

# Youth Market Hog and Breeding Gilt Show

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**Entry Forms due August 15**

Judge: **Mr. Warren Beeler, Caneyville, KY**

## 2009 Official Schedule

<b>Arrival and Weigh-in:</b>	<b>Saturday, October 3, 8 – 10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Skillathon:</b>	<b>Saturday, October 3, 1 – 4 p.m., (Hog show ring area)</b>
<b>Judging:</b>	<b>Sunday, October 4, 1 p.m., Hog Show Ring</b>
<b>Sale &amp; Release:</b>	<b>After the conclusion of show or 5:30 p.m. whichever is later</b>

## Youth Market Hog and Breeding Gilt Show Rules:

**The State Fair General Rules, the Livestock Rules and the Show Ring Code of Ethics apply to this department. By submitting an entry you agree to read and abide by these rules.**

1. 4-H and FFA members who are currently enrolled in Virginia are eligible to compete. Exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age by Sept. 30 of the current year and must not have had their 19th birthday before Jan. 1 of 2008. Entry forms must be signed by their 4-H or FFA instructor or county extension agent verifying both the age of the exhibitor and that the exhibit meets show requirements as established in this Competition Handbook.
2. Entries are limited to nominating 7 head of market hogs and 3 breeding gilts per exhibitor with a maximum of showing five market hogs and three breeding gilts. Hogs entered in the Market hog show are not eligible for Breeding Gilt classes and Breeding Gilt entries are not eligible for Market Hog classes. Enter on-line at [www.statefairva.org](http://www.statefairva.org), under 'State Fair' and then 'Competitions' or contact Lisa Kovacs at:  
**Youth Market Hog and Breeding Gilt Show,  
c/o Lisa Kovacs, Chesapeake Coop. Extension Office,  
310 Shea Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23322  
757-403-1764**
3. Classes open to barrows or gilts.
4. Market hogs should have been farrowed on or after April 1, 2009. They must be owned, separated, and cared for by the exhibitor at least 75 days before the date of the show (July 20, 2009). **New for '09, all hogs must be ear tagged by an approved show representative. Contact Lisa Kovacs for more info (757-403-1764)**
5. All hogs must weigh between **220 lbs.** and **295 lbs.** in order to be eligible to show in market classes. Hogs will be weighed only once.
6. Market hogs exhibited previously in Open competition will not be permitted to show in the Youth Show.
7. Exhibitors are required to care for their hogs and to keep their pens and walkways clean at all times. Awards will be withheld if this rule is violated.
8. Any animals may be used in educational programs prior to or after the show.
9. All youth beef, sheep, and swine entries are subject to on-farm inspections to verify entry information. All exhibitors must agree to accommodate such inspections.
10. **Hair Clipping:** For show eligibility, hair length on the pig body (hams, top, sides and shoulders) must be at least one-half inch. Pigs with body hair length less than one-half inch are not eligible for the show.
11. **New for 2009. The market hog show will be terminal for all hogs that won a Scholarship in the Market Hog Show. (Grand Champion, Resv. Grand Champion & Class winners) All other participant can decide to sell their hogs or take them home. Please indicate your intent when you enter.**

12. **New for 2009, Because this is no longer only a terminal show, health certificates will be required on all hogs showing.**

### **Show Classification**

Market Hog Classes: will be made up by weight after entries are received with a reasonable number of hogs per class.

Breeding Gilt Classes:

Breeds – Both purebred and crossbred gilts are eligible, but there will NOT be specific breed classes.

Weight – Open gilts weighing up to 350 lbs; Gilts over 350 lbs. are not eligible.

Divisions – Gilts will be divided into divisions by weight. The division break points are as follows:

1. Prospect Division (gilts weighing up to 150 lbs.)
2. Progress Division (gilts weighing from 151 lbs. to 240 lbs.)
3. Mature Division ( gilts weighing from 241 lbs. to 350 Lbs)

A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand champion will be selected from each division.

Classes: The number of classes within each of the three divisions will vary based on the number of entries (Minimum of 10 head in the division is required to be eligible to split classes).

Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Gilts: The Grand Champion gilt will be selected from the three division champions. After the Grand Champion is selected the Reserve Champion from that division will return to compete for the Overall Reserve Grand Champion gilt.

Showmanship classes will be divided by age as follows:

- A. Novice Division- for exhibitors showing for the first time at the state fair, and who are 12 years of age or younger on January 1 of current year.
- B. Junior Division- exhibitors 12 years of age and younger on September 30 of current year.
- C. Intermediate Division- exhibitors 13 to 15 years of age on September 30 of current year.
- D. Senior Division- exhibitors 16 years of age and older on September 30 of current year.

### **Carcass Evaluation Class**

1. Market hogs competing in the live show will be evaluated in the carcass class.
2. Carcasses will be evaluated by trained personnel using approved equipment.
3. All carcasses will be together in one class. Results will be shared with all exhibitors
4. Hogs that do not weigh between 220-295 lbs. will not receive carcass premiums.

### **Classes**

1. Youth Breeding Gilts
2. Youth Hog Singles
3. Youth Hog Showmanship - Novice
4. Youth Hog Showmanship - Junior
5. Youth Hog Showmanship - Intermediate
6. Youth Hog Showmanship - Senior

### Awards

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Market Hog/Breeding Gilt Classes and Showmanship</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$40</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>\$14</b>	<b>\$13</b>	<b>\$12</b>	<b>\$11</b>
<b>Grand Champion Market Hog</b>	<b>\$500*, Banner and Scholarship</b>									
<b>Reserve Champion Market Hog</b>	<b>\$350*, Banner and Scholarship</b>									
<b>Grand Champions Gilts</b>	<b>Rosette</b>									
<b>Reserve Grand Champion Gilts</b>	<b>Rosette</b>									
<b>Overall Grand Champion Breeding Gilt</b>	<b>\$250 and Banner</b>									
<b>Overall Res. Grand Champion Breeding Gilt</b>	<b>\$150 and Banner</b>									
<b>Class Winners –Market Classes</b>	<b>\$200* and a Scholarship</b>									

*\*Sale of hog + State Fair contribution = cash premium amount*

### **Swine Promotion & Herdsman Award**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place:</b>	<b>\$100 and Rosette</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place:</b>	<b>\$ 80 and Rosette</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place:</b>	<b>\$ 40 and Rosette</b>

Awarded to the Youth Market Hog exhibitor whose pen area demonstrates outstanding cleanliness and visitor appeal, and promotes the market hog industry. Educational content of the exhibit, as well as cleanliness and appearance of the entire pen area and display, will be judged. Exhibitors should be knowledgeable about their exhibit and market hogs in general, courteous and friendly to fellow exhibitors and Fair guests.

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### **Virginia Pork Industry Special Award**

The **Virginia Pork Industry Association** will award a silver tray to the sweepstakes winner in the Youth Market Hog show. The winner is to be selected by the total number of points accumulated in the show by the following point system:

1st—5 points      2nd—4 points      3rd—3 points

for placings in the single classes, pair classes, and fitting and showing classes. In case of a tie the tying exhibitor placing highest in the fitting and showing class will receive the award.

### **Special Premiums**

Additional awards and premiums will be offered throughout the youth hog shows and competitions from donations provided by a large group of program supporters.

**Skillathon, Saturday, October 4, 1-4 p.m., Pavilion Show Ring Area**  
**Sponsored by Land of Promise Farm**

Juniors (age 9-13): 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$50, 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$25  
 Seniors (age 14-19): 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$50, 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$25

**State Fair of Virginia Scholarship Program – Market Hogs**

The Scholarship Program is open to all Virginia 4-H and FFA exhibitors in their related livestock project area.

Youth exhibitors will be eligible to participate in the State Fair Scholarship Program with one entry unless the exhibitor has both overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion. **All entries/animals qualifying and designated for the Market Hog Scholarship Program must be sold and slaughtered.** If the animal is condemned for any reason, neither payment or scholarship will be awarded and the competitor must accept the consequences without recourse against the State Fair of Virginia.

Upon qualifying for and agreeing to participate in the Scholarship Program, the entry will become the property of the Scholarship Program and the exhibitor will be compensated for his/her entry as set forth in the Scholarship Program.

**Eighteen total scholarships will be offered in the Youth Hog program:**

**Market hog Scholarships:**

Grand Champion Single (Terminal)	\$1,000.00 Scholarship
Reserve Grand Champion Single (Terminal)	\$900.00 Scholarship
Class Winners (Terminal)	\$150.00 Scholarship (Limited to a max of 10)

**Nine Scholarships (open to Market Hogs & Breeding Gilts):**

<i>Junior</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>	\$300.00	2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$200.00	3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$100.00
<i>Intermediate</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>	\$350.00	2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$250.00	3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$150.00
<i>Senior</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>	\$400.00	2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$300.00	3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$200.00

Three age groups:

Juniors: 12 and younger as of Sept 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year

Intermediates: 13-15 as of Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year

Seniors: 16-19 as of Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year

**Ranking of exhibitors will be based on the following:**

- 40% - Live class placing (in an individual class with one animal)**
- 25% - Showmanship**
- 25% - Skillathon**
- 10% - Herdsman/Promotion**

*\*Exhibitors must participate in ALL of the above criteria to be eligible for a scholarship.*