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NOTICE

Requirements for Market Class Exhibition Swine
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Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) Chapter 5C-4.003 states that market class swine in a terminal show utilizing an exemption from veterinary inspection and/or swine disease testing are required to be maintained in slaughter channels. This rule was last updated and effective as published as of March 17, 2025. Market class swine entering the exhibition from another state are also subject to F.A.C. Chapter 5C-3, Importation of Animals requirements.

It is important for exhibitors and buyers to understand the regulatory requirements associated with swine exhibiting in terminal class shows or purchased at auction following participation.

- All swine, entered for exhibition purposes, including market class swine in a terminal swine show, must have official individual identification.
- Swine must be transported directly from the terminal swine show to the possession of a recognized slaughter establishment, or to an approved livestock facility that maintains designated slaughter-only channels, within 7 days of the end of the show. Note: Currently there are no approved livestock facilities in Florida with designated slaughter channels.
- Owners of market class swine, including the buyer must maintain records for a period of two years, and make such records available upon request, including but not limited to:
  1. Official individual identification of each animal;
  2. The name and contact information of the entity transporting the swine from the terminal show;
  3. The name, physical address and contact information for the recognized slaughtering establishment, or approved livestock facility, where the swine were delivered, and the delivery date.
- Because veterinary inspection and disease testing is waived for this class of swine, all swine that have participated in terminal swine shows must be held in isolation and only commingled with other swine in slaughter channels until slaughtered.

FDACS Division of Animal Industry monitors compliance with state rules regarding the participation, movement, and disposition of the market class swine for exhibition at Florida public fairs that operate under Florida Statutes Chapter 616. We request that you make every effort to educate swine exhibitors, potential buyers and designated recognized slaughtering establishments of their responsibilities.