139 Market Hog General Requirements

All dates are listed on the Tuscarawas County Fair Livestock Requirement Summary.

1. Member must own and raise one market hog. All livestock projects must be owned, in continual care of the exhibitor, and registered by specified dates. An exhibitor is eligible to register a back-up animal.

2. **MEMBERS MUST SUBMIT A DNA BLOOD SAMPLE OF THEIR HOG USING THE KIT PURCHASED AT QA. ONLY ONE KIT MAY BE USED ON ONE HOG.**

3. All members must have access to 134R Swine Resource Handbook for Market and Breeding Projects. This can be purchased through your club advisor or directly from the Extension office. (Due to cost factors, one book per family is recommended.) Read, study, and have a working knowledge of the information contained in the book.

4. Follow and complete all sections of the Member Project Guide on Page 2.

5. Be able to identify parts of a hog – Chapter 3 (Page 3-2).

6. All members must have a working knowledge of Swine Quality Assurance (QA) issues and **are required to attend one QA session.**

7. All livestock exhibitors are required to attend Interview Judging in order to exhibit their animal at the Tuscarawas County Fair. Members are to bring completed (to date of Interview Judging) 139 Hog Record Book. **Do not bring extra materials or a notebook of activities.** If a conflict arises, a member may attend Pre-Judging by appointment only. Members are **not eligible** for county interview placing if they attend Pre-Judging.

8. **All optional headings in record book MUST be completed for Interview Judging and to receive sale check.**

9. Member should also know for Interview Judging: the Pillars of Character, 4-H Pledge, 4-H Motto, 4-H Colors, and be able to describe the role of the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board.

10. Please add a feed tag each time you change feed.

11. In order to exhibit your animal at the Tuscarawas County Fair, a fair entry must be made (available from the Tuscarawas County Fair Book received at Interview Judging) and submitted to the Extension office by the deadline. **NO LATE FAIR ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

12. Barrows and gilts may be shown at the Tuscarawas County Fair. If weight limits are not met, you are **not** eligible to exhibit in Showmanship. You are not eligible to sell your animal and it must leave the fairgrounds immediately following the weigh-in. Tuscarawas County sale is a terminal sale for all hogs.

13. All fair exhibitors are responsible to provide their own bedding for their hogs and all pens MUST be kept dry and clean throughout the fair. Water must be available for your hog at all times. Following the loading out of hogs on Sunday, all exhibitors are responsible for a thorough cleaning of their pen. Make sure ear tag is clean and readable!
14. All Jr. Fair exhibitors wishing to exhibit in Showmanship must register during the Confirmation Show on Tuesday. Exhibitors must use their own hog.

15. Minimum fair weight is 200 pounds; maximum is 315 pounds.

16. Suggested hair length for market hogs is a minimum of one-half inch.

17. The wash racks will close 15 minutes prior to showmanship or confirmation classes and the sale.

18. It is suggested that large gifts are not to be given to your buyer following the sale of your animal. Some buyers have to park far away (possibly off the fairgrounds) or may not be able to fit everything into their vehicle. Remember, your animal may not be the only one they purchase. Instead, thank your buyer personally at the fair, then make a follow-up visit with them to bring any items you may wish to give them.

19. Sale checks will be distributed in October Check with your advisor or our web site (http://tuscarawas.osu.edu) for dates, times, and location. To receive your sale check, bring completed 139 Hog Project and Record Book – NO SECTIONS ARE OPTIONAL – along with your buyer thank you card (properly addressed with postage). Please write legibly!

If you have any questions regarding your project and your advisor is unable to answer your questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the Extension office at 330-339-2337.
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