

2020 Ashland County Market Hog Project Requirements

Revised 2/2020

New for 2020

All Ashland County Junior Fair Swine Exhibitors and their parents will sign the **Affidavit Regarding Ractopamine Hydrochloride (Beta-Agonist) to Swine.**

This will be turned in with the Hog Tagging forms for each member. A second copy must be signed and turned in at the time of fair weigh-in on September 19.

Swine must be Ractopamine-free from acquisition through harvest. Members not providing both affidavits at the requested times will be ineligible for fair exhibition.

Possession Date

- All livestock projects must be in the care and possession of the 4-H/FFA member by **June 1** of the current year and remain there until marketed.
- Ideal starting weight for hogs on June 1 is 40-70 pounds. Select a hog that falls in this weight range.
- **Market Hogs must be identified by specific ear tags from the Extension Office.** 4-H/FFA advisors and/or individual members are responsible for tagging and officially recording all market hog projects. All market hogs must be tagged and recorded on the Ashland County Sheep and Swine Tagging form submitted to the County Extension Office by 4pm on Tuesday, June 2, 2020. Any Identification tag lost must be reported to the Extension Office within 24 hours. Hogs must be retagged, or they become ineligible for Fair show and sale.
- Each Exhibitor may tag up to 4 hogs by June 2, 2020. However, **only one** hog per exhibitor may be brought to the County Fair.
- Market hog projects may be barrows or gilts.

Family Hog

- Families may tag a “family hog” if each child in the family only tags one individual hog. This family hog can be used as one member’s project animal should that member’s original project animal die, get injured or sick. Only one hog can be classified per family as a “family hog.”
- The family situation, if different from mother/father/children living under one roof, must be reviewed and agreed upon by the Committee prior to the registration of the animal.
- At the time of tagging, each child in the approved family must list their primary hog and the “family hog.”
- The clerk of the committee will be notified at the time of unloading at the fair in September, which child if any, is using the “family hog.”

Required to Complete Project/Show/Sell at Fair

1. **Must complete Quality Assurance Training by June 15, 2020 and fill out a Drug Use Notification form upon weigh in at the fair.** This training is offered through your 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Other QA trainings may be accepted but contact the Extension office to find out for sure if they qualify. Proof of QA attendance must be provided to the Extension Office by June 19, 2020. If showing at OSF, training must be completed by June 14, 2020 as it must be done 45 days before the beginning of the exhibition.
2. **Must complete Interview Judging.** Members will be evaluated by their 4-H Club advisor using a rubric grade sheet and earn a superior, excellent, good or needs improvement grade as

their performance dictates. Satisfactory completion of the project record book will be a large part of this grade. These evaluations will take place at the 4-H Club/FFA Chapter level in July/early August. Advisors are to turn in the rubric grade sheets at the Extension Office by 4pm on Tuesday, August 25.

3. **Members must participate in the Hog Skill-a-thon** during any of these three dates:

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| Saturday, August 22 | 9 AM-1 PM | Fairgrounds |
| Sunday, August 23 | 1 PM-5 PM | Fairgrounds |
| Sunday, August 30 | 1-3 PM | Extension Office |

4. **Members must make an accurate Junior Fair Entry by August 14, 2020.**
5. Guidelines for training and showing your lamb are listed in your 4-H project book.
6. Members must meet all requirements and deadlines included in this document.
7. Any questions pertaining to project guidelines or project materials should be taken to your 4-H club advisor. If there are still questions, please contact the Extension Office at 419-281-8242.

Junior Fair Exhibit Rules

1. **All market hogs will be weighed in on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 8am-8pm.** Hogs will be weighed and inspected for soundness when unloaded. Health papers, if required, will be checked at this time. Drug Use Notification forms and Ractopamine affidavits must also be turned in at fair weigh in.
2. All identification tags, **with the exception of the Ashland County Junior Fair tag, 840 ID tags and Scrapies tag**, must be removed at the September fair weigh in.
3. **All market hogs must have a measurable ½” (one half) inch of body hair, underline included.** Ears and tail may be a shorter length. Hogs with questionable hair length will be checked before weigh in and anytime thereafter during the fair. Any hair length measurement or length determination will be made by the Senior Fair Board Officials or their designee. Hogs in violation will be disqualified. ****No clipping may be done at the fairgrounds****
4. **Animals must be kept clean, fed and watered for the duration of the fair.** Pens should have the manure cleaned out regularly and fresh bedding added as needed. If your pen is not clean, you will receive a written notification and will have 24 hours to clean it or you will have \$50 deducted from your check.
5. A commission is taken from the sale price of each animal to cover the cost of ear tags, advertising, etc. This percentage may vary from year to year. An additional 0.40% of the gross sale price will be deducted to comply with the Pork Check-off requirements.
6. Hogs must remain on the fairgrounds throughout the fair. Market hogs are released after being sold through the Junior Fair Livestock auction on Friday, Sept. 25. Exhibitors are responsible for

feeding and care of animals until picked up by the buyer. Turn hogs do not leave until Sunday and must be fed and cared for by the exhibitor until then.

7. **The Ashland County Junior Fair market hog show is a terminal show**, which means that all hogs taken to the fair must be slaughtered. No hogs are allowed to return home.
8. **Hogs must weigh between 210 to 285 pounds to show in the Championship classes.** Hogs weighing under 210 pounds and over 285 pounds may show, but are not eligible for championship classes **and are not eligible to sell** in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. **All over and under and “no sale” hogs can leave the fairgrounds on a packer truck. Any animals sold privately must be reported to the Sheep and Swine Committee by Wednesday and must leave in a packer vehicle on Friday. They cannot leave with an individual.**

For additional Ashland County Fair information, requirements, and rules, refer to the 2020 Ashland County Junior Fair Book and State Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules.

Please contact a Sheep & Swine committee member if you need assistance or have questions.

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