

Bidder's Guide

Dear Bidder,

Welcome to the 2023 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,

PASCO COUNTY FAIR HOG COMMITTEE

Auction Procedures

All hogs **MUST** go to slaughter. Bidders **DO NOT** have to register before the auction. 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.

You have two (2) options with your bid:

Option 1 – Resale the hog to the participating packer.

PRICE WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE START OF THE AUCTION.

If you do not want to have your hog processed for consumption, you may resale 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 resale 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 the cut and wrap charge must be paid for at the time of pickup of their meat.

This option is to butcher the hog for your own consumption or donate the meat to one of your favorite local charities (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). 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. The Hog Committee must know your desire to either resale to packer or have your hog sent to a custom slaughter facility on Saturday night when the bid has been turned in to the sale office.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. The Grand Champion will sell first, Reserve Champion second. Remaining hogs will be sold in descending order starting with class winners.
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 and a 5% commission fee from any add-ons coming through committee 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.
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.