

LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR
2026 MARKET HOG RULES AND REGULATIONS

**Attention: 840 tags must be
Scannable by the Fair of 2027**

1. Weigh-in of market hogs will be at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds as follows: March 14, 2026, from 8:00am-noon,
March 15, 2026, from 1pm-2pm.
2. Exhibitors may tag from one (1) to three (3). **Committee members will not be responsible for handling hogs during tagging.**
3. Cost of ear tags will be \$2.00 per tag at weigh in of animals.
4. No vaccinations will be given at the time of weighing in.
5. Each animal must be registered in the name of exhibitor at weigh-in with determination of 4H or FFA membership. Numbers may only be switched between an exhibitor's immediate family prior to June 1. All changes must be approved and documented by the barn chair immediately.
6. Show Me Quality Assurance (SMQA) training will be required for swine exhibitors to participate in the Lincoln County Fair. University of Missouri Extension developed the SMQA multispecies quality assurance program that meets the current standards of the National Pork Board Youth Pork Quality Assurance Program. SMQA replaces PQA for youth. **All first-year exhibitors are required to complete Show ME Quality Assurance (SMQA) training, regardless of age.** Youth who have previously taken and passed the 20 or 30 question PQA exam are SMQA certified and will not need further certification for the duration of their youth exhibition career. Other youth will need to attend a SMQA training session in each of two years to become SMQA certified and maybe a recertification after the age of 14. Members will be notified of status for SMQA. If you are not sure of your SMQA status, contact the University of Missouri Extension Office at 636-5284613.
7. Exhibitors desiring to be penned together must designate who they wish to be penned near during online registration. Both exhibitors will need to make the request.
8. Hogs must arrive MONDAY between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Animals must be penned by 8:00 p.m. on Monday. Animals who are not in the barn by 8 p.m. will not be eligible to show and sell.
9. Upon arrival at the fairgrounds, do not unload any animals until a committee member has checked your animals, they should have their 840 tags, fair tags. We also require health papers not older than 30 days of the fair for each pig you bring.
10. Exhibitors are limited to two (2) entries in the market hog class at the Lincoln County Fair in July. Market hogs will be shown on Tuesday at 6 p.m. **Minimum weight to sell a market hog is 230 pounds. Maximum weight to show and sell a market hog will be 325 pounds.** There will be no "grace" weight given at the fair. No market hogs will be reweighed on Monday, unless due to a malfunction of scale. Any animal that does not meet the required weight of 230 pounds or exceeding the maximum weight of 325 pounds must be removed from the swine barn by Monday night.

11. No powder, artificial whitener or oil will be allowed in grooming hogs.
12. There will be no clipping or fitting of hogs allowed in the Swine Barn or on the Fairgrounds during the Lincoln County Fair.
13. Once a hog has been taken to the show holding area, no additional grooming/clipping will be allowed prior to entering the show ring.
 - A: You can bring a brush with you into the ring when you are showing.
14. Artificial coloring: Any hog which, when rubbed with a white cloth, shows residual evidence of artificial coloring, will be dismissed from the show and sale.
15. No ice, ice water or alcohol may be used externally or internally as a fitting practice for 4H/FFA hogs.
16. Showing:
 - a. All 4H/FFA shows will have an exhibitor meeting approximately 15-30 minutes prior to the show. Exhibitors must attend this preshow meeting.
 - b. Exhibitors must exhibit their animals. Barn Chairman may permit another eligible exhibitor to show an animal if one exhibitor owns two animals in the same class or in case of illness or physical handicap.
 - c. After a class has been placed in the show ring, officials, including the judge, reserve the right to re-inspect the animal.
17. Friend of the Swine Barn will be awarded on the following basis: Courtesy of the exhibitor in the barn/show ring area, willingness to assist others in the swine barn with animal care, keeping pen area and alley clean and appearance of animals while in show ring.
18. The members of the Swine barn committee have set up three meetings for the current program year. Members in the market hog project are required to attend the **MANDATORY** meeting on **January 6, 2026, at 7:00 pm** at the fairgrounds. **Members need to attend 1 more meeting, they will be held on Feb**
19. As part of the Livestock Exhibitor Agreement, every exhibitor is responsible for working a minimum of one (1) work night per livestock project area (as an example if you are in more than one livestock project, let's say hogs and lambs, you will be responsible for working on the hog work night and on the lamb work night). The work night scheduled by your 4H club or FFA Chapter does not count as a livestock work night as it is counted as a club meeting night to meet the requirement for club attendance. **Hog workday will be on Sunday, July 19, 2026, at 9 am for ground cleanup. Exhibitors not attending and participating in the workday may forfeit the privilege of showing at next year's fair.**
20. Prior to loading any animal from the swine barn following the show and/or auction, a member of the swine barn committee must approve release of the animal and record tag number along with the name of the person removing the animal.
21. Paper feed sacks will not be allowed in the hog barn.
22. **All market hogs must be removed from the barns by 9 am on Friday morning, unless showing in the Breed show on Friday.**