

GENERAL 4-H MARKET SWINE PROJECT RULES

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Membership

1. Allegan County 4-H Market Swine Projects are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status.
2. Youth must be at least 8 years old and not older than 19 years old as of JANUARY 1ST of the current year to be enrolled in the 4-H Market Swine Project
3. Youth must be enrolled BY JULY 1ST in 4-HOnline in the swine project, paid their participation fees and in an Allegan County 4-H club to participate in 4-H Market Swine project activities and sell an animal at the 4-H Livestock Auction during the Allegan County Fair.
4. A youth may enroll in a 4-H club at any time during a project, however, activity/event deadline dates must be adhered to, in order to maintain eligibility in those areas.

Project Animal(s)

1. 840 premise tags may be used if youth purchase pigs with these tags OR Leaders will get designated MDARD tags from the MSUE office. Pigs MUST be tagged by July 15th.
2. 4-H Members must have their Project animal(s) tagged and in their possession by July 15th. Youth may tag up to 3 animals, but may only bring two to the Fair. The member must be the owner of the project animal(s). If showing in breed classes, breed papers must be in the members name(s) and shown at weigh in at the Fair.
3. Family Tagging – The tag sheets are set up so that all 4-Hers in the same family are linked to all animals of that species in that family. (Example a Family has 2 youth enrolled in the 4-H market swine project. Since every youth can tag 3 the family can have a maximum of 6 swine. Giving the 2 youth the option of showing any two animals. During weigh in the swine will be designated to individual members.
4. Market swine may be either Barrows or Gilts.
5. Youth must be certified per current YQCA Standards and a copy of the certificate turned in at the MSU Extension Office before July 1 of the current year. Members must turn in a signed 4-H Market Animal Agreement form during weigh in at the Fair.
6. Project animals and pens must be kept clean at the Fair.

Exhibition and Sale Rules

- A. When swine come onto the scale the tags MUST BE CLEAN AND LEGIBLE. Each Swine animal must weigh at least 220# but not more than 320# to show and sell at the 4-H Livestock Auction during the Allegan County Fair.
- B. Youth must declare what 2 species they are selling at weigh in. Youth must declare at weigh in if they are showing breed OR crossbred and cannot change this after weigh in. If a listed gender/breed class doesn't have the minimum number of 3 animals, the animals will be put into the A.O.B. class. The A.O.B. classes will be held regardless of number of entries.
- C. Each project animal must meet State Health guidelines. Project animals and pens must be kept clean at the Fair.
- D. Weight Classes for market animals will be determined by superintendents after weight in.
- E. A market animal that doesn't make weight (either below minimum or above maximum) may reweigh ONE time by the end of the species weigh in. If the animal doesn't make weight at this time it will be sent home.
- F. An animal change due to injury or death of animal may be made up to the day of the show (the animal must be one of those tagged for the Family and meet show requirements).
- G. It is the member's responsibility to prepare his/her animal for show. Members may be assisted in grooming by another Allegan County 4-H member, immediate family member and/or Allegan County 4-H Leader.
- H. 4-H Members must show their own animals. Livestock youth must show in showmanship and market classes in order to sell livestock. All livestock must be shown by entrant; exceptions to be made for group or championship classes where entrant has more than one entry in class or under extenuating circumstances with pre-approval of Superintendent.
- I. All Champions must sell. Champion animals do not count toward the two species limit at sale. Animals declared as no sale at scale and do not become champions do not sell.
- J. The 4-H Livestock Auction is held Wednesday in the Show Arena. All clubs are asked to help set up the Rumery Arena on Tuesday night before the auction. The Sale order rotates from year to year and is listed in the current Fair premium book. Following the sale of the Grand Champion the order of the Auction Sale Bill will be determined as follows: Reserve Champion(s) will be listed first, Carcass champion and reserve, then the species top & reserve showmen, followed by all remaining animals listed at random.
- K. In the case of fraud or deception discovered after MARKET LIVESTOCK has been judged and prior to sale in the appropriate 4-H Market Livestock Sale, the placing(s) will be voided, AND the animal(s) in question not permitted to sell in the sale. The exhibitor will be required to remove the animal(s) in question from the grounds.
- L. A commission fee will be determined by the Allegan County 4-H Livestock Leaders and deducted from the sale price of the 4-H member's animal. The commission fee covers expenses of the auction and 4-H Livestock program.
- M. Fair and 4-H officials expect courteous and orderly conduct by exhibitors (youth) and attendants. Harassment, profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, judges, show managers, staff, leaders or other exhibitors will not be tolerated. Complaints, conflicts and protests: When there is a problem or conflict at the fair, the chain of command needs to be utilized. (See details in current year Fair premium book) The last option is to file a Formal protest - follow same rules as Open Class "Protests".

Dress Code for shows and auction

The 4-H Livestock Leaders policy for appropriate dress for 4-H members

1. Dress neatly and professionally.
2. Leather or safety boots/shoes must be worn for safety and appearance reasons.