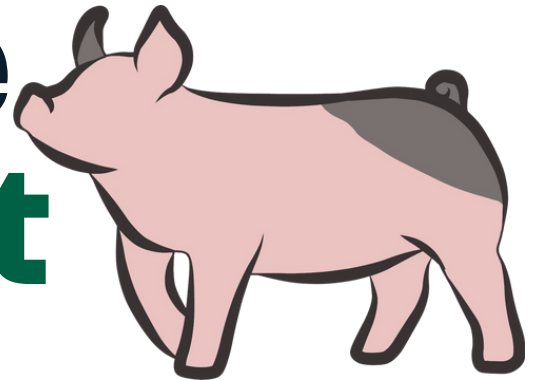


# Market Swine Project



## Important Dates

**April 1st:** Fremont County Swine Identification Forms, Ear Tags, and CSF Nomination Cards can be picked up at the Extension Office

**April 2nd:** MQA Testing- Your family will receive an email if you have to take the test

**May 9th:** LAST DAY to own and have in your possession Market Swine  
LAST DAY to turn in Swine Identification Forms and CSF Nomination Cards to the Extension office by 5:00pm.

**June 5th:** Market Test at Extension Office 8am-10am

**June 6th:** Market Test at Extension Office 6-8pm

**June 10th:** Fair Entry Online opens

**June 27th:** Market Retake Tests at Extension Office 6-8pm

**July 1st:** Last day to enter Fremont County Fair at NO CHARGE

**July 10th:** Record Book Workshop 5:30-7:00pm

**July 29th:** Livestock Check In 8:30 -9:30am

**Mandatory Livestock Exhibitor Meeting- Time TBD**

**July 31st:** Market Swine Show followed by Showmanship 6:00pm

**August 3rd:** 8:00 am Master Showmanship

2:00pm Buyers BBQ

4:00 pm Market Livestock Sale

**August 4th:** Fremont County Fair Clean Up

**August 22nd:** LAST DAY to turn in Record Books to the Extension Office

● **Contact the office with any**  
**questions! 719-276-7390** ●

# Helpful Tips Straight from the Fair Book!

## What should I wear at the fair?

Long or short sleeved button shirt or blouse, clean dark colored jeans, or slacks. Hard soled closed-toed shoes or boots for safety. **NO HATS OR CAPS.**

## MARKET SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

- o Class 6201, Senior Showmanship(14-18 yrs old)
- o Class 6202, Intermediate Showmanship(11-13 yrs old)
- o Class 6203, Junior Showmanship (8-10 yrs old)

## SWINE

Exhibitors are responsible for all health rules that apply to their project.

4-H/FFA must have taken a written exam and meet eligibility requirements which will be held on June 5th and 6th in person.

Arrival Time: As to be communicated by Fair Board on entry arrival times and weigh-in times on Monday July 29, 2024.

Market Swine cannot be over 8 months old.

Market Swine will be weighed immediately after Market Beef. This weight will be used for class breakdown and sale weight.

Female pigs or castrated males may be shown.

Market Swine must weigh a minimum of 230 lbs. and a maximum of 300 lbs. All Swine under 230 lbs. or over 300 lbs. will be shown in a special class and will not be eligible for the Market Livestock Sale, Ultrasound Contest, or Special Awards. They will only be eligible for class ribbons and CANNOT sell.

# What Goes in the Showbox

- Show stick (pipe or whip)
- Brush(es)
- Shampoo and Lotion
- Safety pins -for your exhibitor number
- Notepad and pen & Sharpie to write your name on your belongings.
- Water hose (small) Only about 5-10 feet is usually needed. A spray nozzle for the end of the hose.
- Small towel(s)
- Spray bottle and/or spray pump
- Wire and/or Zip ties
- Wire cutters Scissors/Clippers
- Feed
- Bucket (s): Small bucket for carrying feed and water to your animals.
- Feeders, pans, or hanging feeders work well.
- Waterers
- Shavings
- Manure pick
- Fans
- Show Clothes- 2-3 Long or short sleeved button shirts or blouses, 2-3 pairs of clean dark colored jeans, or slacks, a belt. Hard soled closed-toed shoes or boots for safety.



# Buyer Letters

## Why is the 4-H buyer letter and marketing so important?

Each year the community comes out to attend the 4-H auction and spends thousands of dollars supporting 4-H kids in their projects. Without the support of local businesses there would be no stock sale for your kids to sell their animals at. Getting out and delivering market letters to these local businesses is a great way to keep your auction going and to get new buyers to the fair!

## Who should you send/deliver a letter to?

Any local business your family patronizes  
Your families Doctor, Dentist, Eye Doctor,  
Orthodontist or any other specialist you see

Previous Buyers of your 4-H animal

Relatives, Family Friends, Neighbors

## What should you include in your letter?

**An introduction:**

Your name, age, Club, and project

Something you learned raising this animal

**An invitation to the auction including:**

Fair information

Sales Dates, Time and Location

Extension Office phone number for more information

Thanks for their support in the past if they've previously bought an animal

Picture of you with your project animal

## What Not to Include

Any hardships your family is going through.

Having an asking price for your animal.

Asking for a direct donation.

Any threats to not do business with them anymore if they don't buy your animal