

ADAMS COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR BOARD

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MEMORANDUM

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To: Adams County 4-H and FFA Swine Exhibitors

From: Kristy Watters, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development

Ractopamine Free Market Hog Show for 2021 Adams County Fair

In response to market demands, the Adams County Junior Fair Market Hog Show will again be ractopamine (i.e. Paylean, Optaflexx, etc.) free for 2021. Exhibitors and their parents or guardians will be required to sign and submit an online affidavit stating that their market hog project(s) have not been fed ractopamine from acquisition to project end. Paper copies of the affidavit will be available when you pick up your tags. The signed affidavit will be required at fair check-in verifying the animal is ractopamine-free. A second affidavit will be provided to exhibitors who purchase their market hog projects. The breeder should sign this affidavit stating that the animal(s) has not been fed ractopamine from birth until the date of purchase. These signed affidavits **MUST** be submitted at fair weigh-in.

Market Hog Identification System for 2021 Adams County Fair

Again this year, hog exhibitors will complete an identification survey using Qualtrics for each of their market hogs and attach at least two color photos, one of each side of the hog. Exhibitors/families will also be expected to tag their hogs with official Adams County Fair ear tags provided through the Extension Office. The tag must be shown in one of the color photos. The completed survey must be completed no later than 4:00 pm on Thursday, April 15. <https://go.osu.edu/markethog21>

The possession deadline for market hogs is April 15.

Official Adams County Fair ear tags can be picked up at the Extension Office during regular business hours through April 15. Our office is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. An advisor, friend, or parent may pick up the affidavits and tags. You do not have to pick them up yourself. And, taggers may be borrowed from Junior Fair Board, first come, first served. Remember to sanitize these or other borrowed pieces of equipment both before and after using them on your hogs. Borrowed taggers must be returned within 48 hours. Tags should be placed in the animal's left ear unless there is a special circumstance.

And, if you, club advisors, or others travel from farm to farm to tag members' hogs, PLEASE PRACTICE BIOSECURITY! Use disposable boots and coveralls; strip and wash clothes in hot water and sanitize boots before wearing them back in your home barn; sanitize equipment between uses/farms; and so on.

The Qualtrics survey including required pictures, will be due on Thursday, April 15. **No late documentation will be accepted.**

Failure to tag your hogs and submit a completed survey, with all required photos and documentation, by April 15 will mean that you are NOT eligible to exhibit market hogs at the 2021 Fair.

The Hog Outstanding Market Exhibitor for 2021 will be determined based on the exhibitor's skillathon and showmanship placing, and the placing in the animal's first market (type) class.

If you have questions or concerns about the Market Hog Identification Process for 2021, contact Kristy Watters at the Extension Office at 937.544.2339 or via email at watters.92@osu.edu, or contact any of the Senior Fair Board Swine Committee members.

Breeding Swine Entries: Breeding swine entries for the Fair are due on or before June 1. An online entry form is available at <https://go.osu.edu/breedingswine>.

2021 Swine Project and Fair Requirements: A table listing the 2021 Swine Project and Fair Requirements is available on our webpage at adams.osu.edu. The table includes dates and show times of interest to all swine project members.

Please note the following items of interest. This is **not** a complete list of rules:

1. Market hogs should be born after January 1 of the current year and should weigh approximately 80 pounds when registered and tagged.
2. There will be an OPTIONAL market hog weigh in on Saturday, April 24, 8:30 – 10 a.m. at the fairgrounds. Those exhibitors interested in competing for Production Champion will need to bring their market hog(s) to the fairgrounds to be weighed. Registration must have been submitted April 15 to be eligible to weigh.
3. Members must submit either the record book or the livestock record supplement found at <https://adams.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/animal-projects> in order to exhibit their animal at the fair. Records should be submitted to the Junior Fair Board office by 6 p.m. on Monday of the fair.
4. Youth may show and sell gilts or barrows. All barrows must be castrated when registered and tagged.
5. Gilts and barrows will not show in the same class for 2021. Gilts will show first, including division and Grand Champion Gilt classes, followed by barrows.
6. Hogs should arrive at the Fair after midnight on Saturday, July 10 through 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 11 or after 9 p.m. on Sunday. ALL hogs must be on the fairgrounds and in their pens by 7 a.m. on Monday.
7. Market hogs will be weighed-in at fair on Monday morning from 8 a.m.-Noon.
8. All market hogs will be slap-tattooed at the time of fair weigh-in on Monday morning.
9. Market hogs must weigh 220-280 pounds at fair weigh-in to show, compete for grand, reserve, and OME champions, and sell in the Livestock Sale. Hogs weighing less than 220 pounds or more than 280 pounds may be shown in showmanship and designated underweight and overweight classes. They will be placed in their market class but will not be eligible for any awards including trophies or grand, reserve, or OME champions. They will not be permitted in the Sale on Saturday.
10. **All hogs that will be returning home will be released from the fairgrounds at 9 p.m. on Wednesday and MUST be removed from the fairgrounds by 7 a.m. on Thursday morning.** Only hogs that are going through the sale ring or on the stockyards truck will remain on the fairgrounds after Thursday morning.
11. Exhibitors **may sell only one Sale unit** unless they have multiple qualifying champions, which must be sold. A sale unit may be one market beef, one market swine, one market goat, one market lamb, one pound of butter, one pound of goat milk fudge, one meat pen of rabbits, one meat-type turkey or duck, one pen of meat-type chickens, or one grand or reserve champion baked good. Qualifying champions must be sold- **OME's are no longer qualifying champions.** The exhibitors of such champions will not be eligible to sell any additional units in the sale unless those units were also designated as qualifying champions in their respective shows. (See sale rules for complete details and a list of qualifying champions.)- **Continued on next page –**

Skillathon and Quality Assurance: All 4-H swine exhibitors are required to participate in the Skillathon. Participation in the Skillathon is *optional* for FFA exhibitors but required for those wishing to compete for OME. This year's skillathons will be held May 26 and 27 at the fairgrounds. Quality Assurance will also be offered several times on Zoom and in person for those still needing 2021 certification (required to show at the Adams County Fair, state fair, etc.). Check the calendar for dates and times. Please note: Youth 12 and older may have the opportunity to test out of quality assurance at school this year. Check with your FFA advisor for details.

State Fair Entries: Just a reminder: State Fair livestock entries are due June 20. These must be made on-line again this year. Following registration, a list of exhibitors will be sent to the Extension Office for verification of eligibility. **Parents or Guardians of members planning to exhibit market swine at the Ohio State Fair MUST be Pork Quality Assurance certified in 2021 prior to submitting entry.** This training is available online or as in person training. Please contact the Extension office for more details.

Questions or concerns? Check with your club advisor, visit our website, or contact the Extension Office. We all want you to have a great year, and we'll do our very best to see that you do!