



MARKET HOG CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS

These are the recognized breeds for the Erie County Fair Youth Livestock Expo Market Hog Show. If there are less than three hogs that classify within a breed that breed will be moved to the AOB division. Hogs must meet breed standards; classification committee will make their decision based off of common breed standards and industry knowledge. No pedigrees will be required or considered in the classification process. The judgement of the classification committee is final and not subject to protest. If the animal and exhibitor are not present at the classification area at the assigned time for that species and breeds classification that animal will be moved to the crossbred division.

BERKSHIRE

1. A black and white animal with erect ears exhibiting Berkshire characteristics.
2. A Berkshire must have white on all four legs, face and tail (unless tail is docked). One of the white leg points may also be missing
3. A Berkshire must NOT have a solid white or a solid black face from the ears forward.
4. A Berkshire must NOT have a solid black nose (rim of nose).
5. White is allowed on the ears, but NO solid white may appear on the ears.
6. Occasional splash of white may appear on the body.

CHESTER WHITE

1. Must possess Chester White Breed characteristics.
2. Must be solid white in color, no color on the skin larger than a silver dollar, no colored hair.
3. Ears must be down and medium size.
4. Any signs of weighted ear tags or evidence of past existence of such ear tags are determined to be not permissible and are grounds for disqualification.
5. Any skin pigmentation, other than white, that exceeds five in number will disqualify the hog.

DUROC

1. Must be red in color and possess Duroc breed characteristics.
2. Ears must be down and medium sized.
3. Must NOT have any white hair located on the animal.
4. Must NOT have any black hair.
5. Must NOT have more than three black spots on the skin and none of these spots can be larger than 2" in diameter.
6. Must NOT have any shading or indication of a belt.

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HAMPSHIRE

1. Must be black in color with a white belt starting on the front leg. The belt may partially or totally encircle the body.
2. Must possess Hampshire breed characteristics (ears must be erect and not rounded).
3. Must NOT have any white hair or indications of streaking on the forehead.
4. Must NOT have any red hair.

HEREFORD

1. Must be red, light, or dark red with at least 50% white face, at least 50% red body, and at least 2 white feet.
2. Ears must be at least broken forward.
3. Any size weighted ear tags or evidence of past existence of such ear tags are determined to be not permissible and are grounds for disqualification.

LANDRACE

1. Must be white in color and possess Landrace breed character. (Ears must be down)
2. Must NOT have any colored hair except white.
3. Must NOT have more than three spots of pigmentation.
4. Must NOT allow any spot of skin pigmentations larger than one U.S. minted quarter.
5. Must have no evidence of an extra dewclaw.

POLAND CHINA

1. Must possess Poland China breed characteristics.
2. Must be black with six white points (face, feet and tail) with an occasional splash of white on the body. A hog may not possess more than one solid, black leg and be determined as a Poland China. (Tail docking is permissible eliminating white point.)
3. Must have ears down.
4. Must NOT have evidence of belt formation either white or white skin encircling and touching the points of the shoulder extending down on both sides of the animal to the depth of the elbow pocket.
5. Cannot have any red or sandy hair and/or pigment.
6. Hogs that have weighted ear tags or evidence of tampering are ineligible.

SPOTTED

1. Must be black and white in color.
2. Must possess spotted breed characteristics.
3. Ears must be down and reasonably sized. Ears cannot be erect.
4. Any red tinted or brown spots are ineligible.
5. No solid black head from ears forward.
6. No distinct white belt pattern (hair or skin) encircling and extending down onto each shoulder.
7. Any signs of weighted ear tags or evidence of past existence of such tags are determined to be not permissible and are grounds for disqualification.

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YORKSHIRE

6. Must be white in color and possess Yorkshire breed characteristics. Ears must be erect.
7. Must NOT have any colored hair except white.
8. Must NOT have more than two pigmentation spots larger than a US minted dime or one pigmentation spot larger than a US minted quarter. These pigmentation spots, (combined), can NOT exceed a US minted silver dollar.

AOB

Any other purebred appearing hog who's breed is not stated above. If your hog's breed is not listed above you must designate what breed you wish to classify as when making entries. The classifiers will use their industry knowledge to classify these hogs. If three or more hogs classify as the same breed within the AOB division that breed will become its own division.

CROSSBRED

Any hogs that do not satisfy the requirements of one of the above stated breeds will only have the option to be in the crossbred breed division.