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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

Market Hog Identification System for 2025 Adams County Fair

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 Thursday, May 1. <https://go.osu.edu/markethog25>

The possession deadline for market hogs is May 1.

Official Adams County Fair ear tags can be picked up at the Extension Office during regular business hours through May 1. Tags will be EID tags for 2025 to increase animal traceability. Our office is open Monday through Friday 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 the required pictures will be due on May 1. **No late documentation will be accepted.** Failure to tag your hogs and submit a completed survey, with all required photos and documentation, by May 1 will mean that you are NOT eligible to exhibit market hogs at the 2025 Fair.

If you have questions or concerns about the Market Hog Identification Process for 2025, 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 Livestock Committee members.

County Born and Raised entries must be made using the Adams County Junior Fair County Born and Raised Nomination Form. This form must be completed, signed, and submitted to the Extension Office by the May 1 registration deadline in order for exhibitors to participate in the County Born and Raised show at the fair.

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

2025 Swine Project and Fair Requirements: A table listing the 2025 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 Tuesday, May 6, 7:00 – 8 p.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 by May 1 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 show in the same class for 2025.**
6. Hogs should arrive at the Fair after midnight on Saturday thru 11 a.m. on Sunday 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 the fair on Monday morning at 8 a.m.
8. All market hogs will be slap-tattooed at the time of fair weigh-in on Monday morning.
9. Market hogs must weigh 220-300 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 300 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 stockyard's 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, or one pen of meat-type chickens. 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.)

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 6 and 7 at the fairgrounds. Quality Assurance will also be offered several times for those still needing 2025 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 by 1 p.m. June 21. These must be made online again this year. Following registration, a list of exhibitors will be sent to the Extension Office for verification of eligibility. OSF Junior Swine show will require animals to be tagged with an 840 tag and a premise I.D. 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!