

Dept. 19 - Swine

All Swine must be owned by the Exhibitor by July 1st of the current year.

The maximum weight for Market hogs is 280 lbs. by the fair registration deadline.

All swine must be entered online by the Fair registration deadline. If an exhibitor does not have access to a computer, contact your County Extension Office or Vo-Ag Instructor. Open Hog Show is open to anyone.

Market Hogs

1. Market hogs can only be exhibited by junior exhibitors.
2. Each Vo-Ag teacher or county Agent will be issued a weight sheet to record the declared weight of the animal. They must be filled out in ink. Animals may also be weighed on official scales and weight recorded by the superintendent, or a person designated by the superintendent.

Commercial Gilts

1. Commercial gilt is defined as any gilt that is crossbred or any purebred gilt that is ineligible for registration.
2. The Grand Champion Market Hog may compete in the Commercial Gilt Show.
3. The Grand Champion Gilt will may show for Supreme Breeding Swine.

Breeding Swine

1. All animals must have a registration certificate at the time of entry. No pending registration will be accepted.
2. Pigs farrowing after April 30th of the current year, cannot compete.
3. Chapter Entries: All animals must be registered in the name of the FFA/4-H Chapter. Registration papers must be in the hands of the youth exhibitor or inspected by the department clerk before showing proof of ownership and age of the animal.
4. Breeding swine will be shown in the following order: All recognized breeds may show with registration papers in the exhibitor's name by July 1st of the current year.

Fat Hog

1. Must weigh a minimum of **200 pounds**. Hogs not making minimum weight will not be allowed into the Fat Hog Auction, to maintain the quality of the product advertised. Max 300 lbs. To be eligible for top placing fat hog must weigh 200-300 lbs. Hogs not with in target weight may show in separate heat.

The goal of the Farm Class is to create a way to reduce input costs to show swine and regenerate money from the sale of a butcher ready hog to put towards the purchase of next year pig and feed. We want to offer the best quality butcher hogs that are ready to be sold to the highest bidder.

Pigs may need to be born early to ensure desired weight is achieved.

Participant will need to have ownership of their animal by May 1st and sign up by calling the Extension Office 870-368-4323, this will ensure butcher appointments are reserved. Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission swine health requirements must be followed.

- **No Slop Hogs** (No slop is to be fed at any time in this project)
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- No growth hormones
- Only sows or barrows may be in the project. (No boars)
- Must be show ready-groomed and clean
- Must be broke to handle and show
- No show feed allowed

The show will be held immediately following the other swine classes at the county fair.

Participants will receive the proceeds from the sale of their hog.

The champion hog will receive a buckle.

Guarantee top ten placing hogs will be sold at the auction. The sale will be open to the public!

Each participant is encouraged to find someone interested in buying a hog at the auction.

Winning bidders will be responsible for processing fees.

The Fat Hogs will be auctioned off at **Noon on Saturday** of the Fair.

Free delivery to the butcher shop will be available.

Appointments will be reserved in advance at an accommodating butcher shop. Any other choice will be buyer's responsibility.

Note to participants: It will be hot!!! You will be responsible for keeping your animal cool. Plan to bring fans, water hoses, etc. Exhibitors are required to bring enough feed for their hog through Sunday night. PVC pipe and nipple waterers are highly recommended to ensure water is not spilled.

Points Value

All classes will be placed as follows: 1st place – 24 pts, 2nd place – 20 pts, 3rd place – 18 pts, 4th place – 17 pts, 5 th place – 16 pts, 6th place – 15 pts, 7th place – 14 pts, 8th place – 13 pts, 9th place – 11 pts and 10th place – 10 pts.

High Point Awards

Points are tabulated on a one (1) animal and one (1) exhibitor team.

Market Hogs		
Department	Division	Class & Description
19 - Swine	190 Swine- Junior Market Hogs	01 - Market Hog (Sub-classes will be made after weigh-in)
Commercial Gilts		
19 - Swine	190 Swine - Commercial Gilt	01 - Commercial Gilt (Sub-classes will be made after weigh-in)
Registered Breeding Swine		
19 - Swine	193 Swine-Registered Breeding Swine	01 - April Boar
19 - Swine	193 Swine- Registered Breeding Swine	02 - March Boar
19 - Swine	193 Swine- Registered Breeding Swine	03 - February Boar
19 - Swine	193 Swine- Registered Breeding Swine	04 - April Gilt
19 - Swine	193 Swine- Registered Breeding Swine	05 - March Gilt
19 - Swine	193 Swine- Registered Breeding Swine	06 - February Gilt
Earnie Blackley Memorial Fat Hog		
19 - Swine	196 Swine - Fat Hog	01 - Fat Hog (sub classes will be made after weigh in)

Bred & Owned Swine		
19 - Swine	194 Swine - Bred and Owned Swine	01 - Bred and Owned Swine (Exhibitor is breeder.)
County Bred Swine		
19 - Swine	197 Swine- County Bred Swine	01 - County Bred Swine(Breeder lives in Izard County)
Swine Showmanship		
19 - Swine	195 Swine- Swine Showmanship	01 - Wee Junior Showmanship - age 8 and under
19 - Swine	195 Swine- Swine Showmanship	02 - Junior Showmanship - age 9-13
19 - Swine	195 Swine- Swine Showmanship	03 - Senior Showmanship - age 14-19

Classes listed in red are NOT AVAILABLE AT THE ARKANSAS STATE FAIR