entered in another show under a different exhibitor's name, other than the name entered in this Show, will be declared ineligible. Any animal that has gone through the auction at another show is ineligible for this Show. Market Hogs found to have evidence of more than one validation, will be ineligible to show unless the proper Change of Ownership Forms are recorded, reflecting why there is evidence of more than one validation and that the previous validation(s) have been canceled.
7. All market hogs weighing less than 225 lbs. and over 280 lbs. will automatically be sifted. Animals will be re-weighed at the discretion of the Chairman and/or livestock committee. The Sifting Committee will also sift market hogs, which in its opinion are not of stock show caliber regardless of the grade of carcass might produce. Hogs that are found to have injuries or illness are subject to sift at the discretion of the Market Hog Committee, livestock committee & Show Veterinarian.
8. Exhibitors must declare animal weight at the time they Sift and Classify. The weight listed on the Weight Card will become that animal's official declared weight to be used for weigh back and selling purposes. Exhibitors must complete the Weight Card to include declared weight and state validation tag number.
9. Validation check and sift will be done at the hog pens on Wednesday.

10. Hogs may be re-weighed after the judges placing. Any hog weighing more than 10 pounds above or 5 pounds less than his initial official show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing.
11. No oil, oil-based products, or powder will be permitted on market hogs. Animals entering the ring groomed with any of these products will be ruled ineligible to show.
12. Positively no one but exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the judging arena or on the arena director's stand during sifting and judging.
13. The Hog Committee may collect a hair and/or blood sample from any hog entered in the Show for the purpose of conducting a DNA analysis. Any hog not having a positive match from the DNA analysis of the samples taken from it at the time of enrollment in the state validation program will be disqualified.
14. Exhibitors may NOT remove ear tags from their animals. Exhibitors may NOT remove pen numbers from pen where their animal was stalled. Removal of ear tags and/or pen numbers may result in exhibitors' premium money and/or resale money being held by Starr County Youth Fair Association.
15. Exhibitors may take their animal home and receive premium money only if their animal did not place Grand or Reserve Champion Market Hog. Notification of purchase intent needs to be communicated on the Sale Card in writing to Market Hog Superintendent within 30 minutes of showing of Hogs ending otherwise it will be presumed that the animal is being sold. All animals being sold will be branded.

CLASSES

After sifting and weighing, hogs will be divided by weight.

All of the Starr County Fair rules and regulations are on our website at www.starrcountyfair.com

Everyone is subject to all rules and regulations of the fair.