



Brown County Junior Fair

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TO: Junior Fair Swine Exhibitor

FROM: Roger McKinzie, Sr., Superintendent, Brown County Junior Fair Swine Department *RM*

PLEASE SHARE THIS LETTER WITH YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Breeding Gilt Show NEW for 2024

Breeding gilts will be shown by breed there will also be crossbred classes.

All purebred gilts will require registration papers in the exhibitor's name or immediate family member (parent/guardian) at the time of check-in. Any purebreds without papers at check-in will be put in a crossbred class.

All breeding gilts must be born from January 1, 2024, to April 30, 2024.

All class winners will compete for Supreme Grand and Reserve Champion and 3-5 overall.

Each exhibitor can tag in 4 breeding gilts and show 2.

Per the Ohio Revised Code/ODA animals may only be used for one project. This means once a gilt is declared at tag-in as either breeding or market, it cannot be switched, and the same animal cannot be shown in both.

The Breeding show will follow the Born and Bred Market show on Thursday.

Breeding Gilts will not be eligible for the junior fair sale.

All eligible junior fair exhibitors are eligible to show in the breeding show. This includes those participating in the Commercial Swine project.

To participate in the Breeding Gilt show you will need to register for the Swine Breeding Project, this is project 140 in 4-H. Breeding Gilts will have the option to go on the truck for market price or go home on release time Thursday night. All Breeding Gilts will be weighed at check-in and tattooed. If you do not want tattooed, they cannot go on the truck, they must go home.

Weight limits for Breeding Gilts to go on the truck is 220 lbs.

Breeding Gilts cannot show in Market Classes
Market Gilts cannot show in Breeding Classes

Once a hog goes on the scale, you can not switch out for one of your extras.

It is very important for a **parent and exhibitor to attend the barn meeting on Sunday, September 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** Any announcements/changes will be given then.

This year the swine department will be selling t-shirts. There will be a new design this year. The cost will be \$15.00, and the orders will need to be turned in at June tag-in. Shirts will be passed out after check-in at the fair. Please use the attached order form.

The Junior Fair Swine Department would like to inform you of some changes and additions of this year's fair. Please read all the information in this letter.

New...There is NO Division Winners from Tuesday's Market Barrow's Show. Class Winners will compete for overall Grand / Reserve.

Changes for Market Swine Projects:

1. Weights have changed to 220-290 to stay and show for champion status.
2. Swine clipping is ½ inch on everything (including the head and face) but tail and ears are excluded.
3. All exhibitors are required to complete one skill-a-thon and one project record book check for project in which they are enrolled. Swine skill-a-thon and book checks will be offered September 4th, 5th, and 7th in Rhonemus Hall on the fairgrounds. Specific times will be announced closer to the date. If you are exhibiting an animal that requires skill-a-thon, you **MUST** complete that skill-a-thon, additional skill-a-thons are optional, but encouraged.
4. **NO** altering of appearance **NO OIL BASE PRODUCT, NO PAINTING**, first offence is verbal, second offence is unable to show.
5. There will be a Rate of Gain Champion. It will be announced at beginning of show on Tuesday.
6. Exhibitor taking Market projects can tag 3 Gilts – 3 Barrows and show 2 Gilts and 2 Barrows.

All exhibitors are required to set-up, tear down and clean barns after completion of all of Saturday's Sale.

Pen set up is September 14th and 21st at 8:00 a.m.

All swine shows will be non-terminal, except for Grand and Reserve Champions. They must sell and are terminal. What this means for extra hogs, you will have two options:

- Option 1: Take extra hogs home on Thursday night.
- Option 2: Send to stock yard for market price.

If you choose to take hogs home, they can leave fairgrounds on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at midnight through 6:00 a.m. on Friday, September 27, 2024.

Superintendents/Junior Fair will not be sending any hogs to private packing houses.

All light weight and over-weight pigs will be sent home at check in on Sunday, September 22, 2024, or they can stay and show for grade only and go home on Thursday night.

Pork Producers will be paying the following for this year:

1. \$50.00 per Exhibitor going through sale.
2. \$750.00 to overall OME winner.
3. \$250 to each OME Division winner.
4. \$250 to Grand Champion Bred and Born Barrow and Gilt.
5. \$125.00 for Reserve Champion Bred and Born Barrow and Gilt.
6. \$250.00 for Grand Champion Breeding
7. \$125.00 for Reserve Champion Breeding
8. Sponsoring Skill-a-thon Winners in each age division – 1st Place each age division \$50
2nd Place each age division \$25
9. Trophys for OME

We will have a photographer take pictures of all the winners and you will be able to purchase photos directly from them directly.

Rules regarding "clipping" of swine projects will be as follows: All hair on show pigs, including the underline, face, and head of the animal, must be at least a half inch long at the Brown County Fair. The only exception is the hair on the ears and tail. We need to emphasize the entire body. Hair will be checked on all hogs at check-in on Sunday. If hair is too short, it will be sent home at check in on Sunday, September 22, 2024.

Fair time is just around the corner, and it is very important that all of us do what we can to ensure that we follow the proper steps and procedures relating to Quality Assurance.

SHOW SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

Monday 9:00 a.m.

Market Gilt Show
Showmanship
Sibling Showmanship
Adult Showmanship

Tuesday 9:00 a.m.

Rate of Gain
Market Barrow Show
Over-all Market Project

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Rate of Gain
Commercial Market Show

Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Brown County Bred and Born Market Barrow Show
Brown County Bred and Born Market Gilt Show
Over-all Grand and Reserve Bred and Born
Breeding Gilt Show
Jr. Fairboard recognition Skill-a-thon winners
OME winners announced.
Glenn Wallace Award

PLEASE NOTE... the Bred and Born Market Gilt and Barrow Show will follow the same rules as the Market Gilt, Barrow and Commercial Market Show.

All forms will be uploaded thru Fair Entry as you did last year. You will be required to fill out a drug use form on each hog that is unloaded at the fair. You, as the exhibitor, and a parent must sign the completed drug use form. This will be completed online.

Bring picture to check-in on Sunday, September 22, 2024. **THIS IS A MUST. DO NOT** upload picture.

Check-in for the fair will be Sunday, September 22, from 6:00 a.m. till 10:00 a.m.

Barn meeting will be in the Wallace show barn Sunday, September 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. **EVERYONE, parent and exhibitor**, are encouraged to attend. Any changes and added information will be given at this time.

Tag in will be at the fairgrounds as usual, June 15, 2024, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Everyone will tag their own hog. No one affiliated with Junior Fair will enter your trailer.

There will be a Market Gilt Show on Monday. Weight guidelines and rules for the Market Gilt Show will be the same as the Market Barrow Show. Grand and Reserve Champions will sell at the sale. Sale lineup will be from Monday's market gilt show and Tuesday's market barrow show and commercial show. All class winners will come back and show for Grand and Reserve overall.

Two Market Barrows and two Market Gilts count as one project. (Example: you cannot bring three (3) market barrows and one (1) market gilts as one project.)

OME points will be taken from Monday's market gilt show and Tuesday's market barrow show and Wednesday's Commercial Market Show. OME will sell in the Junior Fair Sale and Pork Producers will be paying \$750 to the OME winner and \$250 to each Division winner. OME winner is NOT considered a champion.

Quality Assurance – All members in market beef, sheep, swine; members in dairy cattle, dairy & meat goats, meat chickens, turkeys, meat rabbits, ducks and geese, are required to complete a Quality Assurance Program by July 1st. Those wishing to show at the State Fair must complete QA by June 1st. To see a list of Quality Assurance Dates/Options visit: go.osu.edu/brownqa.

If you choose to attend QA through a different county or source, you are responsible for any associated fees and must submit your completed paperwork by the deadline of July 1st.

**Quality Assurance may be taught by a school's Agriculture Education teacher. If you are in an Agriculture Education class check with your teacher to confirm.

Every exhibitor has to have a Premises ID# for their hogs. This number has to be for the address in which the hogs are housed. If more than one exhibitor houses at the same address, they all use the same number. Only one number needs to be applied for.

NO Premises ID# ... You cannot unload. To obtain a premise ID#, go to:

https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/oda/divisions/animal-health/forms/premise_registration_form

Download form, complete, print and mail to address listed on the bottom of the form. For questions contact the ODA at 614-728-6220 or email animal@agri.ohio.gov. This needs to be done as soon as possible and put on tag-in sheet.

The USDA Food and Safety Inspection Service recently increased the drug residue testing at all packing plants receiving pigs from county fairs. It is important that any feed or medicine labels are followed correctly. Issues at packing plants have risen from pigs being clipped, so we **are enforcing the ½ inch** hair length rule on **ALL HOGS (THIS INCLUDES GILTS)**. Ears and tail are okay at this time to clip.

We certainly want to be sure that our fair is not among those who have hogs with any type of substance that does not belong in the pig.

Sunday at check-in, ALL HOGS will be weighed, tattooed, hair length checked, and back numbers picked up. At this time pictures **MUST** be turned in. This will be done before you leave the scale area. Check-in will take a little longer since these procedures have to be done so please be patient.

Outstanding Market Exhibitor – OME will be scored in your respective age division regardless of which division you do in showmanship. OME will be scored on skill-a-thon, showmanship, and market barrow, market gilt and commercial class ranking to determine the Outstanding Market Exhibitor. Actual skill-a-thon score is the points you will be given for the skill-a-thon portion of the OME award. Showmanship events will be assigned points according to the following scale in their respective age division. You must finish in the top 10 of your division to receive points. Example: 1st place – 100 points, 2nd place – 98 points, 3rd place – 96 points, etc. Points for the market barrow placing will be assigned according to the following scale. Example: 1st place – 50 points, 2nd place – 49 points, 3rd place – 48 points, etc. There will be a winner from each age division and from the 4 division winners, an overall OME winner will be announced. Winners will be announced after the Bred and Born shows on Thursday.

The Hog Tag Prices will be the same as last year. Each hog tag will cost \$4.00, this includes gilts. Barn security will be Sunday – Friday. The cost of the tags helps to pay for barn security.

This year you may tag up to three market barrows plus three market gilts for the Brown County Fair. You may only bring in two (2) market barrows and two (2) market gilts to the fair. Under no circumstances will you be able to run more than two (2) market barrows or two (2) market gilts across the scale at check in at the fair. This includes, but not limited to, the death of a barrow or gilt on or off the scale or under or overweight. Make sure you only bring two (2) barrows and/or two (2) gilts to the Sunday check in.

***There are NO FANS allowed in the swine barns.

***ALL SWINE PROJECTS MUST BE IN THEIR PENS AT 5:00 P.M. TO CHECK TAG NUMBERS, DESCRIPTIONS, ETC. HOGS CAN BE TAKEN BACK OUT OF THEIR PENS AROUND 8:00 P.M. AS LONG AS ALL HOGS HAVE BEEN CHECKED. MAKE SURE HOGS ARE IN THEIR CORRECT PENS AT ALL TIMES. IF THERE IS A PROBLEM, SEE ROGER MCKINZIE.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WILL BE BY EMAIL TO SWINE EXHIBITORS, FFA ADVISORS AND HEAD 4-H CLUB ADVISORS.

We will be tagging all swine projects this year on Saturday, June 15 from 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds in the swine barn. Enclosed is the sheet you will need to bring with you to tag-in. Please have all information neatly and completely filled out. Make sure you and your parents sign the form. If you are participating in the Brown County Bred & Born classes, then you must have the producer's signature also on that form. The cost of the tags will be \$4.00 per tagged hog this includes gilts. If your projects are not tagged in on this date, you will not be able to show at the fair. If your hog loses its tag, you will need to call the OSU Extension office at 937-378-6716 or Roger McKinzie at 937-618-0040. This must be done within three (3) days, and arrangement will be made to re-tag your hog. EVERYONE needs to come in the Swine Barn to the check-in table so their paperwork can be checked and tag money collected.

Please be as neat and complete as possible when filling out your tag-in sheet. This will help avoid any calls on clarification of information.

If your club comes as a group (all hogs on the same trailer), it is your responsibility to see that your hog and your swine information sheet are correct. (Example: Correct tag number in hog's ear must be the same number on your swine sheet). NO ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE AFTER YOU LEAVE THE TAG IN AREA.

Swine projects are to be kept at your home. If you have to keep your swine projects at another location, it is your responsibility to take care of it every day. In addition, it is to be housed within **20 miles from your house**. The Junior Fairboard has the authority and does do hog checks during the year at different times.

Check-in for the fair will be Sunday, September 22 from 6:00 a.m. till 10:00 a.m. YOU MUST ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN GATE ENTRANCE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL. If you are not there during that time, you will not be able to show during the fair. All hogs will be allowed to go across the scale only once. The weights are as follows: to be eligible for Championship, all market barrows and all market gilts must weigh between 220 lbs. and 290 lbs. All light weight and over-weight pigs will be sent home at check in on Sunday, September 22, 2024, or they can stay and show for grade only and go home on Thursday night.

4-JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITORS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE ASKED NOT TO SOLICIT BUYERS DURING THE JUNIOR FAIR SALES. PLEASE MAKE CONTACT WITH YOUR BUYERS BEFORE THE FAIR STARTS.

Classes for showmanship will be posted after all hogs have been weighed in. All swine members are signed up for this. If you do not want to do showmanship, you will need to tell the person at the weigh-in table on Sunday of the fair.

Swine Sibling Showmanship: Sign up for sibling showmanship will be during the Sunday check in and barn meeting at the announcer's table. Age limits will be for siblings 8 years old and younger as of January 1st of the current year. They will be broken into groups and posted in the barns the day of the show. **SIBLING SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE MONDAY September 23, 2024.**

Swine Adult Showmanship: All adults must sign up for showmanship at check in and the barn meeting at the announcer table. Age limit on this showmanship is 19 years old and older as of January 1st of the current year. **ADULT SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE MONDAY September 23, 2024.**

No nipple waterers will be allowed in the pens at the fair. You will need to feed and water your hogs with pans and remove them as soon as they are done. **DO NOT LEAVE ANY PANS IN THE PENS.** Pens have to be kept dry and clean at all times. **DO NOT FEED HOGS IN THE WASH RACKS. THE FEED CLOGS THE DRAINS.**

Brown County Bred & Born Barrow and Gilt Show: To be eligible for this show, the gilt or the sow must have been in Brown County before November 1st of the previous year. They have to be housed, bred and farrowed in Brown County. Pigs must be born after January 1st and ear notched. All weight guidelines will be the same as the regular barrow show guidelines. All class winners will come back and show in the final drive for Grand and Reserve Champion. The same hog will be eligible to show in the regular Barrow and Gilt Show. There will be a separate form to be filled out by the exhibitor and producer.

We will again be working in the Pork Producers booth at the Brown County Fair. The signup sheet for the fair will be posted on the Sunday of check-in. If you show a swine project, you are expected to help the Swine Department to work the Pork Producer's booth on Wednesday, September 25, 2024.

All shows, showmanship and sale orders will be posted in both barns for everyone to check. If you see anything that needs changed, let us know.

All pigs must be farrowed after January 1.

Each Exhibitor will be given a sale truck/home form on Sunday, September 22, 2024, to be signed by a Parent and turned in NO LATER THAN 30 MINUTES after the last show you are showing in. It is your responsibility to make sure it is turned in. If it is not turned in within that 30 minutes, they will not be going on the truck.

If you have any questions, please call Roger McKinzie at 937-618-0040 or the OSU Extension Office at 378-6716.

Enclosures

c: Head Advisors
Agriculture Education Instructors
Junior Fair Swine Department Members