2024 Holmes County Jr. Fair
Swine Project Guidelines

Project Checklist

☐ Check the 4-H calendar for the most up-to-date information regarding our program

☐ **Enroll in 4-H** through 4-HOnline (oh.4honline.com) by April 1. Individual clubs may set an earlier date.

☐ **Attend Quality Assurance Training -** Check the 4-H calendar for up-to-date information. 2024 QA sessions in Holmes County will be held at Harvest Ridge on 2/20, 3/28, 4/6, and 4/23. All sessions begin at 6:00 p.m. Per ODA rules, exhibitors must complete QA 45 days prior to the exhibition.

☐ **Project Record Book:** Purchase, complete, and bring to a Skillathon interview to be graded. Guidelines for raising and caring for your hog are available in the Swine Resource Book.

☐ **Tag:** All hogs must be tagged by June 1st (more details on the following pages). Limit of two (2) hogs to be tagged per exhibitor – one (1) primary and one (1) back-up.

☐ **Possession Date:** Obtain and care for your animal(s) by June 1. The animal must remain in your care during the entire project period or throughout the fair.

☐ **4-H Online:** Enter ALL possible eligible animals (including family back-ups) that you may enter in the fair into 4-HOnline by June 1. Help sheets are available at https://holmes.osu.edu

☐ **Junior Fair Book**: Obtain and read a Holmes County Junior Fair Book for rules and regulations for our county fair. Read and follow all rules pertaining to your project.

☐ **Project Completion:** Attend and participate in Holmes County 4-H Skillathon Interviews on either July 18 or July 22, 2024.

☐ **Fair Entries** due by 11:59 pm on July 1: Make ALL fair entries online at https://holmesjrfair.fairentry.com for your animal(s).

☐ **DUNF:** All market swine must complete an electronic DUNF before check-in at the fair. See the Holmes County 4-H program newsletter for more information.

Important Notes for Swine Projects

- **Possession of animal:** The project must be in the care and possession of the member by JUNE 1 of the current year and remain with the member throughout the fair. Each exhibitor may bring one (1) market hog to the fair.

- **Tagging Swine:** Exhibitors must tag their own market hog before June 1st instead of having the animal tagged during fair check-in. This tag number will be entered into 4-HOnline under the animal identification section. Tags will be available for pick up at the Extension Office and at all QA sessions beginning February 20, 2024. On your animal ID profile (due June 1), you must have a picture of your hog with the Holmes County tag in its ear. You may tag up to two (2) hogs per exhibitor (1 primary, 1 back-up). Additional tagging information found later in this document.

- **Proper castration:** Retained testicles are not permitted. Ask your breeder if you are unsure or go to ODA's website for a complete list of rules for exhibitor's market animals www.state.oh.us/agr/ (click on the link for Animal Industries)

- **Sale Photograph:** Top ten (10) Market Hogs will be the only animals to enter the sale ring. Our goal is to display a clean and professional photo of every exhibitor with their animal during the time each exhibitor is selling. Please submit your photo in *landscape orientation* by July 31st to hclivestockphotos@gmail.com

- **Awards:** All exhibitors who receive a trophy, plaque, or other award sponsored by a donor are expected to send a Thank You note to the sponsor(s). Thank you, cards will be provided with your award. Please turn in your unsealed thank you card to the Jr. Fair Office by the end of the fair. The name and address of the sponsor can be found on the award. Contact the Jr. Fair secretary's office if you cannot find it.

- **Outstanding Market Livestock Award:** The Holmes County Jr. Fair Outstanding Exhibitor Awards program was developed to recognize youth who go above and beyond in their species both in and out of the show ring. Exhibitors who wish to participate must complete the skillathon/project record book judging (no make-up judging), and showmanship. Awards will be presented Saturday, August 10 at the 4-H Awards Ceremony in the Large Arena.

- **Carcass Show:** The top 10 overall Market Hogs will go to Sugar Valley Meats and be entered into the Carcass Contest. The show will be held on August 15 and exhibitors are expected to participate and be at the show.

Holmes County Born and Raised

- This show is open to all pigs born and raised in Holmes County. You must provide a breeder form uploaded by June 1 in FairEntry. If this form is not complete, you will show in the market classes.
- The Holmes County Born and Raised show will be on Tuesday, August 8, Division 1, class 1-3.
- The top five (5) Born and Raised will be awarded and compete in the final drive, just as all other classes/ division winners, to compete for the top ten (10) overall market hogs.
- Members may show in the market class OR the Born and Raised class – NOT both.
- Each pig shown in the Born and Raised class will need to ID at weigh-in and in the 4-HOnline account.
- For Born and Raised, each member will need to submit a breeder declaration form with a picture of each pig by June 1st in 4-H Online. This form will include the pig's ear notch, the dam and sire, the signature and certification of the breeder, the signature of the 4-H/FFA member, the parent or guardian signature, and pictures of the animal.

Swine Tagging Information for 2024

- Tags can be picked up at the Extension Office starting February 20 during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or at any Holmes County QA.

- Tags must be placed in all hogs that could potentially be entered in the Wayne County Fair by *June 1*.

- **Hog must be facing forward in photo for the committee to be able to see ear notches and left ear with ID tag.**

- **Animal ID is due by June 1**. Your animal ID picture must clearly show the Holmes County tag in the hog's ear.

- Any unused tags must be returned to the Extension office no later than June 10.

- *If you or your parent are not comfortable tagging the hog, please call the Extension Office and we will connect you with a committee member who can help. If you are purchasing your hog from a local breeder, you may bring your tag to them when you select your hog and ask your breeder to insert the tag for you.*

- The Extension Office has taggers you can sign out if you do not have one.

- If your hog loses its tag **before** June 1 Animal ID:
  - Go to the Extension Office and sign out another tag and retag your animal.

- If your hog loses its tag **after** June 1 Animal ID:
  - You have 72 hours to notify the Extension Office that your tag has fallen out.
  - The Extension Office will provide you with a new tag and update your animal ID in 4-H Online.
  - The animal must be re-tagged within 7 days of notifying the office.
  - When the hog is re-tagged, email the office with a picture of the tag in the ear. Please send emails to hill.1357@osu.edu.
  - Your hog **MUST** have a Holmes County tag in its ear **when it arrives at the fair for check-in!** If your hog does not have a tag in its ear, it will not be unloaded.