

SO YOU ARE TAKING A HOG PROJECT



Hogs are a really fun project to take. This page contains some basic information to assist you in preparing for fair. Good luck!

	Market Hog Project*		Breeding Hog Project
	*The same hog cannot be shown in both Saturday & Monday/Tuesday shows		
	Monday/Tuesday Market show at fair:	Saturday Purebred Barrow show at fair:	Saturday Breeding Gilt Show at fair:
Recommended Breeds	Crossbred, Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire	Classes Offered: Berk, Chester White, Duroc, Hamp, Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spot, Tamworth, York	Classes Offered: Berk, Chester White, Duroc, Hamp, Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spot, Tamworth, York and crossbreds.
Recommended Age at Fair	6 months	"Must be born after November 1	4-6 months "Must be born after November 1
Recommended Date of Birth	Mid December- Early January		Mid November- Early February
Date of Possession	April 15	April 15	April 15
QA Required?	Yes	Yes	No
Recommended Minimum Vaccinations	Mycoplasma Pneumoniae, Circovirus, Flu, Erysipelas	Mycoplasma Pneumoniae, Circovirus, Flu, Erysipelas	Mycoplasma Pneumoniae, Circovirus, Flu, Erysipelas
Recommended Worming	Every 30 days with Safeguard or Ivermectin	Every 30 days with Safeguard or Ivermectin	Every 30 days with Safeguard or Ivermectin
Pre-Fair Tagging	Yes-April	No – but purebreds must submit registration papers.	No – but purebreds must submit registration papers. Crossbreds must submit picture ID that shows ear notches.
Exhibit	1 or 2 hogs	Up to max number allowed at fair. Hogs in this class do not count in market total.	Up to max number allowed at fair
Recommended Male/Female	Barrows or gilts	Barrows only	Female Only
Must Weigh by Fair	215-300 lbs	--	--
Recommended Feed	Complete feed 20% protein to 100#, then 18-16% to finished weight	Complete feed 20% protein to 100#, then 18-16% to finished weight	Complete feed 20% protein to 100#, then 16% to finished weight
Recommended Bedding	Shavings	Shavings	Shavings
What is the judge looking for?	Heavy muscled, heavy structured, structurally correct, able to walk with ease	Purebreds must meet breed assoc. standards. Structurally correct, able to walk with ease	Purebreds must meet breed assoc. standards. Structurally correct, able to walk with ease, evenly spaced & well-formed teats on each side, well-shaped & sized vulva

It's almost Fair Week – What do I need to pack?

Bedding	Bucket for water	Brushes	PVC water tube	Thank you poster for last year's buyer Shovel, Pitchfork, and Broom (Wheel Barrel-will be provided)
Feed	Extension Cord	Water based shampoo	Tack box	
Feed pan	Spray Bottle	Cane, pipe, or whip	DUNF	

A few things to know:

- ❖ Quality Assurance training is completed in-person or by on-line YQCA. Must be completed annually between October and May 1 with certification received at the Extension Office by May 2.
- ❖ Each exhibitor must register their animals for fair through the online program set up by the Livestock & Sale Committee. On-line registration is open from April 15-May 15.
- ❖ Prior to the fair, it is helpful to weigh your hog every other week if possible.
- ❖ You must be enrolled and complete (skillathon and project book) a breeding hog project at the county in order to exhibit it at state fair. Showing at county is not required.
- ❖ Animals used for a Swine Breeding project may not be used for a Market Hog project as well.
- ❖ Purebred Barrow class falls under the 4-H Market Hog project. Animals in the Purebred Barrow class at Pickaway Fair cannot also be tagged at April tagging or shown in regular Market hog classes at Pickaway Fair.
- ❖ Walk your hog daily in the cool part of the day. Early mornings or late afternoon/evening is best.
- ❖ Hogs may not be slick clipped or body shaved. Only the ears and tails may be shaved. Clip ahead of time. No clipping may take place during fair. Hair length must be greater than ½ inch!
- ❖ Hogs are easily stressed! Make your move to the fair as stress-free as possible. Do not move them in the heat of the day. Leave yourself plenty of time to load and transport your hogs. Fair is typically hot. A spray bottle is good to keep your animal cool. Never dump water on an overheated pig!
- ❖ Breeding Hogs and Purebred Barrow entries do not stay at the fair. They show on the first Saturday evening. They may show off trailer or a few pens will be available. All breeding hogs leave at the conclusion of the show.
- ❖ Only water should be used in grooming your hog before and during the show. No oil-based grooming products are permitted.
- ❖ Drenching at the fair is not permitted except by a veterinarian. Drenching is defined as an act of using an instrument placed in an animal's mouth to orally administer a liquid, food, or any other substance.
- ❖ In the show ring, touch your hog as little as possible. Utilize your cane, pipe, or whip to move your hog around the ring.
- ❖ Sale Intentions must be made! Sale Intentions are required for every market exhibitor for every market show they participate in, even if it's only one! Sale Intentions tell the Sale Committee which animals you are planning to sell through the Livestock Sale and which animals will be loaded onto the packer truck.

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*****Keep fresh water available at all times*****