



DIVISION III: SWINE

Superintendent: Steve and Stacy Warren

Please see Rule # 23 Unethical Practices, under MESA COUNTY 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE section.

Note: A record book is required for this project. Market and Breeding animals must have separate record books. Completed record books MUST be completed and turned into the Extension Office by September 7th, 5:00 p.m.

1. To be eligible for competition, Market and Breeding Swine must be property of the exhibitor and officially ear tagged at the initial taggings on May 8th (6-9:00 PM) or May 10, 2008 (8-10:00 AM). Proof of purchase for Best of Mesa County and proof of Home Grown designated animals must be turned into the Extension Office by May 5th. Forms are available at the Extension Office.

A \$5 tagging fee per animal will be collected at the time of tagging, and will be used to purchase awards for the Mesa County Fair Swine Show.

2. Market hogs will be weighed and divided into as near equal classes as feasible by weight. Classes will be divided when more than 10 entries constitute a class. This does not apply to breeding swine.

3. Feeder Classes will only classified by weight divisions. Overweight swine may only be shown in a Showmanship class.

4. A \$5 pen cleaning deposit will be collected at Fair Pre Entry for each pen that an exhibitor's animal(s) occupy, and will be returned at the end of the Mesa County Fair if the pen is cleaned by the exhibitor and checked out by the Superintendent. Pen fees will need to be paid by individual families. Empty pens will be used at Superintendent's discretion. If the pen is not cleaned and checked out the Pen Fee goes into the Mesa County Swine Awards Fund.

5. Each Exhibitor is allowed to weigh and tag six (6) Market Swine by May 10, 2007. Tagging will be done by the Tagging Committee. Each Exhibitor will be allowed to tag (6) Market Swine at the initial tagging, however, only (2) two swine may be checked in and remain on the grounds after weigh-in at the Mesa County Fair (unless the exhibitor participated in the Carcass Contest). In this case, the Exhibitor may only weigh/check in the remaining (2) swine.

6. Swine must have been washed and cleaned for check in, weigh in, and show. No swine will be allowed to unload at Check In, if they have not been washed thoroughly. All swine will be checked by a Veterinarian before unloading at Check In. Any trailer containing animal(s) deemed unfit by the Vet / Fair Management / Superintendent will not be allowed to unload, and the exhibitor(s) will be disqualified from participating in the Mesa County Fair.

7. Swine must be shown without hairdressing compounds containing: oils and/or artificial coloring. All dressings must be Water Based. Violation will result in automatic disqualification.

8. Alleyways and walkways are to be kept clear at all times. Equipment and supplies should be kept in club stalls.

9. All Exhibitors must observe designated feed times. These will be 6:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. If unable to feed during these times exhibitor must make arrangements. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Exhibitor must supervise the feeding by staying with animal until it is through eating or drinking. Feed pans and unsecured waterers must be removed from pens outside of these times.

10. Exhibitors must have pens cleaned by 10:00am and 10pm daily, along with keeping them clean through the day. If exhibitor fails to clean their animals pen, **THE EXHIITORS PEN WILL BE RED TAGGED AND WILL BE FINED A \$25.00 DOLLAR FINE THAT WILL BE DUE IMMEDIATLEY EACH DAY OF FAIR.**

11. Waterers must be tube style of no larger than 10" diameter. Exhibitors with leaking waterers must remove them immediately until repairs are made.

12. There will be no dogs allowed in the Swine Barn at any time during the week of the Mesa County Fair. All dogs will be asked to leave the barn.

13. Non-sale animals will leave Thursday night after Grand Champion drive.

SWINE ORDER OF SHOW: WEDNESDAY EVENING SHOWMANSHIP, AND THURSDAY MORNING STARTS MARKET CLASSES:

Wednesday Order of show as follows: Starting at 6:30 PM

- Starting with:
1. Novice Showmanship
 2. Junior Showmanship
 3. Intermediate Showmanship
 4. Senior Showmanship
 5. Parent Showmanship

The championship drive for showmanship will be on Thursday starting at 7:00 PM

Thursday: Order of show as follows starting at 9:00 AM

- Starting with:
1. Market Show
 2. Division Champion Drive - selected at conclusion of classes in that division (Division Champion winners will come back to show in Grand Champion Drive at 7:00 PM)
 3. Feeders
 4. Breeding
 5. Pen of 3

Swine Showmanship

Participating in showmanship is optional. First year members may either show in the Novice class or show in their age division. Showmanship classes will be divided when more than 10 entries constitute a class. The Judge will consider:

1. Appearance of Animal.....20%
2. Showing of Animal.....50%
3. Courtesy and Appearance of Exhibitor...15%
4. Knowledge.....15%

CLASSES

1. Novice Showmanship - Any youth exhibitor of any age in their first year of the Swine Project.
2. Junior Showmanship - Any exhibitor age 8-10 as of January 1st of the current year
3. Intermediate Showmanship - Any exhibitor age 11-13 as of January 1st of the current year
4. Senior Showmanship - Any exhibitor age 14-18 as of January 1st of the current year
5. Parent Showmanship - Any adult associated with a 4-H Swine Exhibitor
6. Grand Champion (1st Place), and Reserve Grand Champion (2nd Place) Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship

Market Swine

7. Feeders - Any swine under 230 pounds. (Classes will be determined at the Fair.)
8. Market - Any swine (gilts or barrows only) weighing 230 - 280 pounds
9. Best of Mesa County-Market swine farrowed and raised in Mesa County, designated at Tag -in but must be tagged as Best of Mesa County.

In order to be eligible for this class, entries must have had Proof of Purchase turned in on the day of tagging for the animal designated at initial tagging. Breeding swine are not eligible for this class. The class will be composed of the top placing pig from each market class. Placing from this class will not determine sale order.

10. HomeGrown—Any market swine that was farrowed and finished in Mesa County by the Exhibitor designated at weigh-in. In order to be eligible for this class, a Proof of Home Grown form must have been turned in on tag in date for the animal designated at the initial tagging. Breeding swine are not eligible for this class. The class will be composed of the top 1 placing swine from each Market class. Placing from this class will not determine sale order.

11. Pen of Three - Any three (3) Swine shown by individual exhibitors all belonging to the same club. (1) one pen of (3) three per club. Placings from other classes will not determine the placings for this class, nor will they determine the Livestock Sale order.

Breeding Swine

12. Gilts all breeds and crossbreeds under 6 months of age.
- 13 Gilts all breeds and crossbreeds 6 to 12 months of age (not yet farrowed).

* to be eligible for classes #13 and #14 a proof of purchase must be turned in with Fair Pre-Entry forms to verify age.

14. Sows all breeds and crossbreeds. (under 300 pounds).

* Due to pen size, sows older than 12 months of age must go across the scales at weigh- in to verify weight. No sows weighing more than 300 pounds are eligible.

15. Class size does not pertain to Breeding classes.

16. Breeding swine must be designated at tagging and tagged at either the May 10th or 12th tagging dates.

Swine Barn Awards

A. Individual Herdsmanship - A Herdsmanship award will be given in the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions. Individuals will be chosen for animal care, care of pens and alleyways, feed, supplies, and tack placements when not in use, and assistance to leaders and superintendents in pen assignments, set-ups, and clean-ups.

B. Club Herdsmanship - A Herdsmanship award will be given to one club. One club will be chosen for animal care, care of pens and alleyways, feed, supplies, and tack placements when not in use and assistance to leaders and superintendents in pen assignments, set-ups, and clean-ups.

C. Educational Display - Each Club may enter one Educational Display to exhibit in the Swine Barn during the Mesa County Fair. The Exhibit will be critiqued by: Topic, Organization, Information and format.