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Dear Swine & FFA Advisors:

**SWINE WORKDAY** - *This year's swine workday will be held on Saturday July 31, 2021 9am to ? . The more that come and help, the faster everything will get done.*

**ARRIVAL** - You may bring your pigs to the fairgrounds this year between 6pm Wednesday August 4 until 10am Thursday August 5. **BARN #1** - Enter at Powell Avenue Gate, go past the Beef Barn, past the west side of the Cattle Show Arena, and unload and move your vehicle out ASAP. **Barn 2 & Barn 3** - Enter at the Powell Avenue entrance, and turn left before the Beef Barn; also, move your vehicle as soon as unloaded. Please unload with your vehicle horizontal to the barn, use gates provided. **DO NOT** block the drive. This will help let traffic flow through the driveways. It is O.K. to bring tack and bedding in on Tuesday August 3 or before.

**EAR NOTCHES** - Again this year, all swine coming to the fair **MUST BE** ear notched. Pigs will be checked randomly in the barn and all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners of each junior fair class will be checked as they leave the arena. Pigs brought to the fair must match the swine/picture I.D. ear notch number entered for the exhibitor on or before May 15, 2021 on the swine ID Form.

**WEIGH-IN, EAR TAGGING** - Breeding Gilts, Performance pigs and ~~Scramble Pigs~~ will be weighed on Thursday, August 5 beginning at 6pm. The rest of the weigh-in will start at 8am Friday, August 6. **WEIGH ORDER** first will be Barn 2 starting at South side of Barn 2 the isle next to wash racks, after Barn 2 is completed, then Barn 3 starting with the North side isle of Barn 3 and after Barn 3 is complete, Barn 1 will weigh. Prior to coming to the fair, remove all plastic ear tags except Performance & ~~Scramble~~ tags. Breeding gilts must weigh a minimum of 200 pounds. An exhibitor may not exhibit more than two breeding gilts. **PLEASE INFORM YOUR MEMBERS!!!** There will be **NO** reweighs. First weight is the final weight. The weight range (200-300) was extended to accommodate this change.

**COUNTY BORN & RAISED SHOW** - Champaign County Born & Raised entries were to be marked on the Swine ID picture form that was turned in May 15 by exhibitors. The county swine breeders also have turned in sale verifications of eligible entries. A \$5.00 (**cash only**) per hog entry fee will be collected at the fair weigh-in Thursday August 5 & Friday August 6. An exhibitor can show 6 hogs in County Born & Raised classes. **The final cut off for entries will be 30 minutes at the end of weigh-in Friday 8/6/2021 - NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

**SHOWMANSHIP** - Be sure to sign up when you bring your hog(s) to weigh in the show arena on Thursday August 5 or Friday August 6, look for the person with the clipboard to sign-up, deadline to register for showmanship is at 5pm Friday August 6. 4-H Showmanship age divisions, as of 1/1/2021: Senior - 15-18, Intermediate 12-14, Junior 9-11, Rookie 8 & 9, 1<sup>st</sup> year showing. FFA Showmanship divisions, grade as of 1/1/2021: Senior grade 11-12, Junior grade 7-10.

**WEIGH-IN CARDS & EXHIBITOR #'S** - Cards should be picked up by Club Advisors on Thursday evening August 5 or Friday morning August 6 from the show arena extension office. Each exhibitor is to complete a weigh-in information card for each pig and bring it to the scales. Name, parent's name, address and type of exhibit (show entered) are to be completed when the card is turned in. All sale pigs will be identified on Monday, August 9 or Tuesday, August 10 from 1-4pm. **NO CHANGES OR ADDITIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 4pm TUESDAY.** **EACH breeding gilt must have a completed card at the scales.** Exhibitor numbers will be available to clubs at that same time in the show arena office.

**DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORMS (DUNF'S) & PRODUCERS AFFIDAVIT FORMS WILL BE TURNED IN AT WEIGH-IN - A Drug Use Notification Form (1 for each hog) should be filled out on-line prior to coming to the fair and weigh-in. Use Ear Notches in the ID section. The office will enter your ear tag number after the weigh-in. Producers form (1 per exhibitor) must be filled out for all market swine.** Parent's signature is required for those under the age of 18. [Click Here to Complete DUNF Form](#)

**FFA/4-H MARKET GILT & SCRAMBLE PIGS SHOW** Monday August 9 - Again this year the show order is FFA Market Gilt Show (starting 9am), ~~Scramble Pigs will show in between the FFA Market Gilt Show and 4-H Market Gilt Show.~~ Following 4-H Gilt Show is the Performance Pig Show (approximately 4pm). ~~Scramble pigs will be penned with their clubs/chapters this year. Also remember, scramble pigs may show in the market class as well as the required Scramble show.~~

**PEN ASSIGNMENTS** - Attached, along with barn maps.

**SALE ORDER** - Champions, Reserve Champions, and class winners will sell first in the sale on Thursday August 12 at 1pm. Others will sell according to the number they draw when they identify their sale hog on Monday, August 9 or Tuesday, August 10, from 1-4pm. Again this year, there will be a Breeding Gilt Sale at 7pm Tuesday, August 10. More details will be available at the fair.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS!!!**

- ☺ Weigh-in location will be the swine show arena. Scales will be located in the show ring. All hogs, (**except Scramble and Performance Pigs**) will be tagged in the show arena area just prior to weighing.
- ☺ "Seasoned" participants suggest identifying your pig with colored chalk before going to scales.
- ☺ Weight limits for Jr. Fair & Open Class market swine are **200-300 lbs.**, ~~Scramble minimum 180 lbs.~~
- ☺ Weigh in on Thursday, August 5 at 6pm is Breeding Gilts, ~~Scramble pigs~~, and Performance Pigs (a Sonoray will be done at the same time), then on Friday August 6 at 8am all Market Pigs starting in Barn 2, Barn 3, then Barn 1.

Each exhibitor is required to designate their sale pig and draw a sale order number **between 1-4pm Monday, August 9 or Tuesday, August 10 of the fair.** Livestock Sale Committee members will man a table each day at the Swine concession to gather this information.

☺ No pigs will be clipped or shaved on the fairgrounds. The required hair length clipped prior to the fair is ½ inch minimum.

☺ For All Swine Shows – water or water-based product only may be used as show dressing.

☺ Exhibitors may not show market hogs in both 4-H & FFA.

☺ Exhibitors may not show breeding gilts in both 4-H & FFA.

☺ After weigh-in, pigs may not be pulled until excused by the Judge, Veterinarian or Fair Official.

☺ For Reserve Barrow Drive - 1st and 2nd place exhibitors **may not** pull barrows from the Reserve 4-H & FFA Champion Barrow Drive. No 3rd place barrows will be eligible for this drive.

☺ All Jr. Fair exhibitors must have attended a Quality Assurance Program prior to June 1, 2021, the Swine Skillathon & completed a Swine project packet to be eligible to show their swine project at the fair

☺ This year's swine sale will again be a Premium Sale at 1pm Thursday, August 12.

#### **SWINE SHOW RULES CLARIFICATION**

1. All pigs will be weighed on a 1 lb. break. Uniform classes will be fairly divided in size by weight.

2. Division Winners will be selected from Class Winners in each Market Show to compete for Champion.

3. Purebred Division winner may show for Champion if all requirements are met.

4. The total number of market hogs shown may not exceed 6 head by each Jr. Fair exhibitor. (~~This number DOES NOT include Scramble pigs.~~) This number includes an individual exhibitor's Jr. Fair entries.

5. **Terminal Sale** - Each exhibitor is permitted one trip through the Jr. Fair Swine Sale ring (~~Scramble pigs exempt~~). Members who wish to take pigs home or sell for purposes other than slaughter must **NOT** sell those pigs in the Jr. Fair Swine sale. All exhibitors may only go through sale ring 2 times regardless of # of different species.

6. **Extra Pigs** - All extra pigs will be excused **Wednesday, August 11** after the Open Class Barrow Show. All extra pigs **MUST** be removed by midnight, Wednesday, August 11, except those for the King of the Ring contest.

#### **SHOW TIMES & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The following is the list of shows, days and approximate times, along with additional information:

❖ Friday, August 6	Breeding Gilt Show	6:00 pm or 1 hour after weigh-in
❖ Saturday, August 7	Showmanship FFA, 4-H	9:00 am
	County Born Show	follows Showmanship
❖ Sunday, August 8	Pee Wee Showmanship	Noon (show order, younger to older)
❖ Monday, August 9	FFA Market Gilts	9:00 am
	<del>Scramble Pig Show</del>	<del>following FFA Market Gilts</del>
	4-H Market Gilts	following <del>Scramble Pig Show</del> FFA Market Gilts
	Performance Show	4:00 pm or approx. 1 hour after Jr. Fair Gilt Show
❖ Tuesday, August 10	FFA Market Barrows	9:00 am
	4-H Market Barrows	following FFA show
	Breeding Gilt Sale	7:00 pm
❖ Wednesday, August 11	Open Class Barrow Show	8:00 am
❖ Thursday, August 12	Jr. Fair Swine Sale	1:00 pm (no animals will go through ring)
	King of the Ring Show	3:00 pm (Woodruff Show Arena)

**BREEDING GILT SHOW ELIGIBILITY** - Exhibitors **MUST BE** enrolled in a Breeding Gilt Project to weigh in and show in the Breeding Gilt Show!!! **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** Breeding gilt weigh-in will be Thursday August 12 at 6pm. **NO BREEDING GILTS WILL BE WEIGHED ON FRIDAY.** As a reminder, breeding gilts need to be ear notched and on the pig identification forms submitted on or before May 15, 2021. Maximum 2 head per exhibitor for the Breeding Gilt show. Breeding exhibitors may remove their gilts after the show on Friday August 6 at 6pm.

**OPEN CLASS SHOW** - Jr Fair Barrows are eligible to show in the Open Class Barrow Show. They must be entered at the fair secretary office by 2pm July 28, 2021.

**SALE NIGHT** - Members must be in line at least 25 lots before their sale slot. Those who miss will sell at the top of the last page in the sale, but **NOT** last.

**PIG REMOVAL INFORMATION** - All pigs, including breeding gilts, lights & heavies, must leave the fairgrounds by midnight Wednesday, August 11. Exhibitors may be able to sell market extra pigs at the fairgrounds Wednesday, August 11 afternoon, following the Open Class Barrow Show.

**PEN CLEANING POLICY – SWINE BARNs** After the swine sale and sale hogs are loaded out, all hog pens are to be cleaned and the manure put in the designated place. A 4-H Club or FFA Chapter whose pens are not cleaned will be fined \$20.00/pen as a pen cleaning fee (Club Treasurer will be billed). All 4-H & FFA Club Advisors will verify which pens are cleaned with the Jr. Fair Swine Committee representatives by 6:00 pm on Friday, August 12. Exhibitors will be given until August 20 at 7pm to clean pens with no fines.

#### **BARN RULES:**

1. Please keep tack up on top of pens. This will help keep aisles cleaner and make less confusion in aisles. **DO NOT** leave feed pans in pens 24 hours/day.

2. Please keep pans out of pens when not in use. It is better to water your pigs more times a day than make your pens sloppy mess. Let's take some pride in keeping our pens and pigs clean and dry with fresh shavings.

3. Wires holding the Pen Donors names are suspended above pens in Barn 1, 2 & 3. These wires are **NOT** for club use or decorations.

4. Clubs in the Swine barns are responsible for damage to Donor Signs in their pen area.

5. Pens in the Swine barns are to be bedded with shavings only. Shavings will be available for purchase at the fairgrounds.

6. **NO** pens, posts or other parts of Barn 1, Barn 2 or Barn 3 may be painted.

7. Pens in the Swine barns must be kept clean daily in order to maintain a dry, clean home for project pigs and avoid ammonia odor. Let us all make a positive impression to the public!
8. Wash Rack Schedule - Exhibitors may ONLY use wash racks on market show days up to 5 classes before their shows. Wash pigs early - finish grooming just before showing!
9. All pigs will enter the show arena directly from the wash areas only. Aisles will be set up to help pig flow.
10. All aisles must be kept clear of chairs, wheel barrows, strollers, other equipment and excess people during shows and the sale!

11. In past years, a lot of damage has been done to Bradley Park (the area between the dairy barn and the show arena). Please inform your members that they are not to run through the landscaping. Previous year's damage resulted in a lot of time and money being spent to re-do a lot of the landscaping.

ODA Testing - The Ohio Department of Agriculture will be randomly testing livestock again this year.

Pork Barn - The Pork Council would like to again, welcome you to the Pork Barn. This important fund-raising venture has paid for numerous improvements in the swine area, has sponsored scholarships for youth involved in swine, and has become a vital part of our swine program. As always, additional help is always needed in this area. We need volunteers to function as Day Captains. Also workers for the serving area are always needed. If you can devote yourself for a 3 hour shift during the week to help, please contact Nathan Underwood at [nunderwood@ctcn.net](mailto:nunderwood@ctcn.net). Your help would be greatly appreciated and you will find it is also a lot of fun.

Purebred Market Show - Every purebred market hog entered in the 4-H or the FFA market shows will be eligible to be shown in the purebred classes if the following criteria are met:

- a. The animal(s) are registered with the appropriate association for the breed of the animal. (For example, National Swine Registry for Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, or Yorkshire; Certified Pedigree Swine for Chester White, Poland China and Spotted Poland China).
- b. The exhibitor enters the animal as a purebred when completing the weigh card.
- c. The exhibitor presents the **original registration paper** (and a copy of original to keep on file) for inspection at the time of weigh-in and the paper matches the animal. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!
- d. All purebred animals exhibited must be completely and fully owned (as evidenced by the registration papers) by the exhibitor and/or immediate family member/guardian prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- e. The entry meets all other requirements to be entered in the Junior Market show.
- f. Any exhibitor entering a project as a purebred, but failing to present the appropriate registration paper for inspection at the time of weigh-in can be entered in the crossbred show only.

Herdsman Award Update - The 2021 Herdsman Award cash awards are: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$500.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$400.00; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$300.00; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$200.00; and 5<sup>th</sup> - \$100.00. Any 4-H or FFA member can win one of the cash awards more than once. The person with the most points wins. The cash awards will be given at the Pork Banquet in 2022.

Best Kept Exhibit - The club with the most wins will get to select their pen location and barn for the 2022 County Fair!

***Have Fun at the 2021 Fair!!!***

Sincerely,

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