

# Important Information for 2021 Swine Exhibitors

## Clinic

- July 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Jr. Fair Arena.
- Remember- This is an optional event. At the clinic the topics that will be evaluated at the skill-a-thon will be released.

## Hog Tag-In at the Fairgrounds

- June 26<sup>th</sup> 6am-8am
- All hogs must be tagged in at the fairgrounds this year.
- It helps if you know whose name each hog goes into before you arrive at the fairgrounds. Each hog can go in two different members' names, **IF** the members are in the same family and are at the same address.

## Skill-a-thon

- Members are not required to complete the skill-a-thon portion of the evaluation. They are still required to complete their project book and go through the interview on the evaluation date. In order to be considered for Premier Exhibitor, you must complete the skill-a-thon.
  - Premier Exhibitor is determined by skill-a-thon score, showmanship placing and market class placing.
- August 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8. This year the swine skill-a-thon will be the same night as the beef and sheep as well. The stations for the skill-a-thon will be announced at the clinic.
- You can sign up for your interview time starting June 18<sup>th</sup> at the following link:  
[https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3kivF4UjI958B8](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3kivF4UjI958B8)
- **First year members** must have the following pages completed in their book.

Topics of Interest ( <i>pg. 3-4</i> )	Photo ( <i>pg. 16</i> )	Feed tag questions ( <i>pg.24</i> )	Inventory ( <i>pg. 32</i> )	Growth Chart ( <i>pg.41-42</i> )
Activities ( <i>pg. 5-10</i> )	Treatment record ( <i>pg. 20</i> )	QA Questions ( <i>pg. 26-27</i> )	Animal Inventory ( <i>pg.35</i> )	Estimated ADG ( <i>pg. 41-42</i> )
Leader/Citizenship ( <i>pg.12-13</i> )	Read a Feed Tag ( <i>pg.23</i> )	Pen ( <i>pg.30</i> )	Feed Expenses ( <i>pg. 37</i> )	

- **Non-first year members should have the entire Livestock Record completed.**

## Weigh-In

- September 30<sup>th</sup> 6 a.m.-10 a.m. and 5 p.m.- 9 p.m. The hogs will only be weighed right off the trailer. Weigh-ins will only be done during these times and all hogs must be in place by 9 p.m. Thursday night. You will also fill out your Drug Use Notification Form at that time.
- It helps if you know your pen number when you come through to weigh your pig.
- If you are bringing two hogs to the fair, please have a plan for your second hog when you come to weigh-in.

## Fair Reminders

- “Any Market Gilt or Market Barrow exhibitor not wishing to show in the Carcass Show and Champion Drive, must notify the show advisor before the animals enter the ring for Champion Drive. For the Junior Fair Swine Show, the exhibitors not wishing to show in the Champion Drive for Market Gilt or Market Barrow must decide and notify a show advisor before these two Champion Drives of 12 animals begins. Final placings of the top 16 Market Hogs must go to the Carcass Show.” If you do not want to have your animal in the Champion Drive, the sooner you can tell the show advisor, the better.
- At the auction, the kids will leave the sale ring immediately after their animal is sold and give their picture and buyer ribbon personally to the buyer. The auction workers will help to get the hog back into the pen.

## Core Questions for Market Hog Projects

*These questions could be asked during your interview. Judges may ask other questions in place of, or in addition to those listed.*

### Junior Core Questions

1. Why did you select this hog for your project?
2. Describe your hog’s housing, feeding, and watering set-up
3. What do the terms castration and ear-notching mean? Why do we use them?
4. How much are you feeding your hog?
5. How will you train your hog for the junior fair?
6. What is Quality Assurance and why is it important when raising a market animal?
7. Name a pillar of character and explain what it means.

### Senior Core Questions

1. Describe the strong and weak points of your market hog.
2. What does ADG mean? How do you figure it?
3. What does VCPR mean? Why is it important?
4. When did you worm your hog last? Why is worming important?
5. What external parasites do hogs get? What are the symptoms and treatments?
6. Where does excess fat show on hogs? What is an acceptable back fat measure?
7. Name two pillars of character and explain what they mean.

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