

BIDDER'S GUIDE

Dear Bidder,

Welcome to the 2024 Pasco County Fair Hog Sale! We appreciate your attendance, and your continued support is truly instrumental in the success of this sale.

We hope you find this guide to be helpful as you support our youth swine educational program. This bidder's guide will assist you in better understanding the procedures used during the Hog Sale and to help you decide how to handle the purchase and slaughter of your hog. If you have any questions, please contact any of the volunteer committee members. We will be more than happy to assist you.

Thank you for your support,
The PASCO COUNTY FAIR HOG COMMITTEE

Registration Procedures

- **Option 1**- With this option we will obtain your information once you have successfully won a bid. Once you win a bid, please make your way down to our office.
- **Option 2**- This year we will be introducing pre-registration. The link will be on the Pasco County Fair website if you are interested in pre-registering. If you have purchased a hog in the past, we will be sending a post card out a few weeks before the night of the sale. The post card will have a QR code to take you to the pre-registration site. If you choose to pre-register, there will be a table set up for check-in. There you will receive your bidder's paddle/number.

Again, it is NOT required to pre-register, but the option will be there to help streamline the process.

Auction Procedures

All hogs MUST go to slaughter. Price will be announced at the start of the auction.

- **Option 1**- Resell the hog to the participating packer. If you do not want to have your hog processed for consumption, you may resell the hog to the packer that has agreed to pay a specified price for each hog that goes to resale. This price is set prior to the auction and will be announced before bidding begins. If you decide to do this, you will simply pay the difference between what you bid on the hog and the packer's price. For example, say you had the top bid of \$1.50 per pound on a 240-pound hog. The youth exhibiting the animal would receive \$360 (240 X \$1.50) in support of their project. If you choose to resell the hog and the current packer bid is \$.30 a pound, the packer pays \$72 (240 x \$.30) to the exhibitor, and you donate the remaining \$288 (\$360 - \$72) to the exhibitor.
- **Option 2**- Have the hog butchered for your consumption or donate to your favorite local charity. If you decide to donate your purchase to a charity, please make sure they realize that the cut and wrap charge must be paid for at the time of pickup. There will be a list of options when you come to the office to fill out your invoice. Some processors charge a facility or "kill" fee in addition to the cut and wrap fee. Bidders will pay the slaughter facility directly at the time you pick up your pork. It is the responsibility of the bidder to contact your chosen facility ASAP after the sale to customize your order and arrange for pick up. It can take some facilities up to four (4) weeks to process all orders and the orders will be ready in stages. Communication with your facility is important. **Please remember that you must provide the information to the charity of your choice including that the cut and wrap charge must be paid at time of meat pickup.**

The Hog Committee must know which option you are choosing on Saturday night when the bidding is complete.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. The Grand Champion will sell first, Reserve Champion second, then the remaining hogs.
2. The price per pound of the Grand Champion will be the maximum. The Reserve Champion cannot bring a higher sale price than the Grand Champion. No other hog can bring a price higher than the Reserve Champion.
3. The maximum selling weight is 290 pounds. Hogs weighing more than 290 pounds will be sold at 290 pounds.
4. A 5% commission fee will be taken from the sale price for each hog being sold to cover show expenses. Hog weight will not be shrunk.
5. As an alternative to purchasing a single hog, you may support any/all exhibitor(s) by donating an additional add-on amount for either an individual hog or for all hogs as an "across the board" donation. A 5% commission fee from any add-ons coming through committee will apply to cover show expenses. Hog weight will not be shrunk.
6. More than one buyer may get together collectively to purchase a hog.
7. After making the winning bid, all buyers will be asked to come to the office to sign their invoice slip, make payment and have their picture taken with the hog and the exhibitor. The office will accept cash, checks and most major credit cards.

Pasco County Fair Hog Committee reserves the right to make changes to the above information at anytime. If you have questions please contact the PCF Hog Committee at swine@pascocountyfair.com.