

DIVISION 3: SWINE

Superintendent: Jesse & Laci Mease

1. To be eligible for competition, market and breeding swine must be the property of the exhibitor and nomination forms turned into the Extension Office on or before **Friday, May 5, 2017 by 5:00 pm**. Proof of Home Grown and Best of Mesa County designated animals must be turned into the Extension Office at the time of nomination. Forms are available at the Extension Office. A \$5.00 fee per animal will be collected at the time of nomination, and will be used to purchase awards for the Mesa County Fair Swine Show. Every animal nominated must have ear notches.
2. Jr. Market Hogs will be weighed and divided into as near equal classes as feasible by breed. There must be 5 or more in a breed division to establish individual breed classes. Classes will be divided when more than 12 entries constitute a class. With less than 5 in a breed division, breeds will be combined and shown in the other purebred (OPB) **division with no minimum number of animal for this class.**

Breed classes will be as follows:

JUNIOR MARKET HOG CLASSES:

Duroc

Hampshire

Yorkshire

Other Purebred Breeds (OPB)

Light (color) Crossbreeds

Dark (color) Crossbreeds

SWINE SHOW CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS (will come from the respective breed registries)

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 (non-refundable) will be paid at the time of Fair pre-entries and needs to be paid by the participants. If pen space is available 1 (one) swine per pen, otherwise we will adhere to the 2 (two) swine per pen as in past years. The pen fee will go to the Mesa County Swine Fund.**
5. Each exhibitor is allowed to tag two (2) breeding swine for the Mesa County Fair and four (4) market swine for the Colorado State Fair by June 1, 2017, (Nomination cards for state fair can be picked up at the tag in or the Extension office). Tagging will be done by the tagging committee. Exhibitors may check-in any swine that has been nominated for the market class. However, each exhibitor must select only two (2) swine to weigh-in. Only if one or both of the swine do not make weight may the exhibitor weigh their remaining animals. The first two (2) swine that make weight will be entered into the show. Only two (2) swine may remain on the grounds after weigh-in at the Mesa County Fair.
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. Hogs must be shown and sold without hairdressing compounds including, oils, paints, powders, artificial coloring or other dressing to include hoof ointments or treatment paints. 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 supervise the feeding by staying with the animal until it is through eating or drinking. Unsecured feed pans and unsecured waterers must be removed from pens outside of these times.
10. Swine Superintendents will inspect Exhibitors pens, and if they are not cleaned and dry, the pen will be RED TAGGED, a warning will be issued and the exhibitor will clean the pen. If the is RED TAGGED for a second time the exhibitor will be fined \$25.00 a day, and due immediately that day of Fair.
11. Tube style waterers must be of no larger than 10" diameter. Exhibitors with leaking waterers must remove them immediately until repairs are made. All waterers must be placed so the nipples are no less than two inches above the animals back.
12. There will be no dogs or strollers allowed in the swine barn at any time during the week of fair. Both will be asked to leave the barn.

13. Non-sale animals will leave following the Swine Show. The exhibitor and their family are responsible for loading the correct non-sale animal to go home.
14. All participants showing in the swine show will be assigned a back number to be worn in each class they are in. The number must be either on the exhibitors back or the pocket with a number holder.
15. No personal fans allowed in the swine barn.

SECTION 1: MARKET HOGS

Class #1. DUROC: (swine (gilts or barrows only) weighing 235 to 290 pounds.)
(NSR – March, 2015)

1. Must be red in color and possess Duroc Breed Character, (ears must be down and medium size).
2. Must NOT have any white hair located on the animal.
3. Must NOT have any black hair located on the animal.
4. Must NOT have more than three black spots on the skin and none of these spots can be larger than two inches in diameter.
5. Must NOT have any shading or indication of a belt.

Class #2. HAMPSHIRE: (swine (gilts or barrows only) weighing 235 to 290 pounds.)
(NSR – March, 2016)

1. Must be Black in color with a white belt starting on a front leg. The belt may partially or totally encircle the body. Animal is eligible if it has a black head and the body is totally white only if it is a registered Hampshire.
2. Must possess Hampshire Breed character. (ears must be erect and not rounded).
3. Must NOT have any white hair or indication of streaking on the forehead.
4. Must NOT have any red hair.

Class #3. YORKSHIRE: (swine (gilts or barrows only) weighing 235 to 290 pounds.)
(NSR – March, 2015)

1. Must be white in color and possess Yorkshire Breed character (ears must be erect)
2. Must NOT have any colored hair other than white.
3. Must NOT have colored skin pigmentation larger than a silver dollar.
4. Must NOT have more than two pigmentation spots larger than a U.S. quarter. These pigmentation spots (combined) can NOT exceed a U.S. minted silver dollar.

Class #4. OPB: (swine (gilts or barrows only) weighing 235 to 290 pounds.)

1. All hog breeds excluding crosses but can include any of the above breeds if there is not a sufficient number of given breed.

Class #5. LIGHT CROSS: (swine (gilts or barrows only) weighing 235 to 290 pounds.)

1. Blue butt and any pig with less than 20% black or red in color.

Class #6. DARK CROSS: (swine (gilts or barrows only) weighing 235 to 290 pounds.)

1. Black Headed hogs and any pig with more than 20% black or red in color.

Breed registry papers will be the only thing to supersede classifier decision.

For more information on classifications please visit the following websites:

Yorkshire, Hampshire, Duroc, Landrace : nationalswine.com

Berkshire: americanberkshire.com

Chester Whites, Polands, Spots: cpsswine.com

(no need to pre enter class #7 - class #10)

Class #7. FEEDER CLASS (Any swine under 235 pounds. (Classes will be determined at fair.))

Class #8. HOME GROWN (Market swine that was farrowed and finished in Mesa County by the exhibitor. Sow must be property of the family and proof of Home Grown form must have been turned into the Extension office at the time of nomination to be eligible for this class. 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. A Homegrown animal may also show in the Best of Mesa County class.)

Class #9. BEST OF MESA COUNTY (To be eligible for this class, entries must be born and raised in Mesa County. This class will be formed after the Grand Champion Market selection. The class will be composed of the top TWO placing animals from each market class. All discrepancies will be left to the discretion of the superintendent.)

Class #10. PEN OF THREE (Any three (3) swine shown by individual exhibitors all belonging to the same club. One pen of three per club. Placing from other classes will not determine the placing for this class, nor will they determine the livestock sale order. **MUST ENTER DURING THE LUNCH BREAK, THERE WILL BE AN ENTRY FORM AT THE ANNOUNCER STAND AND IT MUST BE FILLED OUT AND GIVEN TO THE ANNOUNCER BY THE TIME CLASSES START BACK UP.**)

ORDER OF CLASSES FOR SWINE SHOW:

Wednesday, July 26, 2017, 8:00 a.m.

1. Feeders
2. Market Show
3. Breed Championship Drives - selected at conclusion of classes in that breed division (Breed Champion winners will come back to show in Grand Champion Drive at 6:00 p.m.)
4. Breeding
5. Pen of Three (3)
6. Senior Showmanship
7. Intermediate Showmanship
8. Junior Showmanship
9. Little Squealers (show will start at 5:00 pm)
10. Showmanship Champion Drives
11. Market Swine Championship Drive – (Champion drive will start at 6:00 pm).
Best of Mesa County
Home Grown
12. Parent Showmanship (if time allows)

SECTION 2: SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

Participating in showmanship is optional. Exhibitors wanting to participate MUST designated Showmanship Class on Pre- entries. Exhibitors **WILL NOT** be allowed to add Showmanship Classes at Fair. Showmanship classes will be divided when more than 10 entries constitute a class.

- Class #1. Junior Showmanship: Any exhibitor age 8-10 as of December 31st of the previous year.
 Class #2. Intermediate Showmanship: Any exhibitor age 11-13 as of December 31st of the previous year.
 Class #3. Senior Showmanship: Any exhibitor age 14-18 as of December 31st of the previous year.
 Class #4. Parent Showmanship: Any adult associated with a 4-H swine exhibitor.
 Grand Champion (1st Place) and Reserve Grand Champion (2nd Place) Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship.

SECTION 3: BREEDING SWINE

Jesse Mease

1. Breeding swine must be property of the exhibitor and designated by May 5th, 2017
2. Each exhibitor will be allowed to tag two (2) breeding swine. 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 \$10 non-refundable pen fee will be collected along with the Fair Pre-Entry.

- Class #1. Gilts all breeds and crossbreeds under 6 months of age.
 Class #2. Gilts all breeds and crossbreeds 6 to 12 months of age (not yet farrowed).
 Class #3. 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 or parents.**
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 or parents.**
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.

SECTION 4: SWINE CARCASS CONTEST

Superintendent: Robyn Burbridge

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 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 **235 to 290** pounds.
6. Weigh-in for the carcass animals will be from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on **July 17, 2017**.
7. All carcass animals will be delivered to the designated processor 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 1st to 10th, including a Grand and Reserve Champion.
11. Awards will be presented at the Parade of Champions.

Class #1. Swine Carcass

Little Squealers Show (Open Show)

Superintendent: Laci Mease

1. Any youth 5-7 years old as of December 31st of the previous year, and has not shown a 4-H or FFA swine project is eligible to enter.
2. Exhibitors must sign up by March 1 on the Little Squealers entry form at the Mesa County Extension Office. Forms must be returned directly to the superintendent. This program is limited to thirty (30) individuals.
3. Exhibitors can show any swine that belongs to a sibling, or another 4-H or FFA swine member at the mesa county fair. Swine must have been tagged in for the Mesa County Fair. Exhibitors will not be allowed to bring their own swine to this event due to a lack of pen space.
6. The Little Squealers will not be judged, but exhibitors will get pointers and helpful information to encourage them to continue to work on their showmanship skills and participate in the swine program as they become of age.
7. All dress code rules listed in the General Rule section will apply.