

# Market Hog Requirements

## *Beginner/Junior Level*

Members 8-11 years of age or 1-3 years of experience in the project  
These ages are based on 4-H age as of January 1.

Regardless of age all hog members taking this project for the first time must enroll in the Beginner/Junior Level.

It is recommended that this project section be taken for three years before advancing to market hog intermediate unless you are older than 11.

Read, study and have a working knowledge of (134R) Swine Resource Handbook for Market and Breeding Projects. DO NOT WRITE IN RESOURCE HANDBOOK.

Complete #139 Market Hog Project and Record Book and bring to judging.

- ✓ Follow and complete all sections of the Member Project Guide (page 2).
  - ✓ Complete one or more topics of interest (page 3).
  - ✓ Five activities in the beginning level (page 5 & 6).
  - ✓ Two learning experiences (page 11).
  - ✓ Two leadership and citizenship activities (page 12 & 13).
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- Own and raise one market hog.
  - Attend interview judging in July at West Holmes High School.
  - Be able to identify parts of a hog. Chapter 3, (page 3-2).
  - Be able to identify major breeds of hogs. Chapter 3, (pages 3-3 to 3-6).
  - Have a basic understanding of hog nutrition and feedstuffs. Be able to identify grains, minerals, salts, meals, vitamins and protein supplements. Be able to answer questions on information provided on a feed tag. Page 8-4.
  - Have a basic understanding of fitting and showing techniques. Chapter 12, (pages 12-1 to 12-5).
  - Have a basic understanding of hog terminology in Glossary Section of the handbook. Average daily gain, barrow, gilt, feeder pig, hurdle, ration withdrawal time.
  - Know some general characteristics of an Ideal Market Hog. Chapter 3 (pages 3-8 to 3-14).
  - Be able to identify wholesale cuts of pork. Chapter 5, (page 5-1).
  - Complete all sections of Market Hog Project Record Book (#139) to date of judging.
  - Have a working knowledge of Swine Quality Assurance including injection sites and medication labels. Chapter 24, (pages 4, 7, 11, 17).

# **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS    MARKET HOG PROJECTS**

## **Skill-A-Thon Requirements**

Interview Judging will be held in July at Harvest Ridge. All swine exhibitors are required to attend interview judging in order to exhibit their animal at the Holmes County Fair. If a conflict arises, a member must make special arrangements ahead of time with the 4-H Educator. Members are not eligible for Outstanding Market Hog Exhibitor if they do not attend interview judging.

Please dress appropriately for the interview. Dress should follow rules for showmanship and judging. However, shorts of respectable length and nice sandals are acceptable for interview judging. **Remember:** No mini skirts, short shorts or halter tops. Not appropriate - hats, halter dresses, flip flops.

## **Swine Weight Requirements:**

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](http://www.holmescountyfair.com)

## **Quality Assurance Requirements:**

All members must have a working knowledge of Swine Quality Assurance Issues and have attended a Quality Assurance Education Program.

## **Swine Penning Requirements**

All fair exhibitors are responsible to provide their own bedding for their hogs and all pens **must** be kept dry and clean throughout the fair. Water must be available for your hog at all times. Please leave some bedding in your pen at the conclusion of the fair. When the barn floods throughout the year, this makes cleanup easier.

## **Dress Code:**

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.

## **REMINDERS:**

The wash rack will close **15** minutes prior to showmanship, judging and the sale.

Showmanship sign-up will be held at the Livestock book Judging in **July**.