

Hog Project Guidelines

Project Goals:

To aid the development of young people into responsible adults by:

- Teaching responsibility through working with animals that depend on them to provide proper feed and care.
- Teaching the value, use and management of money through its investment in animals, feed, equipment and when applicable, receiving a return on investment.
- Teaching sportsmanship and cooperation through participation in working with other members and shows.

To help young people gain an appreciation for:

- The place of livestock in agriculture and its contribution to people.
- The anatomy and physiology of a monogastric animal.
- The importance of proper growth and development of breeding and market animals.

To help young people gain skills in:

- Selecting the kind of animal that will make rapid, efficient gains and produce a high-quality product.
- Feeding animals for optimum growth and proper development, while considering health and welfare.
- Grooming and showing of gilts & barrows.
- Keeping records.

General 4-H Requirements

1. Youth interested in joining the club may attend one meeting before enrolling into the program.
2. To be fully enrolled, a member must have paid the enrollment fee, have an up to date account in the enrollment system, as well as a signed release for that 4-H year.
3. All 4-H members are required to complete one public presentation per 4-H year.
4. All 4-H hog members must complete a project record book for EACH of their Livestock Sale animals. Those who are not participating in the Livestock Sale must submit one Non-Livestock Sale Record Book. Members must also complete one set of core pages for the year. All record book components are due by September 30th of that year.
5. All members must participate in at least one club fundraiser and one club community service event.
6. To be in good standing, members must be in with the Code of Conduct and club bylaws.

Ownership

1. All animals must be owned OR sponsored by the exhibitor.
2. Sponsored animals are permitted. In accordance with state policy, each member is allowed two sponsor animals per species, as long as they do not own an animal in that same species. Visit <https://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/state-events/project-animal-forms>

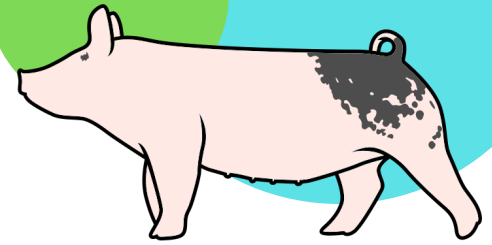
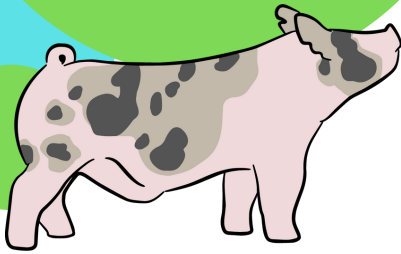


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Registration

1. ALL HOGS MUST BE BORN ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1ST- NO EXCEPTIONS.
2. ALL hogs (includes breeding & market) must be tagged and weighed in OR registered using the online form by May 11th, 2024. Hogs not weighed in or registered by May 11th will NOT be eligible to be shown in the 4-H hog show at the Dutchess County Fair.
3. Each hog may only be registered under ONE child. The only exception is Cloverbuds, as Cloverbuds may borrow an animal.
4. All hogs you wish to be eligible for the Livestock Sale must be weighed at the Hog Weigh-In, usually held in May.
5. Youth may register/weigh-in up to four total owned animals by the registration deadline.
6. All registered animals must be accompanied by valid registration papers to be shown in a purebred class. These papers must be provided by the May 11th deadline.
7. Any animal registered by the deadline must be in the care of the member from that date forward.
8. All hogs should be tagged with an 840 RFID tag by the weigh-in/registration deadline.

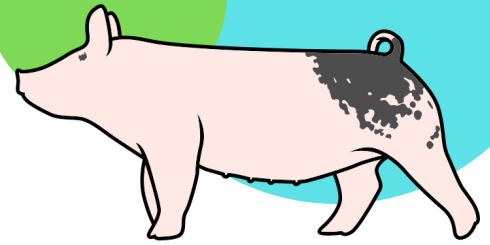
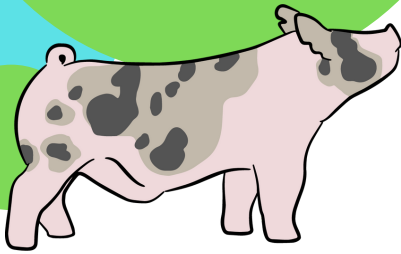
Dutchess County Fair Policies

1. Online entries close August 1st; Entries must be completed by 8/1 in order to show (no exceptions).
2. Four entries per exhibitor. Youth may only tag up to 4 hogs with 4-H tags.
3. Cloverbuds: May participate in the Cloverbud Showmanship, Cloverbud Market Hog, Cloverbud Gilt exhibition classes, and the Cloverbud Bred and Owned class. If the Cloverbud has more than one hog, only one hog may be shown in each class. Cloverbuds may not show in any of the other classes, either with their own hogs or another 4-H member's hog. They must be accompanied by an adult or 4-H'er 18 or older when in the show ring. Cloverbuds cannot participate in the Livestock Sale. Cloverbuds who exhibit will receive a participation ribbon and 6 premium points. Cloverbuds are not required to own the hog they exhibit as long as they are active members in a 4-H Hog Club.
4. Each exhibitor is responsible for the care of his/her own hogs and for cleaning of pen and surrounding area.
5. Exhibitors must use the nipple watering system we provide. It must be operational at all times and will be checked.
6. Weigh-in: The exhibitor and parent or leader must be present at the scale as the hogs are weighed on Monday night. Sale hogs will be weighed first. Ear tags must be readable and clean. Any purebred hogs MUST present registration papers at the weigh-in, no exceptions. ***Any hogs that are not weighed in during this designated time will not be eligible for any 4-H show.*
7. All eligible exhibitors MUST participate in the Showmanship class provided that they have successfully completed the online registration to participate in the Dutchess County Fair. If online registration is not completed by the stated deadline, the exhibitor is no longer eligible to register or participate in 4-H shows.
8. Dress Code for Showmanship: White or dark solid colored pants/jeans in good repair with a short sleeve/long sleeve collared shirt with no logos (club or farm), no writing and no graphics. Individual advisories may choose to enforce a specific color shirt. Please note that the youth qualifying for Master Showmanship will need to wear a white collared shirt during the Sunday competition.
9. Animal Treatment: Hog advisory may suggest to 4-H staff that any exhibitor treating their animal in what is considered an inhumane manner be expelled from the fair.
10. All hogs and tack must be removed by Monday at 3pm

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Dutchess County Fair 4-H Classes

- Market Hog: Open to all 4-H hogs, any weight, including hogs entered in sale class.
- Breeding Gilts: Classes will be broken according to BIRTH DATE. Animal birth date must be on the entry form! If no birth date is provided, you will not be entered. A valid certificate of breed registration must be provided at time of weigh-in, for purebred gilts. If a registration is not provided at time of weigh-in, the gilt will be moved to the Crossbred class. The Crossbred class will be broken and shown by weight.
- Bred & Owned: 4-H Member must own and care for the sow for 2 months prior to breeding. The child must be present for breeding of that animal. All of the exhibitors possible bred and owned hogs must be entered online in the Fair Entry System. Youth will be asked to select one animal from those that they entered, to be shown in the Bred & Owned class.
- Purebred Barrows: Open to all purebred barrows with registration papers, which must be presented at time of weigh-in, according to their breed association. Registration papers must be in exhibitor's name. Classes will be broken according to the amount of entries.
- **GILTS MAY NOT BE DOUBLE ENTERED-** You must choose either the Market Hog class or the Breeding Gilt class (the Youth Livestock Sale Class is a separate class, so you may show your hog in the sale class and the breeding gilt class for example)

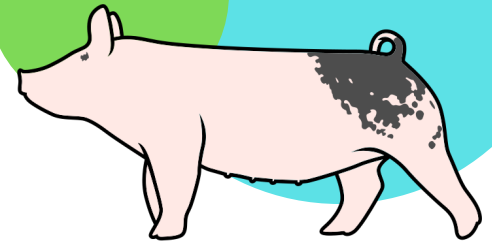
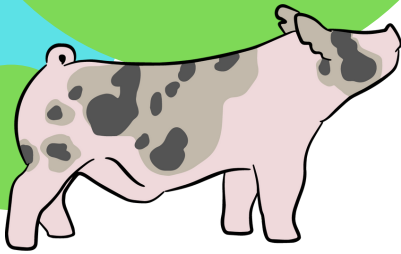
Ag & Markets Guidelines *(note that these are from 2023 and may change from year to year)*

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals properly identified. See Animal Identification section above.
- Swine must be identified by an official USDA approved ear tag. Radio frequency identification (RFID) ear tags, commonly referred to as "840 RFID tags," are strongly recommended. Nursing piglets do not have to be individually identified if the sow is correctly identified on the CVI and the number of piglets in the litter is noted on the CVI.
- New York Origin Livestock:
 - A valid intrastate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI AI-61) is required.
 - Each animal must be individually identified on the CVI (see below).
 - The CVI must be issued on or after May 1 of the current year.

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Youth Livestock Sale

To be eligible for the Youth Livestock Sale members must:

- be a member in good standing in the club (includes community service, fundraiser attendance, public presentation, enrollment, and up to date record book)
- be 8+ years old as of Jan 1st of that year
- weigh-in their market animal on the scheduled date
- follow and meet all Youth Livestock Sale guidelines and requirements

SPONSORED ANIMALS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE SOLD IN THE LIVESTOCK SALE.

- Ownership: By May 11, 2024.
- Weight & Age: 220 pounds and above at weigh-in at the fair on Monday night. Born on or after January 1 of the current year.
- Placing: Judge will place Grand, Reserve and up to the next 13 placed hogs. All animals will be placed by a judge and sold in quality order. ALL CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION ANIMALS MUST SELL. Only animals deemed appropriate quality for sale by the judge will sell. The judges' decision is final. All animals that are placed high enough to sell, MUST sell.
- How many entries: Three per exhibitor; only the top placing hog may sell unless agreed otherwise by the Hog Advisory and DCASLSC.
- Youth will be allowed to sell two animals in a species or division if there are not enough youth whose animals qualify for the sale. The judge will place all animals entered and youth with more than one qualifying animal will sell the higher placing animal first.
- Care & Housing: Is the responsibility of the exhibitor at all times
- Sale Unit: Hogs will sell by the pound.
- Commission: Will be 10% up to the first \$1,000 and 7.5% for anything over \$1,000 per unit, automatically deducted from seller's check.
- Antibiotics/Drugs: Any animal testing positive for drug residue in their system will be replaced by the seller. The seller will forfeit the right to sell indefinitely.
- Trucking: Seller must truck animals from the fairgrounds to the sale designated slaughtering facility. Any other destination is the responsibility of the buyer.
- Slaughter & Processing Fees: Responsibility of the buyers. However, the youth must pay the processor, and obtain an invoice which will be submitted to the buyer for reimbursement.
- Delivery of Meat to Buyer: Responsibility of the seller unless buyer requests other arrangements.

See Youth Livestock Sale documents for more information: <https://www.dutchessfair.com/participate/exhibitors-competitions/>

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