

Project Requirements Market Hog (# 139)

The market hog project is designed as a project for all ages.

Members must:

- Turn in completed penning assignment form no later than July 1st to the HCFG Jr. Fair Board Office.
 - Check the 4-H Calendar, fair book or 4-H Family Focus newsletters for the 4 scheduled dates and times for turning in this form.
- Attend Project Evaluation (either Livestock Project Evaluation & Skill-a-thon or a Pre-Evaluation).

Animal Guidelines

- Own and raise at least one market hog. Hog must be ear tagged at one of the May swine tagging events.
- Barrows and gilts may be shown at the Holmes County Fair. Weight range in order to compete for Grand Champion will be minimum: 220 pounds – maximum: 285 pounds. All hogs may be weighed only once. If weight limits are not met you are eligible to exhibit in over/under weight class and showmanship. All over/under weight animals will be sold in random order at the end of the market hog sale. Complete guidelines will be in the Holmes County Fair Book and at www.holmescountyfair.com

Record Book and Presentation

- Look for your project level (Junior/Beginner, Intermediate or Senior/Advanced) and follow Project Guidelines.
- Read and study the Swine Resource Handbook (#134R).
- Book should be neat and accurate. All sections identified for your project level must be complete.
- Attitude and appearance will also be evaluated (please refer to 4-H Evaluations Dress Code).

Evaluation & Interview

- All members should know how to complete a Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF).
- All members must have a working knowledge of Swine Quality Assurance Issues.
- Understand and be able to identify feed rations, nutrients, protein contents, vitamins and minerals. Have a basic knowledge of the requirements of each. Be able to answer questions on the sections and information provided on a feed tag.

	Junior (8-11)	Intermediate (12-14)	Senior (15-18)
Parts	Know 15	Know 20	Know 27
Breeds & Traits	Identify 8 breeds	Identify 8 breeds and 1 trait for each	Identify 8 traits
Feed & Nutrition	Know 10	Know 10	Know 10
Medicine Label	Identify 10 parts	Identify 10 parts	Identify 10 parts
Meat Cuts	Know 5 wholesale	Know 5 wholesale & 5 retail	Know 5 wholesale & 5 retail
Quality Assurance	5 questions	5 questions	6 questions
Ideal Market Hog		4 questions	4 questions
	Fitting & Showing – 4 questions	Pig Glossary – 5 terms	Diseases – know 1 symptom & 1 treatment for 5 diseases given

If information is contained in your Swine Resource Handbook and/or Record Book you may be questioned on it.

PLEASE READ YOUR SWINE RESOURCE HANDBOOK!!!!

Fair Participation

- Know and follow all fair book rules.
- Check in at the Holmes County Fair Grounds will be the Sunday prior to fair starting.
- All Market projects must also turn in a Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) at this time.
- The wash rack will close 15 minutes prior to showmanship, judging and the sale.
- Dress code for pictures, showmanship, judging and sale: tie shoes or boots (NO open toes), long pants (NO shorts) and sleeve or sleeveless shirts (NO tank tops). No writing on shirts unless it is a 4-H, FFA or Jr. Fair Board shirt.

All above requirements must be met in order to exhibit and sell your project at the county fair.