

Department 3 4-H/FFA Swine

MQP Barrow Contest:

Swine Barn, Sunday, September 24th, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

Market Hog Showmanship:

Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena, Sunday, October 8th, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

Market Hog Show (Gilts followed by Barrows):

Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena, Monday, October 9th, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

Superintendent in Charge: Greg Grube

Assistant Superintendents: Leanna Tennant and June Spires

Superintendent for MQP Barrow Contest: Sean Malone

Barrow MQP Weigh In:

- Summer weigh-in is on the second Saturday of July (Saturday, July 8th) at the fairgrounds. This is REQUIRED FOR ALL MQP Barrows.
- Final MQP Barrow weigh-in is Sunday, September 24th, 2023 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Swine Barn. There will be no reweighs.

Tagging: All MARKET animals (including Market Hog and MQP Barrows)

- All market animals will be family tagged and any member of the family can show any animal tagged.
- As defined in [Ohio Administrative Code 901-19-01](#), "Family" means the immediate family of an exhibitor, including but not limited to the exhibitor's parent, stepparent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister, son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter, or guardian.
- No tagging will be performed after the designated weigh-in/tag-in day except as listed in Rule 23 of the General Rules.
- All market hogs must be tagged in and will be photographed at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 8th, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Hogs will remain on the trailer during tag-in, **with the exception of MQP Barrows which will be weighed**. Each exhibitor may tag a total of four hogs and choose at their discretion which hogs will be shown in the live or carcass contests.
- **All market animals will be tagged with an EID 840 tag. If an animal currently has an EID 840 tag in place, this tag will be used as the official fair identification.**

Housing Forms: Junior Fair Exhibitors housing animal(s) in a location other than the property on which they reside must obtain and file a Livestock Housing Form with the **OSU Extension Office**. Deadline for filling out this form is the deadline set forth for possession of the animal. For more specifications, refer to the General Rules.

Quality Assurance: As mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, each exhibitor must have attended an educational experience by June 30th, 2023. Club/Chapter Quality Assurance Clinics taught by a trained and certified assistant instructor, or the countywide make-up clinics are required for exhibitors to meet this requirement. The 4-H Youth Development Educators at OSU Extension can provide locations of workshops provided in our county.

Skillathon: Each exhibitor must participate in a Skillathon. Youth are encouraged to attend the species you are exhibiting. If an exhibitor plans to compete for Swine Premier Exhibitor, they must attend the Swine Skillathon at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on September 9, 2023, to be eligible.

Project Record Books:

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 4-H and FFA Records Books will be reviewed at Skillathon.
 - For those who forget or don't bring their book – the book will need be completed and turned into the OSU Extension Office by Friday, September 22nd.
 - Exhibitors will who do not properly complete a record book for each of their fair projects WILL NOT be allowed to exhibit at the fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - No books will be reviewed after September 24th.

Health Papers: Are not required except for a valid Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) for all MQP Barrows and Market Hogs. DUNF forms are to be filled out online and not before three (3) days of weigh-in. DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON on the Friday before weigh-in for MQP Barrows on Friday, September 22nd, 2023. DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON on Friday before weigh-in for live Market Hogs on Friday, October 6th, 2023. **MQP Barrows/Market Hogs must be free from any/all drugs in their system on fair weigh-in day.**

Entries: Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15th. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 25th. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program:

go.osu.edu/fairfieldfaireentry.

Market Hog Division

Market Hog Classes:

1. **Market Hog:** Exhibitors may enter two animals in the live show: one market barrow and one market gilt, 2 barrows or 2 gilts.
2. **Muscle Quality & Performance (MQP Barrow):** Exhibitors may also enter one MQP barrow.

Showmanship Divisions: Showmanship entries are submitted through FairEntry by the fair entry deadline.

Swine Showmanship Classes:

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| 1. Swine Senior Showmanship Ages 17-18 | 6. Swine Showmanship Age 12 |
| 2. Swine Showmanship Age 16 | 7. Swine Showmanship Age 11 |
| 3. Swine Showmanship Age 15 | 8. Swine Showmanship Age 10 |
| 4. Swine Showmanship Age 14 | 9. Swine Showmanship Age 8-9 |
| 5. Swine Showmanship Age 13 | |

Arrival Times:

- MQP barrows must be weighed in between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 24th, 2023.
- Market hogs should arrive between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 7th, 2023. No market hogs will be allowed on the fairgrounds before the time stated above.

Market Hog Weigh-In: Market hogs will be weighed off the trailer upon arrival as stated above. Refer to MQP Special Rules for additional information. There will be no reweighs per General Rule #27.

Swine Exhibitor Meeting: There will be an exhibitor meeting for swine exhibitors on Saturday, October 7th, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena.

Market Classes: This is a partial terminal show. See [ODA Rules 901-19-01 FF](#). Market Hog Exhibitors will have the option to take home their animals. [Click here to review information to consider when making this decision](#).

- Take homes must be declared before the animal leaves the scale during check-in (no exceptions).
- Take home forms will be available at each specie's fair/final weigh-in.
- Take home animals will lose their sale slot and will not be eligible for a premium and packer bid.
- Exhibitors who do not take home must qualify for their sale slot (as individual or group) at the discretion of the species show committee.

Release Time: No animals will be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the stated release time without approval from the Junior Fair Director or the Senior Fair Board. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from exhibiting that specie the following year.

- Market Hogs who have completed a Take Home Form will be released after the Market Hog Show on Monday, October 9th, 2023 beginning at 7:30 p.m. and must be off the grounds by 10:00 p.m.
- All Market Hogs that qualify for the Livestock Sale (and direct to packer) will be released after 10:00 p.m. Thursday and must be removed by midnight Thursday for those going through the sale.
- All hogs kept must be checked out with the swine superintendent before leaving for inventory control. If you leave and do not check out, you will lose your show privileges for one year.

Premiums: Project books will be checked during county Skillathon. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and turn it in at Skillathon, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium and will not **show** that specie at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

- Market Hog/MQP Barrow Premiums: "A"= \$4.50; "B"= \$3.50; "C"=\$2.50

Market Hog Sale: Immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Market Beef, Dairy Products and Dairy Feeder Sale on Thursday at the Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena. Please review sale rules on the sale page regarding keeping hogs and selling: <http://u.osu.edu/livestocksale>.

Livestock Sale Exhibitor Checks: Exhibitors must submit a stamped thank you note to their advisor prior to November 1st, 2023. Advisors will be required to mail thank-you notes and maintain their buyer checklist to receive the exhibitors' checks. If a check is not cashed within the specified 90-day period from the check date, there will be a Stop Payment Fee deduction imposed and a replacement check issued to the exhibitor.

READ THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL RULES AND HEALTH REGULATIONS

Swine General Rules

1. Market hogs must weigh from 225 to 280 pounds to show for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion and to be eligible to sell individually. Any hogs weighing outside of the declared weight range will show in a grade class and will only receive a packer bid (if available).
2. Market hog exhibitors must declare their intent to keep the animal before crossing the scale by turning in the Take Home (form provided at weigh-in). Take Home animals do not go through the livestock sale. If your animal is Grand or Reserve Grand Champion, you forfeit the right to keep as [ODA Rule 901-19-02 D](#) requires a sale and slaughter of these animals.
3. Swine exhibitors must be prepared to pen their hogs with the hogs of other members of their household and/or with hogs that have been raised together. If an exhibitor is exhibiting 2 live animals, both will be housed in the same pen.
4. Exhibitors are not allowed to switch pens or remove the center gate without the permission of the show superintendent.
5. The market hog classes will be divided by barrows and gilts and then by weight with up to 30 total classes. If an exhibitor has two animals in the same weight class, they are responsible to find another exhibitor to show one of their animals (see General Rule 4). The barrow classes will be divided into three divisions. The gilt classes will be divided into three divisions.

An Overall Grand, Champion, Overall Reserve Champion, Third Overall, Fourth Overall, and Fifth Overall will be chosen from those 12 division champions/reserve champions.

6. The top five in each weight class will receive an award.
7. An exhibitor will only be able to sell one animal in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale (unless both animals are grand and reserve grand champions).
8. If an exhibitor has two animals place individually, the lower placing animal will automatically receive packer bid (if one is available). If both animals place at the same class level, the heavier animal will be sold individually and the lighter animal will be should at packer bid.
9. The swine committee will determine the sale order and the show order.
10. If an exhibitor has two animals, they may show either animal in showmanship. However, if the are called back into the ring for another heat of showmanship, they must use the same animal.
11. The only bedding to be used in market hog show pens is to be wood shavings and/or sawdust.
12. All eligible market hogs may sell in accordance with [ODA Rule 901-19-02 D](#) and the sale is a partial terminal sale.
13. The grand and reserve grand champion market animals will be slaughtered, inspected, and evaluated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture officials.
14. The exhibitor of the grand and reserve grand champion will provide continual care through Saturday and leave enough feed for the Senior Fair Board through Monday. Additionally, the exhibitor will sign over possession of the animals to the Senior Fair Board, Saturday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at the 50 Building.
15. All animals will go to slaughter within 5 business days of the end of the sale.
16. All pens should be cleaned daily through the end of the sale. If a pen is not cleaned properly as judged by any member of the swine committee, a tag will be placed on the pen. If the pen is not cleaned properly within 10 hours after being tagged refer to General Rules #21 and #30.
17. **All male hogs must be castrated, showing no evidence of testicular tissue, prior to tag in day in July. Any hog suspected of having testicular tissue present at the time of tag in will be evaluated by a licensed veterinarian. Any hog having testicular tissue present at the time of tag in will not be allowed to be tagged in for exhibition.**

Violation of any of the following Swine Rules 18 through 20 will result in an automatic disqualification from all aspects of the Fairfield County Junior Fair Swine Show:

18. Any hog showing evidence of testicular tissue is not eligible to be housed, shown or sold.
19. Slick clipping or body shaving of market hogs is prohibited except for ears and tails. This means hair must be at least 1/2 inch except for the ears and tails. See ODA Tampering Rules [901-19-01 LL](#) and [901-19-33 D](#). No clipping of hogs at the fair will be permitted. **No oiling of hogs will be allowed per ODA showing rules. Only water may be used, any oil or what appears to be oil or powder will not be permitted.**
20. All animals exhibited must have been completely and fully owned (as evidenced by a bill of sale) and in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor on or after the designated date (second Saturday of July).

Muscle Quality & Performance (MQP) Barrow Contest Special Rules

1. Junior exhibitors ONLY.
2. Exhibitors that wish to take a barrow to the MQP contest must complete an application an essay and return it to the OSU Extension Office by May 1st. Successful exhibitors will be notified of acceptance into MQP by May 15th. **4-H members that wish to signup for the MQP Barrow Contest must also be enrolled in the Market Hog 4-H Project in 4-HOnline by the April 15th 4-H enrollment deadline.**
3. Complete rules for this program will be available from advisors and the OSU Extension Office.
4. The MQP animal will carry the same tags as that of the Junior Fair live animal.
5. Fairfield County Junior Fair Swine Show Committee will supervise all weighing and identification procedures. If an animal loses its ear tag, the procedure is the same as the rule for the "live" Junior Swine Show which states: "Each pig will have one ear tag. If an exhibitor's hog loses an ear tag, the exhibitor or immediate family member must contact the Senior Fair Office immediately to seek a replacement. If the hog does not have an ear tag at the time of the September/October weigh-in, it will not be allowed to show, and must be sold in a group. The exhibitor will receive a 'C' grade."
6. Barrows only. **See Swine General Rule #17.**
7. Exhibitors in the family may weigh and have tagged a maximum of four hogs between the live and MQP show and can choose from those registered by the family (see family definition).
8. **Barrows must be tagged and weighed the second Saturday of July during tagging to be eligible for the MQP Barrow Show.**
9. Barrows must meet the minimum weight of 225 pounds at the September weigh-in. **Any MQP barrow that does not weigh the minimum 225 pounds will be send home in September.** There will be no maximum weight.
10. Eligible barrows will be transported to an approved harvest facility for muscle quality assessment upon completion of the September weigh-in. Skinned carcasses, excessive trim, abscessed carcasses, and cryptorchids will be eliminated from the competition.
11. Barrows are subject to all rules and regulations regarding exhibition at the Fairfield County Junior Fair.
12. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion MQP barrows will sell 4th and 5th in the Swine Sale. Additional MQP barrows will also sell and will be dispersed throughout the sale order.
13. MQP barrows are subject to rules of Quality Assurance (i.e., substance withdrawal). DUNF forms are required.

Swine Showmanship

The contest will be conducted in the following divisions in this order: Ages 17-18, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 8-9.

1. Showmanship signup is to be completed with your fair entries for each species you plan to participate in. Please look for the department, book, and class number in each species and include it as a fair entry by the August 25th, 2023, deadline. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for showmanship along with your junior fair entries.
2. Rules and conditions apply to all divisions.
3. All ages are as of January 1 of the current year.
4. Each contestant must show their own animal, but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. Each contestant must show one of their declared animals (if more than one), but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. However, if they are called back into the ring for another heat of showmanship, it must be with the same animal.
5. The senior showmanship winner will compete in the Super Showmanship contest. An exhibitor can compete only once in the Super Showmanship Contest representing swine. If the senior showmanship winner has already participated in the Super Showmanship contest, the highest placing senior showmanship winner who has not competed in the Super Showmanship Contest representing swine will compete in the contest.
6. Winners from each age division will come back and compete for Swine Showman of Showmen.