

Open Market Hog and Breeding Gilt Show

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Entry Forms due August 1

Judge: Zach Rambo, West Lafayette, Indiana

2010 Official Schedule

Arrival:	Friday, Oct. 1, 2 - 4 p.m.
Weigh In:	Friday, Oct. 1, 3 - 7 p.m.
Judging:	Saturday, Oct. 2, 5 p.m. – Swine Show Ring
Sale & Release:	Sunday, after 5:00 p.m.

Open Market Hogs Department Rules:

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

1. Entry fee \$4.00 per class.
2. **New for 2010, all Entries to be made online:** www.statefairva.org, under 'State Fair' and then 'Competitions' for assistance contact:
c/o Lisa Kovacs
Chesapeake Va. Coop. Extension Office
310 Shea Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23322
757-382-6612 Office or 757-403-1764 work cell
3. Market hogs must be farrowed after April 1st. Animals must weigh between **220-295 lbs.** to show.
4. Gilts or barrows may be exhibited. Entries are limited to 7 head of 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.**
5. Market hogs exhibited previously will not be permitted to show.
6. **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.
7. Exhibitors are required to keep their pens and walkways clear at all times. Premiums will be withheld if this rule is violated.
8. Any animals may be used in educational programs prior to or after the show.
9. **Refer to health regulations in Livestock Rules. Because this is no longer only a terminal show, health certificates will be required on all hogs.**

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 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.

Awards

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$15	\$10

Grand Champion Market Hog:	\$200 & Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog:	\$100 & Banner
Grand Champion Gilt:	Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Gilt:	Rosette
Overall Grand Champion Breeding Gilt:	\$100 & Banner
Overall Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Gilt:	\$ 50 & Banner

Market Hog Promotion & Herdsman Award

1st Place:	\$100 and Rosette
2nd Place:	\$ 80 and Rosette
3rd Place:	\$ 40 and Rosette

Awarded to the swine exhibitor whose pen area demonstrates outstanding cleanliness and visitor appeal, and promotes the pork 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 hogs in general, courteous and friendly to fellow exhibitors and Fair guests.