

made with the hog committee prior to weigh in day. (Hogs that do not meet the criteria to qualify for the show will be sent directly to slaughter).

USDA Grade Back fat thickness range

U.S. No. 1 Less than 1.00 inch.
U.S. No. 2 1.00 to 1.24 inches.
U.S. No. 3 1.25 to 1.49 inches.
U.S. No. 4 1.50 inches and over

Degrees of muscling

Muscle score #1 - Thin (Inferior)
Muscle Score #2 - Average
Muscle Score #3 - Thick (Superior)

"Thick" muscling moves a hog up one grade. **"Thin"** muscling will automatically **disqualify** a hog from the show.

*** ANIMALS THAT DO NOT MEET THE CRITERIA TO QUALIFY WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO SHOW.**

Sifting – Refer to the Basic Procedures of Weigh-In and Sift. If there is a shortage in pen space after all hogs have gone thru the qualifying process, the **Ag Committee** will sift based on current market trends. If there are open pens there will be no sift. Animals that do not meet the criteria to qualify for show are not allowed to fill empty pens just because there are pens available. **(Hogs that are sifted will be sent directly to slaughter with the packer who is on site that day at packer price).**

13. The Executive Committee reserve the sole right to remove any animal from the barn due to physical limitations or illness. Any such animal that exhibits inferior characteristics will be placed in a holding pen and removed from the barn at the convenience of the committee.

14. After weigh in, a **mandatory** exhibitor meeting will begin at **1:00 p.m.** in the livestock barn arena. **No** exhibitors/parents/guardians are allowed in the barn on Thursday until after exhibitors’ meeting and the barn is deemed open. This rule will be enforced and can be cause for disqualification from showing and selling the animal. **Failure to appear at the exhibitors meeting will also disqualify you to show and your project will sell at packer price.**

15. Pen placement of hogs will be determined by the barn committee as the hogs are unloaded; placement is final when the barn committee opens the barn to the exhibitors. If a hog location is changed by someone other than a committee member, that pig will be removed from the barn and the exhibitor disqualified from participating.

16. The Hog Committee will divide entries into workable classes by weight after arrival at the Fair. There will be classes by weight that will also be divided into divisions: Lightweight, Middleweight and Heavyweight. There will be class winners that will compete for the division winners, Grand and Reserve for each division. The Grand Champions of each division will then compete in the final drive for the Grand Champion of the show.

17. All exhibitors must feed and care for their animal during the Fair and are responsible for their hog until end of sale. **Water will not be available in the pens. Therefore, you are responsible for providing** automatic watering towers with lock down chains and feed pans to ensure your animal is cared for. The clip-on feeders are NOT allowed to be attached to the door. Free-standing feed pans may also be used depending on the pen situation. Hay and straw are not allowed for pen bedding, wood shavings must be used.

18. Each and every, exhibitor must be in their pen or with their animal at the start of the show and sale to exhibit their animals. Once the show starts no one except the exhibitor is allowed to groom their hog. If the exhibitor is not in the pen or with their animal at the time their class is called for the show the exhibitor will be

disqualified and their animal will be sold to the packer at the packer price announced at the beginning of the sale. If the exhibitor is not in the pen or with their animal at the time the animal is sold the exhibitor will be moved to the end of the sale and if they haven't shown up at that time, the animal will be sold to the packer at the packer price. There can be no substitutions of animals during the show and/or showmanship.

19. Only exhibitors will be allowed in the hog barn during the show and sale (**NO PARENTS, ADVISORS, PROFESSIONAL FITTERS OR HANDLERS**). The barn closes 30 minutes prior to show and sale and remains closed until the end of each event and the arena area is cleaned.

20. Clipping hogs is not a standard industry practice because it causes problems with the slaughter process. Packer/Slaughter price per pound may be discounted by the Packer/Slaughter facility for excessively clipped hogs. Discounted hogs will be fined double the discounted packer value. Show clipping (ears, tail, underline and long hair on eyes, nose and mouth) and total body clipping no less than ½" are safe accepted methods to avoid discounting.

***THE COMMITTEE SUGGESTS NO LESS THAN ½" CLIP LENGTH FOR TOTAL BODY CLIPPING.**

***THE COMMITTEE WILL NOT PERMIT CLIPPING OF ANY KIND IN THE BARN AFTER WEIGH-IN.**

ONLY PROFESSIONAL GROOMING PRODUCTS SHOULD BE USED. NO GLITTER IS ALLOWED!!

21. Prior to the Sale there is a buyer's appreciation dinner beginning at 4:00 pm in the Madill Building. Exhibitors are able to sign up after the Thursday meeting. (Exhibitors can purchase a dinner ticket for their buyer. The cost is \$20 and feeds two guests To purchase tickets contact the PCFHC at Swine@pascocountyfair.com).

22. Each hog that is eligible for show and has made it into the barn will be sold in the auction. No private treaty sales are allowed. All Sale monies will go through the Sale Committee. A 5% commission will be taken from the sale price of each hog to cover show expenses. Hog weights will not be shrunk. If add-ons are processed through the Sale Committee, a 5% commission will be deducted.

23. The Grand Champion will sell first and sets the maximum price; Reserve Champion cannot exceed the price of the grand champion (Reserve can sell for \$0.01 per pound less than the Grand Champion). Remaining hogs will be sold starting with Division champions (light, middle, heavy), showmanship winners, class winners, all others will be sold randomly. Those following the reserve champion in the sale cannot exceed the sell price of the reserve champion.

24. It is a mandatory for exhibitors to have a Buyer's Basket for their buyer. Buyer's baskets that are not claimed by the end of the sale become the property of the Hog Committee. Buyers' basket must be appropriate for adult buyers (ex. no toys) and have a value of at least \$50.00. If a basket is not provided, the exhibitor will be fined \$50.00 so that a basket can be made for your buyer. **NO ALCOHOL IS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BUYER BASKETS PER PASCO COUNTY FAIR BOARD**

25. It is expected that exhibitors help clean the arena after showmanship, the show and the sale. If you stay and help, you will receive a ticket for a raffle after the show.

- Juniors- After class Saturday
- Intermediates- After Showmanship Friday
- Seniors- After Sale, Saturday

26. Pens must be clean prior to turning in thank you letter. Pen clean-up will be between 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM on Sunday February 25th, 2024. **Exhibitors who have NOT cleaned their pen by 11:00 am, will receive a \$250 deduction from their premiums.**
27. Original thank you letter(s) to your buyer(s) **MUST** be given to the Swine Committee between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM on Sunday February 25, 2024. (after your pen has been cleaned); No generic form letters allowed. **You must provide a postage paid envelope ready for mailing with your thank you card(s). If the letter(s) is not turned in, there will be a \$5.00 fine per day for every day late. (this will be deducted from your premiums). The exhibitor is responsible for providing a thank-you letter for each buyer who purchased their animal. (7 buyers = 7 letters with 7 stamped envelopes)**
28. Once animals are checked in, they DO NOT leave the barn until the committee loads them out Sunday morning. Do not take animals outside of the barn for any reason. If you are caught removing your animal, you will be fined \$250.00 that will be deducted from your premiums and risk not being able to show the following year.
29. Wash racks and exercise pens will open at 8:00 AM Friday, February 23, 2024. There is to be no walking of pigs in the aisles of the barn at any time. We must keep aisles clean and clear at all times.
30. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST SHOW AND SALE WEARING THEIR ORGANIZATION'S OFFICIAL DRESS.
31. RESPECT WILL BE SHOWN TO ALL COMMITTEE AND FAIR MEMBERS... ANY EXHIBITOR OR ADULT WHO CHOOSES TO BE DISRESPECTFUL IN ANY WAY WILL BE ESCORTED FROM THE BARN, EXHIBITOR WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO SHOW, AND YOU MAY BE TRESSPASSED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SWINE COMMITTEE.
32. ALL RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN LIEU OF THE NEW BARN BEING BUILT.

The Pasco County Fair Hog Committee reserves the right to amend, add to and interpret the Rules and Regulations; and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected without incident to the Fair.

The Pasco County Fair Association, Inc. does not discriminate against any person on the basis of age, race, color, sex, disability, religion or national origin.

The Pasco County Fair Hog Committee, FFA Agricultural Departments, Florida Cooperative Extension Service or the Pasco County Fair Association will not be responsible in any way for sickness or accident of any nature which might occur to the exhibitor or animals during the Pasco County Fair nor are they responsible for damage to or loss of personal property.

Any person who violates any of these rules will forfeit all privileges and can/will result in the disqualification of the exhibitor.

Awards

Overall Exhibitor – Jacket, Buckle, Banner, Cooler

Overall Exhibitor (divisions Jr, Int, Sr) – Buckle, Banner, 30oz Cup

Grand Champion – Buckle, Banner, Jacket

Reserve Champion – Buckle, Banner

Division Winners – Grand- Cup, Banner, Hat

Reserve- Banner, Hat

Class Winners – Banner

Supreme Showmanship – Buckle, Banner, Cup

Showmanship (each division, Jr, Int, Sr) –

1st- Buckle, Banner

2nd- Banner, Hat

3rd- Banner

Record Book and Skills Test

1st - \$75

2nd- \$50

3rd- \$25

Herdsmen Respect Policy

- The Hog Committee will treat exhibitors, parents, fellow volunteers and members of the public with respect and will expect the same in return.
- The Hog Committee will not conduct business with those who use obscenities or otherwise speak in a demanding, loud, insulting or threatening manner.
- Volatile, hostile or aggressive actions and words will not be tolerated, and individuals who engage in these activities may face penalties up to, and including, criminal prosecution.

This policy promotes mutual respect, civility and orderly conduct among all committee members, exhibitors and parents. It is intended to maintain, to the extent that is possible and reasonable, a safe, harassment-free show & sale for exhibitors, families and volunteers, that is free of disruptive, demeaning, intimidating, threatening or aggressive behaviors.

Barn Rules

1. No hanging feeders on front gate of pen
 2. Clean up after washing your pig
 3. **ONLY** exhibitors & authorized volunteers allowed in barn once the barn has closed
 4. Exhibitor must be in pen at time your name is called
 5. No walking or washing animals in the aisles of the barn.
 6. No animals are to leave the barn at any time.
 7. Be respectful. No horseplay, vulgar language or obscenities allowed.
- (*Additional rules can be added as needed at the discretion of the committee)

YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS AND ANIMAL CARE WORKSHOP

The Pasco County Fair believes that every youth exhibitor should receive proper training and information for raising and showing a youth animal project. It is important that the exhibitor understand:

- The purpose of youth livestock projects
- The importance of ethics in youth livestock projects
- Proper animal handling and management
- The difference between animal welfare and animal rights
- Be prepared to be an ambassador for animal agriculture

The Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop is designed to certify students to meet the **MANDATORY** certification requirements that will be in effect for the Pasco County Fair.

This program has been endorsed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the University of Florida, Institute of Food Agriculture Sciences (IFAS).

The certification involves attending a 3 to 4 hour workshop presented by a Certified Ethics Trainer. All approved workshops will be posted on the Florida State Fair website www.floridastatefairag.com. The exhibitor's certification will be valid for 3 years after which the exhibitor must be recertified.

Once the trainer submits that the exhibitor has met the certification requirements the Florida State Fair will issue a letter to the exhibitor with their certification number.

If the exhibitor should misplace their certification number, they can retrieve their number by going to the Florida State Fair website www.floridastatefairag.com. Then go to the Ethics tab and enter the exhibitors name and city.

HOG EXHIBITORS will be required to list their certification number on their project record book when participating in the Pasco County Fair livestock events.

You must attend one of these ethics classes to be allowed to participate in weigh-in, show and sale. NO EXCEPTIONS!

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada. The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of volatile drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, and breed Representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

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Other parents, 4-H Leaders, agriculture teachers and hog producers are invited and encouraged to get involved with the hog project efforts. Suggestions and assistance are appreciated. Contact us if you are interested.

BASIC PROCEDURES OF WEIGH-IN AND SIFT FROM RULE BOOK

Hog Sift

Upon arrival all hogs are weighed, back fat at the 10th rib is measured & diameter of the loin is measured (only if hog is very low muscled) and last a muscle score is assigned. As the weights, measurements, and scores are taken, hogs that do not meet the criteria to qualify for the Hog Show are disqualified immediately. After all information is gathered and entered into a database, a report that gives the number of qualifying hogs and their weight, back fat, loin measurement and muscle score is printed.

Procedures of the hog sift are based on Market trends and will be implemented only due to lack of pen space. The objective is to sift the lowest quality hogs remaining. The Sift is based on back fat measurement and/or muscle score (using the loin diameter to help establish muscle). These measurements and muscle scores are determined by a Certified Ultrasound Technician from the University of Florida who is employed by the Hog Committee.

Market trends see .6" to .8" back fat as perfect. In the event of a sift, the hog committee will use the following sifting criteria to ensure the highest quality market hog in our show.

Sift #1	1.24 to 1.00	Muscle-2	1.24	DOWN	DOWN- starting at the highest back fat number and work down to the lowest back fat number in this range.
Sift #2	1.24 to 1.00	Muscle-3	1.24	DOWN	
Sift #3	Under .50	Muscle-2		LESS to .49	LESS – starting at the lowest back fat number and work up to the highest back fat number in this range.
Sift #4	Under .50	Muscle-3		LESS to .49	
Sift #5	.99 to .90	Muscle-2	.99	DOWN	DOWN – starting at the highest back fat number and work down to the lowest back fat number in this range.
Sift #6	.99 to .90	Muscle-3	.99	DOWN	
Sift #7	.89 to .81	Muscle-2	.89	DOWN	DOWN – starting at the highest back fat number and work down to the lowest back fat number in this range.
Sift #8	.89 to .81	Muscle-3	.89	DOWN	
Sift #9	Under .60	Muscle-2		LESS to .59	LESS – starting at the lowest back fat number and work up to the highest back fat number in this range.
Sift #10	Under .60	Muscle-3		LESS to .59	

**2024 EXHIBITOR ENTRY STATEMENT
TO BE COLLECTED AT TAGGING**

1. I have read and understand, consent to, and agree to abide by the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS.
2. I have read and understand rule #5 regarding a school issued report card from the most recent grading period, and the minimum **cumulative** un-weighted 2.0 GPA. (For high school/Senior Grades 9-12 exhibitors)
3. I have read and understand rule #7 regarding the declaration of back up pigs.
4. I have read and understand, consent and agree to abide by the Pasco County Fair Hog Committee Show and Sale Rules.
5. I have read and understand rule # 12 - minimum weight 240 lbs and the criteria to qualify to show and sifting.
6. I understand that I must have a valid up to date Ethics Certificate received from the Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop.
7. I understand that my hog check needs to be cashed/deposited within 90 days of the issue date on the check. If the check is not deposited within 90 days, a reissuance fee of \$100.00 will be charged.
8. Each hog must weigh a minimum of **240** pounds and no more than the maximum of **300** pounds to qualify for the show.
9. USDA State ID #840 - _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Ethics Number _____

I have not attended a State Fair Ethics Workshop or I need to recertify. I will attend on _____ Workshop date.

Exhibitor Name (Please print) _____

Exhibitor Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____