

# 2024 Market Hog Study Guide

Skillathon is a judging event for all exhibitors exhibiting Livestock Projects at the Holmes County Fair. Age divisions for Skillathons are as follows: (Your age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>):

Juniors 8-11

Intermediates 12-14

Seniors 15-18

The Holmes County Fair Skillathon will take place on July 18 and 22, at the Fairgrounds. Youth do not have to attend both judging nights. This Study Guide describes each station that will be in the species specific Skillathon.

## **Project Book Evaluation** **(20 points)**

The judge will review your records and completed project book. Point values will be assigned to sections and the judges will award points recognizing the degree to which the book has been completed. Sections to be complete in the book may include: Feed Records, Treatment Records, Inventory of Animals, Project Activities, Medication Label and Insert, etc. **Your book score MUST be a 12 or higher to exhibit animal at the fair.**

## **Interview** **(20 points)**

Please wear appropriate attire and know the 4-H Pledge and Motto. Please be able to provide the interview judge with information about your swine project such as: sex of the animal (barrow/gilt), breed of the animal, housing, and daily practices such as feeding, bathing, and exercising.

## **Station 1: Parts** **(20 Points)**

Members will be asked to identify up to the number of parts listed below.

Juniors- 4

Intermediate-8

Senior-10

## **Station 2: Meat Cuts - Retail** **(15 Points)**

Members will be asked to answer questions about Meat Cuts.

Juniors - 5

Intermediate - 10

Senior - 15

## **Station 3: Breeds** **(15 Points)**

Members will be asked to correctly label up to the number listed below.

Junior-5

Intermediate- 10

Senior- 15

## **Station 4: Medication Label** **(10 points)**

Members will be asked to correctly identify up to the number listed below of the medication label.

Junior- 3

Intermediate-5

Senior- 10

