



## **DIVISION III: SWINE**

**Superintendent: Steve 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 5:00 p.m. **September 4, 2009.**

1. To be eligible for competition, market and breeding swine must be the property of the exhibitor and officially ear tagged at the initial taggings on **Thursday, April 30, 2009 (6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) and Saturday, May 2, 2009 (8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.)**. Proof of purchase for Best of Mesa County and proof of Home Grown designated animals must be turned into the Extension Office by **May 2, 2009**. Forms are available at the Extension Office. A \$5.00 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 be classified by weight divisions. Overweight swine may only be shown in Showmanship classes.
4. **A \$10.00 per animal pen fee will be collected at Fair pre-entry for each animal brought to Mesa County Fair. Pen fees will need to be paid by individual families. Empty pens will be used at Superintendent's discretion. The pen fee is non-refundable and will go into the Mesa County Swine Awards fund.**
5. **Each exhibitor is allowed to weigh and tag six (6) market swine for the Mesa County Fair and four (4) market swine for the Colorado State Fair by May 2, 2009. Tagging will be done by the tagging committee. However, only two (2) 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 two (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. 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 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If unable to feed during these times, exhibitor must make other arrangements. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Exhibitor must supervise the feeding by staying with the 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 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. daily, along with keeping them clean throughout the day. If an exhibitor fails to clean their animals pen, **THE EXHIBITOR'S PEN WILL BE RED TAGGED AND WILL BE FINED \$25.00 THAT WILL BE DUE IMMEDIATELY EACH DAY OF THE 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 fair. All dogs will be asked to leave the barn.
13. **Non-sale animals will leave Thursday night, July 23, 2009, after the Grand Champion drive.**

### **ORDER OF CLASSES FOR SWINE SHOW:**

**Wednesday, July 22, 2009, 6:00 p.m.:**

1. Novice Showmanship
2. Junior Showmanship
3. Intermediate Showmanship
4. Senior Showmanship
5. **Junior Showmanship Championship Drive**
6. **Intermediate Showmanship Championship Drive**
7. **Senior Showmanship Championship Drive**
8. Parent Showmanship

**Thursday, July 23, 2009, 9:00 a.m.**

1. Market Show
2. Division Championship Drives - selected at conclusion of classes in that division (Division Champion winners will come back to show in Grand Champion Drive at 7:00 p.m.)
3. Best of Mesa County
4. Home Grown
5. Feeders
6. Breeding
7. Pen of Three (3)
8. Little Squealers – 6:00 p.m.
9. Market Swine Championship Drive - 7:00 p.m.

### 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:

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| 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 1 of the current year.
3. Intermediate Showmanship: Any exhibitor age 11-13 as of January 1 of the current year.
4. Senior Showmanship: Any exhibitor age 14-18 as of January 1 of the current year.
5. Parent Showmanship: Any adult associated with a 4-H swine exhibitor.
6. Grand Champion (1<sup>st</sup> Place) and Reserve Grand Champion (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship.

### Market Swine

1. **Feeders:** Any swine under 230 pounds. (Classes will be determined at fair.)
2. **Market:** Any swine (gilts or barrows only) weighing 230 to 280 pounds.
3. **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 the 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.
4. **Home Grown:** 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 placing swine from each market class. Placing from this class will not determine sale order.

5. **Pen of Three:** Any three (3) swine shown by individual exhibitors all belonging to the same club. One pen of 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

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1. Breeding swine must be property of the exhibitor, designated and tagged at either the April 30<sup>th</sup> or May 2<sup>nd</sup> tagging date(s).
2. Each exhibitor will be allowed to tag two (2) breeding swine at the April 30<sup>th</sup> or May 2<sup>nd</sup> tagging date(s). Both of those animals will be allowed to be weighed and checked in at the Mesa County Fair.
3. Breeding animals must pass a vet check before being unloaded at the Mesa County Fair.
4. A \$5 tagging fee will be collected per breeding animal at initial tagging. A \$5 pen cleaning deposit will be collected along with the Fair Pre-Entry. This will be returned to the exhibitor at the end of the Mesa County Fair if and when the exhibitor's pen is cleaned and checked out by the superintendent. If the pen is not cleaned and checked out, the \$5 goes into the Mesa County Swine Awards Fund.

## SWINE BREEDING CLASSES

5. Gilts all breeds and crossbreeds under 6 months of age.
6. Gilts all breeds and crossbreeds 6 to 12 months of age (not yet farrowed).
7. Gilts and 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 the Mesa County Fair weigh-in to verify that they are under 300 pounds. No sows weighing over 300 pounds are eligible to stay on the Fairgrounds.

## Swine Barn Awards

1. **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 placement when not in use, and assistance to leaders and superintendents in pen assignments, set-ups and clean-ups. **Nominations will be submitted to the swine superintendent by 4-H leaders.**
2. **Club Herdsmanship:** A herdsmanship award will be given to one club. One club will be chosen for animal care, care of pens and alleyway, feed, supplies, and tack placement when not in use and assistance to leaders and superintendents in pen assignments, set-ups and clean-ups. **Nominations will be submitted to the swine superintendent by 4-H leaders.**
3. **Educational Display:** Each club may enter one (1) educational display to exhibit in the swine barn during the Mesa County Fair. The exhibit will be critiqued by: Topic, Organization, Information and Format.

## Swine Carcass Contest

Superintendent: Robyn Burbridge and Kim McGee

The Market Swine Carcass Contest is a hanging contest. The swine entered in the market swine carcass contest will be killed and prepared by a qualified meat processing facility.

1. This contest is open to all 4-H and FFA youth exhibitors who are enrolled in the market swine project. There will not be an open division for this contest.
2. Hogs entered in the market swine carcass contest must be one (1) of the six (6) market swine tagged at the initial weigh-in.
3. Each exhibitor will only be allowed to enter one (1) carcass animal.
4. Each exhibitor must enter the carcass contest entry on his or her fair pre-entry form.
5. Required weight for carcass entry will be **220 to 280** pounds.
6. Weigh-in for the carcass animals will be from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on **July 13, 2009**.
7. All carcass animals will be delivered to Mountain Meat Packing immediately following weigh-in.
8. Exhibitors must secure their own buyers. Buyers must be designated on pre-entry form. All carcasses will be FDA inspected and judged for contest placing.
9. Viewing and interview time will be announced.
10. Placing will be 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, including a Grand and Reserve Champion.
11. Awards will be presented at the Parade of Champions.

### **Little Squealers Show (Open Show)**

Superintendent: Ed Vial

The Little Squealers program will be an OPEN SHOW. The animals will **arrive Tuesday, July 21, 2009, between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.** with the other swine projects and will be released with the other non-sale swine on **Thursday, July 23, 2009, or Friday, July 24, 2009. This class will show at 6:00 p.m. on July 23, 2009, or just prior to the Grand Champion selection.**

1. Any youth 5-7 years old as of January 1, 2009, and has not shown a 4-H or FFA swine project is eligible to enter.  
**Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Mesa County 4-H Cloverbud program.**
2. Exhibitors must sign up by March 1, 2009, on the Little Squealers entry form at the Mesa County Extension Office. This program is limited to fifteen (15) individuals.
3. The animal will need to be tagged with an official Mesa County ear tag on April 30, 2009, or May 2, 2009.
4. The animal must be born after January 1, 2009.
5. Any breed of swine as well as either sex is eligible for the show.
6. Only one animal may be shown per exhibitor. Likewise, only one exhibitor per animal. Exhibitors may use their older siblings' animals.
7. The Little Squealers class will be judged on showmanship only.
8. All dress code rules listed in the General Rule section will apply.