

2016-107 LOUDOUN COUNTY SWINE CLUB RULES

- 1.** In order to participate in the 2016-2017 Loudoun County Fair and Auction the following rules must be adhered to by the 4h member/exhibitor.
- 2.** The exhibitor must attend 50 % of the Swine Club meetings throughout the year. Record books must be 70% completed prior to the July meeting before fair.
- 3.** Each exhibitor must turn in a completed record book to the extension office from the previous club year if the member declared a market animal. A score of at least 70% must be achieved.
- 4.** There will be one weigh-in and tag in (on or about the first Friday or Saturday of May.) It is mandatory that each hog is present for weighing tagging. If not, the member is ineligible to show.
- 5.** Market hogs must grade U.S. No. 2 or higher to be sold in the auction and meet auction committee and fair rules.
- 6.** Market hogs must weigh between 220 and 295 pounds.
- 7.** Weight classes will be as the following: Light Weight: 220 lbs-244 lbs., Middle Weight: 245 lbs-270 lbs., Heavy Weight: 271 lbs-295 lbs.
- 8.** Premiums will not be awarded in Commercial Classes.
- 9.** Hogs exhibited at any show prior to the Loudoun County Fair must have a health certificate issued by a veterinarian.
- 10.** Only water will be allowed on hogs for showing.
- 11.** Each exhibitor is allowed to show two (2) hogs at the fair. Only one may be sold at the livestock auction. If a single exhibitor has the grand champion hog and the reserve champion hog, both animals must be sold at the fair auction.
- 12.** Premiums will be withheld if hogs are not properly taken care of (watered, fed, pens kept clean) during the fair.
- 13.** All feed pans and water pans must be removed from pens after feeding.
- 14.** Loudoun County 4-h'ers and FFA members enrolled in a market swine project must own their animal by May 1st. All market hogs must be weighed in at the official weigh-in in May. All animals will be tagged at weigh-in.

- 15.**The hair length on a hog's body (ham, top, sides and shoulders) must be at least one -half (1/2) inch. Hogs with body hair length less than one -half (1/2) inch are ineligible to show.
- 16.**All hogs will be weighed in only one (1) time at fair weigh-in. At this time the hog may be taken off the scale and walked right back on for a one time only re-weigh.
- 17.**Hogs must weigh a minimum of 220 pounds to a maximum of 295 pounds to be eligible for the carcass contest.
- 18.**On auction night of the fair week, all hogs must be washed and the barn clean and ready for potential buyers by 3:00 pm. No washing of animals will be allowed after 3:00 pm.
- 19.**Each swine club member will be required to participate in at least one (1) fundraiser during the year and obtain at least one (1) sponsorship.
- 20.**For the bred and owned divisions, a family with multiple children showing may use litter mates and each show in the bred and owned class. To show in the Bred and Owned Market Hogs or Gilts classes, the member or family must own the sow at the time of breeding.
- 21.**If a member is more than fifteen (15) minutes late to a monthly meeting, that meeting will not count.
- 22.**A member must participate in trash clean up or ice cream shack duty during the fair. Every member must help with the BBQ dinner. If these duties are not fulfilled, the member forfeits premiums.
- 23.**Declared Heritage Bred hogs will compete in separate classes for heritage breeds. They will not compete against a cross-bred market hog or gilts. There must be at least two (2) heritage breeds to make a class.
- 24.**All declared Heritage Breed hogs to be exhibited must have registration papers at the time of official weigh in and tag in. The registration papers must be in the sole name of the exhibitor.
- 25.**Heritage Breed hogs that grade U.S. No. 2 or higher and meet fair auction rules will be eligible for sale in the auction.