

2024 4-H/FFA YOUTH SWINE SHOW & SALE

SUPERINTENDENT: Zach Lassiter Cell: 904-673-0667

Assistant Superintendent: Robert Lovell

All Swine must go to slaughter after exhibition, to a USDA-FSIS facility.

If you do not show your animal, you may not be able to participate in the Sale.

Your eligibility may be in question for next year.

SWINE MEETING: Mandatory for all participants

Date: Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 8 A.M.

Location: Clay County Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena

8:00 am – sign-in, pick up ear tag(s), take badge photos

9:00 am – Welcome and Rules overview

9:30 am – Noon Workshops

PRELIMINARY TAGGING:

All animals must be owned and ear tagged by Friday, January 5, 2024. There will not be an in-person tag-in this year. Exhibitors must email legible pictures of their pig with their fair ID tag and a USDA Official Animal Identification(840 tag) ear tag to info@claycountyfair.org or use the upload link [2024 Swine Ear Tag Upload](#) by January 5, 2024. Exhibitors must also drop off 3 buyer letters by Friday, January 5, 2024 to the fair office by 4:00 PM. If buyer letters are dropped off after business hours in the drop box, exhibitors should email info@claycountyfair.org to confirm receipt. Exhibitors will pick up their ear tag(s) at the September 30th meeting. Exhibitors are encouraged to ask their breeders to place the fair's tag in their pig's ear when purchasing and picking up their pig. If an exhibitor has difficulty tagging their pig, please reach out to Zach Lassiter or Robert Lovell and they will make arrangements to have your pig tagged. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to confirm the fair office has received their ear tag photos and buyer letters.

Exhibitors may tag a 2nd pig as a back-up pig. Exhibitors will only be able to weigh, show and sale 1 pig. Both pigs must be tagged by the January 5, 2024 deadline. Siblings may tag the same back-up pig. Pictures of the back-up pig must be emailed to info@claycountyfair.org or use the upload link [2024 Swine Ear Tag Upload](#) by January 5, 2024 by 4:00 PM as well.

CLINICS: Highly Recommended to Attend

Educational Clinics will be available for exhibitors to attend on September 30th including selection, nutrition/management, health, breaking/showmanship, and record books. Exhibitors are highly encouraged to attend clinics and workshops pertaining to their market livestock project. Additional educational clinics and workshop opportunities will be shared in the Clay County Ag Fair Livestock Facebook group.

FAIR ARRIVAL & FINAL WEIGH-IN:

Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 2:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Location: Clay County Fairgrounds

Bring an unopened bag of feed, no barrels, or buckets.

Exhibitors will be able to sign up for the showmanship competition at this time.

MANDATORY MEETING: ALL PARTICIPANTS AND PARENTS

Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Location: Bleachers by the show ring, in the livestock barn

ENTRY FEE:

\$25.00 DUE APRIL 3, 2024 WHEN YOU WEIGH-IN YOUR ANIMAL. CASH OR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO THE "CLAY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION".

Exhibitor's animals not qualifying do not have to pay. Any returned checks will pay all bank fees.

SWINE SHOW:

All exhibitors must pick up their show exhibitor # and graded project books between 5pm-5:30pm near the pig feeding area.

Date: Saturday, April 6, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.

Location: Livestock Pavilion

SWINE SALE:

Date: Friday, April 12, 2024 @ TBD

Location: Livestock Pavilion

ELIGIBILITY:

1. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST FULLY COMPLETE THE APPLICATION AND MEET THE ENTRY/DRAWING RULES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CLAY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION WEBSITE at WWW.CLAYCOUNTYFAIR.ORG. "ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY".
2. Exhibitors must be 8 years old by September 1, 2023.
3. All 4-H/FFA members who wish to exhibit a Hog in the 2023 Fair must attend the Mandatory Swine Meeting on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 9 AM unless prior arrangements have been made with Zach Lassiter. Rules, Regulations and Requirements will be discussed at this meeting
4. Exhibitors must reside in Clay County or attend a Clay County School. High school graduates are ineligible. Exhibitors must be in good standing in school. Exhibitors not in good standing will not be allowed to participate.
5. School FFA Chapters are allowed only 1 swine or 1 steer unless the school has 2 FFA Chapters.

6. Exhibitors must be a bonafide member of a Clay County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter at the time of the fair verification process. The Fair cross-references the list of applicants who have submitted applications to exhibit swine with Clay County 4-H Agents and FFA Chapter Advisors. 4-H or FFA members must have been a verified member in good standing to earn eligibility to show a swine in the Clay County Fair. Individuals who are not verified members in good standing are not eligible to exhibit. 4-H Members at Large do not qualify.

OWNERSHIP:

All swine project animals must have been owned and under control of each 4-H or FFA member on his/her premises (land under his/her control) on or before January 5, 2024. If an animal is to be kept at any place (including the FFA barn) other than the exhibitor's residence, prior written approval from the Superintendent is required. **ONLY ONE HOG IS ALLOWED PER PEN.** Ownership decisions of the Superintendent will be final.

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1. All animals must be owned and ear tagged by Friday, January 5, 2024. There will not be an in-person tag-in this year. Exhibitors must email a picture of their pig with their fair ID tag and a USDA Official Animal Identification ear tag to info@claycountyfair.org or use the upload link [2024 Swine Ear Tag Upload](#) by January 5, 2024. Exhibitors must also drop off 3 buyer letters to the fair office by Friday, January 5, 2024 by 4:00 PM. If buyer letters are dropped off after business hours in the drop box, exhibitors should email info@claycountyfair.org to confirm receipt. Exhibitors will pick up their ear tag(s) at the September 30th meeting. Exhibitors are encouraged to ask their breeders to place the fair's tag in their pig's ear when purchasing and picking up their pig. If an exhibitor has difficulty tagging their pig, please reach out to Zach Lassiter or Robert Lovell and they will make arrangements to have your pig tagged. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to confirm the fair office has received their ear tag photos and buyer letters.
2. Participants are required to write letters to three (3) potential buyers and include addressed, stamped, unsealed envelopes. Letters must be submitted to the fair office by Friday, January 5, 2024. **This is a requirement!** These letters will be mailed by the Fair Office.
3. It is recommended that you start with a pig on January 5, 2024 that weighs a **minimum of 100 pounds.**
4. Entries are open to barrows and gilts.
5. Exhibitors will have their picture taken at the mandatory meeting. Two (2) badges, for parents, per family of market animal exhibitors are allowed. Badges will not be issued to siblings.

FINAL WEIGH IN:

1. All swine must weigh a **minimum of 220 and a maximum of 325 pounds** on the day of the final weigh in and must be a quality hog. The Swine Superintendent and a Livestock Committee member will make final decisions of a quality hog. Animals not meeting the minimum weight requirement or exceeding the maximum weight requirement or not a quality hog will be sent home. All swine will only be weighed one time.
2. Exhibitors must provide feed for their hog with hog's ear tag number clearly and boldly marked on both sides of the bag and a feeder at the final weigh in. An area will be provided to store feed. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding their own pig by 5pm daily.
3. Participants in the swine program must turn in a completed Market Livestock Record Book (to that point of the project), and \$25.00 entry fee is due at this time. **All record books must be picked up the night of the show or by the end of the last night of the fair. Record books not picked up will jeopardize your slot in the next year's show & sale.**
4. Any Exhibitors not completing all requirements will have to submit an application and go through the lottery drawing for the next year's program.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Each 4-H and FFA participant must have the ability to control their animal independently or will be disqualified. Each participant must assume all liability in case of injury or damage to, or caused by exhibitor's animal, relieving Clay County Fair Association, Inc. from all liability.
2. Exhibitors may only show and sell one market animal. Both Junior High FFA Chapters and Senior High FFA Chapters may show and sell one market animal.
3. Each 4-H or FFA swine must be cared for by its exhibitor only. This means friends, relatives, teachers, leaders or advisors cannot raise hogs for an exhibitor. Animals kept at FFA Barns must be fed and cared for by the exhibitor only.
4. **CLIPPING:**
 - No clipping is allowed after the final weigh-in. Clipping of hogs is not a standard industry practice because it causes problems with the slaughter process.
 - Any hog whose hair length appears to be less than 1/2" may have length of hair checked. Hogs with hair that has been clipped to less than 1/2", will be disqualified.
 - The Livestock Director and the CCFA Board of Directors reserves the right to check any hog for hair length by running a marked comb over animal.
 - Disqualified hogs must be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately after check-in.
5. All entries in the market swine show shall be subject to the State of Florida Livestock Health Regulations and Requirements which are published in the 2024 Swine Rules (www.claycountyfair.org)
6. All exhibitors are responsible for the daily cleaning, removal of wet shavings and manure, of their own pen. If an exhibitor cannot be there to clean their own pen, they are responsible for making arrangements to have someone else clean their pen. Manure and

wet shavings are to be placed in designated areas only. No rakes, pitch forks, wheel barrows, etc. are to be left out. All walkways are the responsibility of every exhibitor and we must work together to keep our area clean, safe and attractive to the public. **Hand washing is very important and is not only recommended but required after animal contact and pen cleaning.** **KEEPING YOUR PEN CLEAN IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.**

Each day, pen cleaning must be completely finished before:

Thursday, April 4, 2024 - before 5:00 P.M.

Friday, April 5, 2024 – before 5:00 P.M.

Saturday, April 6, 2024 – before 12:00 noon “**Show Night**”

Sunday, April 7, 2024 – before 12:00 noon

Monday, April 8, 2024 – before 5:00 P.M.

Tuesday thru Thursday, April 9-11, 2024 – before 5:00 P.M.

Friday, April 12, 2024– before 5:00 P.M. “**Livestock Auction Night**”

Saturday - April 13, 2024 - before 12:00 noon

Sunday – April 14, 2024 - TBD

All feeders left in the pens will be given away.

FAILURE TO CLEAN PEN WILL RESULT IN A \$25.00 FINE THE FIRST TWO TIMES AND AFTER THAT ALL AWARDS AND PREMIUMS WILL BE FORFEITED AND YOU MAY NOT QUALIFY TO ENTER AN ANIMAL IN THE 2025 FAIR.

7. Any swine that are sick or disqualified during the fair must remain at the fair or taken directly to slaughter. Slaughter expenses and hauling expenses will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. The Swine Superintendent’s decisions are final concerning animals.
8. **FEEDING:** All hogs must be fed by **5:00 P.M.** daily. **ALL EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FEEDING THEIR OWN HOG.** It is your responsibility to have someone feed your hog if you will not be there. Hogs not fed will result in a \$10.00 fine for that exhibitor.
9. Livestock Exhibitors are an ambassador of the Clay County Agricultural Fair. Remember to be courteous to other participants, leaders and to all the visitors of the Fair. Remember to keep your area and the Clay County Fairgrounds clean and safe at all times. Remember to use and encourage the use of the Hand Sanitizers and Hand Washing Stations.
10. **GIFTS: Mandatory for livestock swine / steer participants:** All livestock participants are required to provide ***one (1)*** buyer gift per participant to include a thank you card for the main buyer of their animal on auction night. (This thank you card does not take the place of the buyer thank you letter due after the fair; see page 8 of the rules “After the Fair” #1 for clarification.). The gift must be checked in at the sale arena prior to the sale. (a table will be setup at the arena for checking in the gifts)
Participate must provide a 3x5 card with the participants name, sale # and animal tag #.
Gift prices range from \$25.00 - \$75.00.

Gift ideas:

- a. Gift basket
- b. Gift cards with a thank you card:
 1. Restaurant
 2. Store
 3. Visa card (to be used anywhere)

Participants not providing gifts for their buyers the night of the sale, will be penalized a \$50.00 fee from their sale check.

11. Livestock Buyer Dinner: The dinner is provided for Livestock Buyers and special guest only. Exhibitors are not allowed at the buyer's dinner. Tickets and information are available through the Clay County Fair Association office.

GRADING:

NO SWINE CROSSED WITH FERAL or WILD HOGS WILL BE ACCEPTED INTO THE 4-H/FFA PROGRAM.

We guarantee our buyers quality market hogs.

Final decisions rest with the Swine Superintendent and/or Director.

LIABILITY:

The exhibitor assumes all liability in the case of death, or injury to his/her animal until the close of the Fair. No show official or member of the Clay County Fair Association, Inc. may be held liable for the loss of any animal or damage caused by exhibitor's animal.

SHOW AND JUDGING:

1. Only swine that were tagged and submitted via email by January 5, 2024 and exhibitors that meet all minimum requirements will be allowed to show at the 2024 Clay County Agricultural Fair Swine Show.
2. **WHIPS CAN BE USED, BUT WILL BE REMOVED IF IMPROPERLY USED.**
3. Exhibitors will be required to **ONLY** wear appropriate, neat 4-H or FFA attire when showing or selling animals. Exhibitors must be present for both the show and sale. The following dress code and criteria must be followed: (official dress for show and sale)
4-H: black pants/jeans, white dress long-sleeved dress shirt or blouse with collar, tie or 4-H patch, 4-H jacket/vests are optional, close-toed shoes or boots
FFA: black pants/jeans, white dress shirt or blouse with collar, FFA tie/scarf, FFA jacket, close-toed shoes or boots
Pants must be worn on the outside of your shoes or boots. No flare or bell bottom jeans. Jeans should not have any holes, rips, or fraying. No hats, gum or tobacco products.
4. All exhibitors must be at his or her pen and ready to show his or her hog when classes are called.
5. All animals will be graded by the Judge at the Swine Show using the Modified Danish System. They will be awarded a Blue, Red or White Ribbon, and receive premium money in each division.

SALE:

1. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EXHIBITOR TO FIND A BUYER FOR HIS/HER ANIMAL.**

The Clay County Fair Association is not responsible for providing buyers. **Exhibitors should not solicit fair vendors as potential buyers.** It is your responsibility to keep track of your livestock buyer's information. It is not the responsibility of the fair office to provide this information.

2. Multi-Buyer(s) Form (One Animal per sheet)

Please complete ALL information in full including Email for billing purposes (Please use pen or pencil to complete the form. NO Markers) Your buyers will be billed for their purchase by email listed on the multi-buyers' form, from karen@claycountyfair.org or info@claycountyfair.org.

Bill must be paid by June 30, 2024

Please do not list any buyers under \$1.00 (Anything below \$1.00 a pound the participant is responsible for collecting.)

3. Swine will be sold in order starting with Grand and Reserve Champions then by placement in class as determined by the Swine Superintendent.

4. All hogs will be sold to the highest bidder, and all animals must be slaughtered following the sale.

5. Three Percent (3%) will be deducted from the total sale of the animal and put in the Livestock Fund. This will be used to bring any sale animal up to minimum sale price or to buy a sale animal that has received no bids. The minimum sale price will be determined at the sale by the Clay County Agricultural Fair Livestock Director. If the expense does not exceed the 3% income for that year, the remaining 3% balance will remain in the livestock account. Excess money will be used for the same purposes in future Clay County Agricultural Fairs. Other expenses such as the hauling fee, Buyer Dinner expenses and the Auctioneer fee will be deducted from this account; any other expenses may be deducted from this account only by the Livestock Director and approved by the CCFA Board of Directors.

SWINE AWARDS: Danish System Premium Money:

Blue	\$15.00	Red	\$10.00	White	\$5.00
Grand Champion			\$75.00		Banner & Buckle
Reserve Grand Champion			\$50.00		Banner & Buckle
Third Overall			\$25.00		Banner
Fourth Overall			\$20.00		Banner
Fifth Overall			\$15.00		Banner
Division 1 Champion			\$20.00		Banner
Division 1 Reserve Champion			\$10.00		Banner
Division 2 Champion			\$20.00		Banner
Division 2 Reserve Champion			\$10.00		Banner

Division 3 Champion	\$20.00	Banner
Division 3 Reserve Champion	\$10.00	Banner

Superintendent's choice awards will also be awarded for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.

EACH WEIGHT DIVISION:

1st Place	\$25.00	Rosette
2nd Place	\$20.00	Rosette
3rd Place	\$15.00	Rosette
4th Place	\$10.00	Rosette
5th Place	\$ 5.00	Rosette
6th Place	\$ 5.00	Rosette

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST:

There will be a Showmanship Contest following the Swine Show that will have Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions. All swine exhibitors who want to participate in showmanship must sign-up by the mandatory meeting on April 4th @ 6PM. Youth will be judged on how well they show their animals.

Junior (8-10) as of September 1, 2023

Intermediate (11-13) as of September 1, 2023

Senior (14-18) as of September 1, 2023

Awards for Junior, Intermediate, & Senior Showmanship Divisions:

1st Place	\$25.00	Banner & Buckle
2nd Place	\$20.00	Banner & Buckle
3rd Place	\$15.00	Banner
4th Place	\$10.00	Banner

HERDSMAN AWARD:

Awards for Barn Herdsman

1st Place	\$35.00
2nd Place	\$25.00
3rd Place	\$15.00

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:

Awards to be determined by the Swine Superintendent.

RECORD BOOK AWARDS:

All record books must be picked up the night of the show or by the end of the last night of the fair. Record books not picked up will jeopardize your slot in the next year's show & sale.

Blue Ribbon - \$20.00

Red Ribbon - \$ 10.00

White Ribbon – ribbon only

All premium award money will be forfeited if not collected by the end of the Fair.

AFTER THE FAIR:

1. The exhibitor must turn in their completed Record Book to the Clay County Agricultural Fair Office no later than the close of the business day (4:00 PM) **Friday, May 3, 2024**. Any Record Books received after this date or not complete will result in the 4-H/FFA Exhibitor being fined a \$100.00 penalty from their final check that will be put into the 3% Livestock fund and they will have to go into the drawing for the next year. The exhibitor will sign in at the fair office acknowledging their book is at the fair office. After all books are received, the swine and steer superintendents will turn all 4-H books over to the 4-H office which will complete the fair project. FFA books are returned to each FFA participant. **Write thank you letters to all buyer(s) and turn them in with your project book in an addressed, stamped, sealed envelope. The Fair Association will mail the letters. It is your responsibility to keep track of your livestock buyer's information. It is not the responsibility of the fair office to provide this information.** An exhibitor who met all requirements on time and meet all current Clay County Fair requirements will be eligible for the same animal project. (Participant can have the option to switch programs one time only.)
2. **BUYER PLAQUES:** Plaques must be picked up from the Fair Office **after** May 27, 2024 by the exhibitor or parent and delivered to their buyer(s). A Livestock Buyer Follow up Form must be completed when delivering the plaque and returned to the Fair Office when you are picking up your check. If a correction has to be made on a plaque, the participant could be responsible for the price of the replacement. An email will be sent out to notify you that the Buyer Plaques are ready for pick-up.
3. **Checks: Checks will not be issued until after June 17, 2024 providing "ALL" Livestock Buyer payments have been received. If anyone of your buyers do not pay their bid amount it will be deducted from your check.** An email will be sent out to notify you that the checks are ready for pick-up. No checks will be disbursed until all requirements have been completed. Checks will only be given to exhibitors with proper identification, such as photo ID, Fair ID Badge or 4-H/FFA card. Parents listed on application may pick up checks with proper ID. ****The swine project requires that all checks must be deposited within 30 days of receipt. If a check is not deposited within this timeframe the checks will be voided and your slot in the next year's show & sale will be jeopardized.

“THE CLAY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION “LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR AND THE CCFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS” The Livestock Director and the CCFA board of Directors will have the final judgment in regard to the interpretation of all rules and regulations. During the

creating/typing/printing of these rules, changes, errors, deletions, or omissions may occur, in which case the “Clay County Fair Association” reserves the right to construe its own rules and regulations, and to decide all matters and differences in regards thereto including amendments. The Clay County Fair Association also reserves the right to refuse exhibitors.

Checklist/Dates

September 30, 2023– Mandatory Meeting → exhibitor photos taken

January 5, 2024 – Pig photos with ear tags and buyer letters due to fair office

April 3, 2024 – Final Weigh-in → record book due, \$25 entry fee due

April 4, 2024 - **MANDATORY MEETING: ALL PARTICIPANTS AND PARENTS** at 6:00 PM Bleachers by the show ring, in the livestock barn, and sign-up for showmanship, if participating.

April 6, 2024 – Pick up exhibitor #, graded record book.