

Market Hog Requirements

Intermediate Level

Members 12-14 years of age or 4-6 years of experience in the project
These ages are based on 4-H age as of January 1.

It is recommended that this project section be taken for three years before advancing to market hog advanced level unless you are older than 14.

Read, study and have a working knowledge of the Swine Resource Handbook for Market and Breeding Projects (#134R). 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 on page 2.
 - ✓ Complete one or more Topics of Interest (page 3).
 - ✓ Five activities in the intermediate level (page 7 & 8).
 - ✓ Two learning experiences (page 10).
 - ✓ Two leadership and citizenship activities (page 12-13).
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- Own and raise at least one market hog.
 - Attend Interview Judging in July at West Holmes High School.
 - Be able to identify the parts of the hog, Chapter 3, page 3-2
 - Be able to identify the major breeds of hogs, Chapter 3, pages 3-3 to 3-6
 - Have knowledge of feed rations, nutrients, protein and basic hog nutrition including feeding amounts and daily gain of hogs. Be able to answer questions on the sections and information provided on a feed tag. Hog nutrition – Chapter 8, page 8-1; Feed Tag, Chapter 8, pages 8-3 to 8-4.
 - Have an understanding of ideal characteristics of a market hog. Chapter 3 & 4, pages 3-8, 3-10, 3-11, 4-6, 4-7, 4-11.
 - Be able to identify common hog diseases and understand good hog management practices for diseases. Chapter 9, pages 9-2, 9-3, 9-6, 9-8 to 9-14.
 - Have an understanding of the Universal Ear Notch System in the Market Hog Resource handbook, Chapter 10.
 - Have a basic understanding of hog terminology in the **Glossary** in the handbook.
 - Be able to identify wholesale and retail cuts of pork. Chapter 5, pages 5-1 to 5-3.
 - Complete all sections of #139 Hog Record Book to date of judging. BRING THIS BOOK WITH YOU.
 - Have a working knowledge of Swine Quality Assurance including medication label. Chapter 24, page 24-12.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS MARKET HOG PROJECTS

Skill-A-Thon Requirements

Interview Judging will be held in July at West Holmes High School. 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

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**.