

MARKET SWINE

MARKET SWINE COMMITTEE

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Market Swine Weigh - In: Upon arrival to the Junior Fair **Place:** Livestock Scales
Market Swine Judging: Showmanship - Wednesday, August 30, 2023, 5:30 p.m. **Place:** Coliseum
Project Judging: - Thursday, August 31, 2023, 8:00 a.m. **Place:** Coliseum
Market Swine Sale: Thursday, August 31, 2023, 7:00 p.m. (to follow Market Lambs) **Place:** Coliseum

MARKET SWINE GUIDELINES

MEMBERSHIP: Open to any Mahoning County Youth ages 8 and in the third grade to 18 years old inclusive on January 1 of the current year or 9 years old as of January 1. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the committee. Member must be enrolled in a local 4-H club, FFA chapter, Farm Bureau Youth, or a current member of the Mahoning County Market Livestock Club/Mahoning County Junior Fair. Members must be enrolled in the Market Swine Project. To exhibit in the Junior Fair, members must have enrolled in the project by March 15, 2023. Junior Fair Information Sheet and Guidelines receipt must be submitted online to the Junior Fair by April 19, 2023

REQUIREMENTS:

MANDATORY MEETING REQUIREMENTS: Members taking the Market Swine Project must attend at least three Mahoning County Market Swine Meetings. Meeting dates are available on the Junior Fair Website at www.mcjuniorfair.com. This does not include attendance to Quality Assurance. The Market Skillathon will be considered a meeting. All market livestock members and at least one parent/guardian must attend one Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program or fulfill the optional requirements for the Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program in order to exhibit and sell their Market Swine at the fair. Youth attending college will need to make special arrangements with the committee if there is a conflict with the meeting dates.

➤ It is the sole responsibility of the member and his/her parents or guardian to attend meetings to receive vital information that might otherwise not be made available to them from other resources and to ensure that the information they are receiving is correct and understood.

FAIR EXHIBITION:

➤ **ENTRY FORMS MANDATORY:** To exhibit in the Junior Fair, member must complete and submit a Junior Fair Entry Form by the date specified by the Canfield Fair Office. If a Junior Fair Entry Form is not submitted, then the youth will NOT be permitted to exhibit their animal in the Junior Fair Show.

➤ **EXHIBITOR ONLY POLICY:** Each exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of their animal(s) prior to and during the 2023 Mahoning County Junior Fair; and are required to comply with the "Exhibitor Only" Policy (located at the end of these guidelines), which encourages youth to be the primary individual responsible for this market animal and to properly represent agriculture to the public.

➤ **COMPLETED RECORD BOOK & THANK YOU MANDATORY:** All members taking a Market Swine Project are required to submit a COMPLETED RECORD BOOK for EACH project. The record books must be submitted Sunday of the Fair between 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm in front of the Junior Fair Office to a Swine Committee member. In addition, member must write a THANK YOU note to the buyer of each animal. The committee will provide THANK YOU notes and the postage. **Both the project book(s) and thank you note(s) must be turned in to the committee before payment will be made for the sale of the project animal.** Members not complying can expect a delay in payment until requirements are fulfilled.

➤ **2023 MARKET SALE PICTURE POLICY:** All members planning to exhibit Market Livestock in the Junior Fair Show MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETED PICTURE FORM which includes the youth and the animal they plan to exhibit to the online link provided. If the member has not chosen their final animal when photos must be submitted, then the member must submit photos with each animal and submit the youth name and animal identification with these photos. Photos should be landscape and saved as a jpeg file. Pictures must be clear with a quality of at least a 300 dpi. Youth must be dressed appropriately, and animals must be clean and represent a final market project. If the photo submitted is not a quality photo, the member will be notified to resubmit the photo. **PHOTOS ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL MARKET LIVESTOCK. IF NO PHOTO IS SUBMITTED, THE ANIMAL WILL BE SOLD AT THE END OF JUNIOR FAIR MARKET SWINE SALE and WILL BE LISTED IN THE SALE BILL AS HAVING NO PHOTO AVAILABLE.** Youth without photos will also not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion. Keep in mind that our buyers look forward to these photos to show pride in their purchase. A photo is a simple way to thank your buyer.

➤ **POST FAIR CLEAN UP:** All exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their stalls after the fair. Stall cleaning must be completed between Tuesday and 9:00 a.m. Saturday following the fair. If exhibitor does not clean prior to Saturday, then exhibitors must arrive to participate in the Market Livestock Post Fair Clean-up to be held the Saturday following the fair beginning at 9:00 a.m. Stalls must be completely stripped, and manure hauled to the manure pit. If exhibitor is unable to return, then arrangements should be made within your club for ALL stalls to be cleaned. Garbage (paper, pop cans, plastic etc.) should be disposed of in garbage cans. Manure pits need to contain manure, straw & sawdust only!

PLEASE NOTE: Exhibitors not cleaning/stripping their pen between the Tuesday following the Junior Fair Show and Saturday by 9:00 a.m. during the Post Fair Clean-up, will be notified of their negligence and fined a \$20.00 stall cleaning fee, which will be deducted from their Market Livestock Sale check. **NOTE:** All collected fines will be deposited in the Jim Baer Market Livestock Scholarship Fund.

SECURING MARKET SWINE: PLEASE NOTE: Market livestock animals which are tagged to be exhibited in the Mahoning County Junior Fair Show and intended to be sold for slaughter in the current project year, MAY NOT be exhibited in any other county junior fair market livestock show intended for sale.

1. Birth Date for project animals is recommended to be between February 15 and March 15.
2. **Mule foot swine are prohibited from showing and selling at the fair.**
3. Market Swine must be secured and in member's possession by the date of mandatory tagging & weigh-in.
4. Prior to the purchase of animal, member should question the method of castration and check for evidence of testicular removal.
5. Animals must be housed at the member's residence, when at all possible, unless other arrangements have been made with the committee's approval. (Refer to Exhibition Rule 901-19-39 - Owner Requirements: No person shall register, enter, or exhibit a market hog in Junior Fair Livestock Exhibition unless this person has owned the animal for not less than 60 days.)
6. **NEW 2023: All animals must be tagged or pick up their tags under the direct supervision of the Swine Committee on the SPECIFIED DATE OF MANDATORY TAGGING. Youth should request a written proof of erysipelas vaccine from the point of purchase upon leaving the premises and bring this with them to tagging. The committee will provide the erysipelas vaccine at tagging for those who do not possess such proof of vaccination. First year members may bring their hogs to have hogs tagged and vaccines given at their assigned times on Tagging Day. All other members must pick up tags/shots at the assigned times. All members must submit photos as instructed on the Market Swine Photo Identification Form which will be completed online by June 15.**
7. Each member may tag up to three animals but may bring only one animal to the Junior Fair. If only one animal is tagged per child, the family may register one additional animal under the family name (i.e., Smith, Jones) at the time the animals are tagged. This animal may be a substitute or back-up for any enrolled member of that family.
8. The committee will check for evidence of testicular tissue removal upon tagging. If there is any evidence of testicular tissue or retained testicles, the animal will be barred from the show and sale.
9. Substitute project animals may be authorized up to the time of the fair. Members wishing to make a substitution must have a valid reason, and must contact the Market Livestock Committee in writing, to make the substitution. All registration and identification should be in accordance with the County Livestock Committee Guidelines. Substitute animals will NOT be eligible for Grand or Reserve champion.
10. **Exhibitors are not permitted to exhibit Market Swine that have knowingly been fed "Ractopamine," also known as Paylean, in the Mahoning County Junior Fair Show. The Junior Fair reserves the right to randomly spot test animals during the year if necessary. If an animal tests positive during the year, they will not be permitted to show. If an animal tests positive at the fair, all awards and premiums will be forfeited for that project.**

MARKET SWINE EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS:

1. All project animals must be shown by the member to whom the animal has been registered. Help from a parent or other adult is strictly prohibited during the time a child is in the show ring. Refer to the "Exhibitor Only" guidelines below. If a child is unable to show his or her animal due to sickness or other emergency, another member may show said animal if the County Market Swine Committee and Junior Fair Management have been notified of any hardship and have approved the exhibitor substitution.
2. Exhibits are to be in place by 6:00 p.m. Entry Day, Tuesday. Exhibits will be released at 9:00 p.m. Monday evening. All livestock will remain on exhibit in the Junior Fair area until 9:00 p.m., unless otherwise specified by Junior Fair Management. All decorations must stay in place until the time specified by Junior Fair Management on Monday evening. Exhibitors not complying with this rule, may forfeit their premium, and/or may not be permitted to exhibit the following year. Exhibitors are responsible for their animal until the close of the Junior Fair.
3. Notification must be made to a committee member and Junior Fair Management no less than one week prior to fair entry day if an animal is not going to be exhibited at the fair. If no notification is given, Junior Fair participation in this project can be denied the next year.
4. Market Swine exhibited in the Junior Fair Show must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI or Health Paper) issued within **45 days** preceding the opening date of the fair. All swine must be vaccinated for Erysipelas no less than 21 days prior to the fair. Vaccinations must be documented on the health paper. Members must attach health papers above their assigned pen and retain a photocopy for his/her records.
5. Exhibitors MUST check in at the Junior Fair Office, **before unloading their project**. Youth MUST bring one extra copy of their health paper **for EACH of their animals** at time of registration, and this health paper is to then be stapled on animal's pen.
6. The 2023 Market Swine Show has been designated as **A PARTIAL TERMINAL SHOW**, has been designated as a partial terminal show, which requires that at least the Grand and Reserve Champion Market Swine must be slaughtered. All Market Swine exhibited must be sold in the Market Livestock Sale UNLESS THEY WEIGH LESS THAN 200 LBS (see below).
 - Any animal weighing over 220 may compete for market placing.
 - Any animal weighing 200 to 219 pounds cannot place as Grand or Reserve and will be sold at the end of the sale. The exhibitor may still participate in showmanship.
 - Market Swine weighing less than 200 pounds may stay, at the discretion of the committee, and can **ONLY** be shown in showmanship. These animals **MUST BE TAKEN HOME BY THE EXHIBITOR** at the end of the Junior Fair exhibition. These animals will not sell in the sale.
7. Entries close at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, Entry Day. Swine will be weighed immediately upon arrival to the fairgrounds. There will be **NO RE-WEIGHS**. Members should be present for weigh-in.

PLEASE NOTE: Slick clipping or body shaving of Market Hogs is prohibited except on the ears, and tails. Slick clipping or body shaving means: having hair that is less than one half inch in length on the body of market hogs. (Determination of evidence of slick clipping or body shaving will be at the discretion of the Market Swine Committee, Manager of Junior Fair, Senior Fair Director.)

SHOW/SALE ATTIRE: All exhibitors are required to wear appropriate dress for both handling and showing of animals. For safety reasons, all youth must wear closed toe shoes/boots, jeans and/or long pants. As we are in the public view, dress code while working with animals should be reflective of the agricultural industry. During weigh-in, the show, and the sale; exhibitors are expected to dress in their best jeans/show pants, Market Livestock shirt for weight classes; and/or Market Livestock shirt, clean t-shirt or collared shirt, or nice button show shirt; closed toe, leather shoes/boots. No casual footwear such as sneakers, sandals, flip-flops, or rubber barn boots may be worn in the show ring. Low cut shirts,

tank tops, torn clothing, novelty t-shirts, cut-offs, low cut jeans and like style clothing will not be tolerated and are not considered appropriate show attire. Exhibitors dressed in such clothing shall not be permitted to enter the show/sale ring. Those taking Market Projects should be reminded that pictures for buyers will be taken during weigh-in. PLEASE DRESS ACCORDINGLY!!!

MANDATORY: ALL YOUTH WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A MARKET LIVESTOCK CLUB SHIRT COMPLIMENTS OF WITMERS FEED & GRAIN. THIS T-SHIRT WILL BE REQUIRED ATTIRE IN EACH MARKET CLASS. THIS T-SHIRT WILL NOT BE REQUIRED IN SHOWMANSHIP OR DURING THE SALE.

- Please be reminded of the following: No individual club shirts may be worn to show Market Livestock. Individual club shirts may be worn during the sale & for pictures. If a youth does not have a club shirt or special attire for pictures, then it is highly recommended they wear their new Market Livestock shirt.

ANIMAL CARE DURING THE FAIR: Each Market Swine Club member is responsible for feeding, watering, bedding, cleanliness, grooming, and fitting of their swine from check-in until 9:00 p.m. of the final day of the fair. Any member who violates this rule may be prohibited from exhibiting the following year. Also, foul language, disrespect, and unruly or unsportsmanlike behavior, or animal neglect WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!! Discipline is listed under the Guidelines for Fitting, Showing and Showmanship below.

*****Project animal(s), the stall, and the area around your swine pen must be completely cleaned each day during the fair before 9:00 a.m.** Swine must also be fed on a regular schedule and cleaned periodically throughout the day. Spot checks will be made during the fair. Members not cleaning pens will be given two warnings. The third warning will be considered animal neglect, and the swine will be disqualified from the Junior Fair Show. Exhibitor may also be barred from future participation in Junior Fair activities.

Foul language, disrespect, and unruly or unsportsmanlike behavior, or animal neglect WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!!

\$5.00 per day will automatically be deducted from the sale check of any member who does not comply with the above animal care requirements.

VETERINARY CARE: Any veterinary measures requested by the owner to maintain animal health, are the responsibility of the owner. Each youth showing Market Livestock should have a Permission to Treat Form on file to give permission to the Junior Fair to provide emergency treatment for your animal. All veterinary treatment required after Drug Notification Form is submitted on entry day, must be recorded at the Junior Fair Office to update Drug Notification Information. Any preventative veterinary measures requested by the buyer following the sale, are the responsibility of the buyer; and must be approved by the Market Swine Committee.

ANY MEMBER WHO VIOLATES THESE RULES MAY BE PROHIBITED FROM EXHIBITING THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

SELLING & SHOWING: Market Swine Project animals will be weighed Tuesday evening. All swine must be sold at auction and in the order of their placing in the show ring during the 2023 Junior Fair Show. Grand & Reserve Champion, Showmanship, and Skillathon Winners will be placed at the top of the sale order. Swine in poor condition, unruly, or unmanageable shall not be shown or sold at the fair. Any exceptions must be approved by the committee.

- Market Swine will show at 8:00 a.m. Thursday morning and will sell following the Lamb Sale which begins at 7:00 p.m., Thursday of the Mahoning County Junior Fair. Member must show and sell his/her own market livestock animal. Exceptions will only be made for exhibitors who have submitted in writing the reason for need of a substitute. The name of the substitute must be included in this letter. Permission must be approved by the specific Market Livestock Committee. The member must be present for either the show or the sale. They may not request a substitute for both. Substitute exhibitors must be a current livestock club member and enrolled in the same specie. The name of the person selling for the youth will be documented by the Key Leader. If the member or the substitute is not present at the time of the auction, the project will not be sold. If the member is not present to show and sell their animal, and they have not submitted a written request as mentioned above; then the youth will forfeit the right to show and the right to sell their market livestock animal in the sale. Unexpected emergencies, such as illness...etc., must be reviewed and approved by the committee.

PLEASE NOTE: Market Swine may be misted with water ONLY prior to entering the ring. Skin should have no evidence of powder, polish, oil, and/or any other grooming product which is applied to the skin for show enhancement.

A commission charge of not more than 2% will be withheld from the selling price of the animal sold.

MARKET SWINE SHOWMANSHIP & SKILLATHON

Skillathon and Showmanship Divisions:

Beginner: 8 or 9 and in the 3rd grade as of Jan. 1 of current year

Junior: 10 - 11 (as of Jan. 1 of current year)

Intermediate: 12-14 (as of Jan. 1 of current year)

Senior: 15 - 18 (as of Jan. 1 of current year)

*** Subject to change if too many in one class.**

Market Swine Showmanship will be held Wednesday beginning promptly at 5:30 p.m.

MARKET SWINE SHOWMANSHIP GUIDELINES

1. Open to all members of the Mahoning County Market Swine Club.
2. Each member will fit and show his/her own animal. The member may be asked by the judge to show another animal during the show.
3. Fitting will be judged upon the following criteria of cleanliness, appearance, and general knowledge of exhibitor and the exhibitor's ability to handle the animal. Judges may ask members questions pertaining to the project and animal shown.
4. The Skillathon and Showmanship are not mandatory. Participation is highly recommended.

5. If the member's Market Swine is deemed "unable to be shown" per written excuse from the fair veterinarian, the member may show another member's Market Swine in Showmanship. The excuse must be submitted to the Market Swine Committee, and pre-approved. The final permission will be ultimately the decision of the Market Swine Committee.

MARKET LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON GUIDELINES

1. All Market Livestock Club members are eligible to participate in the Skillathon. Participation is not mandatory but is **highly recommended**.
2. Each skillathon will be handled by the specific subcommittee.
3. Scoring for the skillathon will be dependent on the number of stations offered, which will be determined by the subcommittees.
4. Awards for the skillathons will be selected according to total scores. Each species will select Junior, Intermediate, and Senior skillathon winners.
5. The skillathon winners will be announced during the Market Livestock Show and will sell at the top of the sale order.

EXHIBITOR ONLY POLICY - GUIDELINES FOR ALL LIVESTOCK FITTING, SHOWING, AND SHOWMANSHIP

- (A) A junior livestock show exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior fair livestock show.
- (B) An exhibitor may receive **assistance** in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show, provided that the **assistance shall be limited to explanation and/or demonstration** provided by the following:
- (1) Family members;
 - (2) Household members;
 - (3) Members of the exhibitor's 4-H club, FFA chapter, or other youth organization. Members providing assistance must be active youth members of the youth organization;
- (C) **Assistance will be limited to explanation and minimal demonstration, or for safety purposes.** Explanation and minimal demonstration refers to explaining and/or showing a youth how to perform the task at hand and is restricted to this assistance. **Youth exhibitors are expected to complete the task.**
- (D) Member must show and/or sell his/her own animal. **Coaching or assisting by any person outside the show ring while the exhibitor is showing is prohibited.** ONLY YOUTH EXHIBITORS AND/OR JUNIOR FAIR DESIGNEES AND/OR COMMITTEE MEMBERS ASSISTING WITH THE SHOW MAY BE IN THE RING DURING THE SHOW. Any exceptions must be approved by the committee. Any violation may result in the disqualification of the exhibitor.
- (E) All youth exhibitors, parents, family members, advisors, adult volunteers, or other individuals involved in these projects are expected to maintain a respectable and professional demeanor throughout the project year, and especially during the Junior Fair Show. The project year will be considered from the time an individual enrolls in their project until the next enrollment deadline. **Foul language, disrespectful, unsportsmanlike, unruly behavior and/or animal neglect will not be tolerated.**
Discipline will be any or all of the following:
- (1) One verbal warning to discontinue behavior
 - (2) Second warning will be security escort of the individual from the premises.
 - (3) Third warning will result in the barring from exhibition, and/or participation in the activities held during the year, and/or other Junior Fair Livestock events/activities, and/or Junior Fair Show for up to three years.
- (F) **All youth exhibitors, parents, family members, advisors, adult volunteers, or other individuals involved in these projects are expected to maintain respectable demeanor in the use of social media with regards to the youth involved in the Junior Fair Program. Social Media use, which is deemed unlawful, abusive, threatening, defamatory, obscene, harassing, creates a hostile environment, or creates a negative image of the Junior Fair Youth Program will not be tolerated.**
Discipline will be any, or all of the following:
- (1) One verbal warning to discontinue behavior
 - (2) Second warning will be removal from events/activities
 - (3) Third warning will result in the barring from exhibition, and/or participation in the activities held during the year, and/or other Junior Fair Livestock events/activities, and/or Junior Fair Show for up to three years or a length of time determined by the committee, Manager of Junior Fair, and/or Senior Fair Directors involved in the Junior Fair Show.

IMPORTANT: In extreme situations, where the safety of any individual has been threatened and/or is in question, and/or if there is any evidence of the use of alcohol, drugs, or violence; the committee may waive the right of the first and/or second warning; and may immediately seek assistance in the removal of an individual from the premises. This individual will be placed on probation and the situation will be reviewed as to further participation referring to section (E) number (3) above.

This guideline shall be referred to as the "EXHIBITOR ONLY" guideline. Any additional adult assistance required by a youth exhibitor must be approved by the committee and/or Junior Fair Supervision. Infractions of this guideline shall result in the following:

- (A) If an infraction has been reported and confirmed, one verbal warning will be given immediately to the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian. Exhibitor will be expected to adhere to the guidelines;
- (B) If exhibitor refuses to adhere to the guidelines, a second warning will **result and include a \$50.00 penalty**, which he/she must pay immediately or must agree that the \$50.00 penalty will be deducted from his/her sale check. Penalty money will be paid to the Market Livestock Committee. The penalty and/or agreement to deduct the penalty from the sale check will be attached to a signed, written agreement which states the exhibitor will adhere to the above guidelines;
- (C) A third refusal will be termed as tampering and/or misrepresentation and will result in the immediate disqualification of this exhibitor and their animal from the Junior Fair Show. After the situation is reviewed by the Senior Fair Board, this disqualification may result in the barring of this exhibitor from the Junior Fair Show for a period of up to three years.

Neither the Mahoning County Agricultural Society nor any other youth organization involved in Junior Fair and their volunteers, assume responsibility for exhibits/projects, including livestock, any article lost or stolen or any injury during the fair, or any damage of person or possessions on the grounds, or the neglect of any exhibitor, patron, or employee, nor provide liability insurance to cover the exhibitor nor livestock.

ANY OF THESE GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE.