

MARKET HOG DIVISION

ENTRY DEADLINE – January 13, 2023

ENTRY FEE - \$20 per exhibitor

DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS – 12:00 – 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 13th
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14th

VALIDATION CHECK/WEIGHT CARD TURN IN – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14th

CORRECTIONS TO WEIGHT CARDS – 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 15th

CLASSIFYING/JUDGING – 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 15th
8:00 a.m., Thursday, March 16th

SHOWMANSHIP – 8:00 a.m., Friday, March 17th

LOAD OUT – 6:00 p.m., Saturday, March 18th (Times subject to change)

MARKET HOG DIVISION RULES

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school and reside in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, or Willacy counties.
2. 4-H and FFA exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least nine years old, but under twenty as of January 1, 2023.
3. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the “Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee” in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising County Extension Agent or Agriculture Science Teacher. Failure to gain approval from the supervising Agriculture Science Teacher/County Extension Agent and the Species Specific County-Level Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock.
4. Both barrows and gilts are eligible to be entered. All market hogs must have been validated by the Texas Swine Validation Program by November 30, 2022. A copy of the validation form must be attached to the Entry Certification Form. Ear notches and validation numbers must match those on validation paperwork. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions.
5. An exhibitor may enter only one hog.
6. Any animal that has been sold in a terminal auction at another show is ineligible for this Show. Market hogs found to have evidence of more than one validation will be ineligible to show unless the proper Change of Ownership Forms are recorded, reflecting why there is evidence of more than one validation and that the previous validation(s) have been canceled

7. Minimum weight is 240 lbs. Maximum weight is 290 lbs. Animals will be reweighed at the discretion of the Division Chairman. Hogs that are found to have injuries or illness are subject to sift at the discretion of the show veterinarian
8. From Monday, March 13, 2023, 12 p.m. to Saturday, March 18, 2023, 5 p.m., all alley ways are to be kept clear of show boxes, feed boxes, wagons, ice chests, chairs and other items that may cause harm to hogs or people walking down the alley ways. These items may be placed on the exterior perimeter of the hog barn pens. Outside perimeter is a First come First Serve basis and no items are to be affixed to pens or bleachers. No boxes will be allowed to hang anywhere outside of the pen. Failure to follow this rule will result in disciplinary action to the school or 4H club in violation of each offense.
9. Animals must stay in assigned pens. Exhibitors cannot build their own pens. You should bring your own dividers
10. Exhibitors must declare animal weight, breed, and state validation number on weight card. The weight listed on the weight card will become that animal's official declared weight to be used for weigh back and selling purposes. Exhibitors must complete the weight card to include declared weight and state validation tag number and breed. Errors made on validation cards by the exhibitor or representative will not be changed after Tuesday, March 14, at 5:00 p.m. Committee errors on class and weight posting will NOT be changed after Wednesday, March 15, at 12:00 noon. All exhibitors participating in showmanship must declare their decision on the back of their weight card along with their AGE. No showmanship entries will be added after Tuesday, March 14, at 5:00 p.m.
11. Scales will be allowed in the barn during sifting and judging within organizations assigned pens or designated areas, provided they are tagged with the organizations name, and they must state "Non-Official Scale". No scales will be allowed in alley ways at any time. Scales must be removed within one hour following the final judging. Failure to follow scale rules will result in a \$50 fine
12. Absolutely no ear notching on showgrounds. Any fresh ear notching discovered will result in disqualification of the animal. Disqualified animals are still subject to consignment contract
13. All market hogs entering the showing are required to have validation ear tags. Exhibitors may NOT remove ear tags from their animals. Any club with an animal ear tag missing will be fined. If ear tags fall off, it must be turned into the Market Hog Committee Chairperson. Exhibitors may NOT remove pen numbers from pen where their animal was stalled. Removal of ear tags and/or pen numbers may result in exhibitor's premium money and/or resales money being held by RGVLS.
14. Fitting: Pure water ONLY. If an exhibitor is caught at the gate with foreign substance on a hog, there will be immediate disqualification. Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited.
15. Only exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the holding areas, judging arena, or on the arena director's stand during sifting and judging
16. Market hogs will be classified by the judge as they enter the show ring

17. A market hog, which in the opinion of the judge, does not have predominant breed characteristics of the class in which it is entered, may be sifted from the Show or, with the approval of the Division Superintendent and the Show Management, moved by the judge to the class, which in his/her opinion, the animal is eligible to be entered
18. Crossbreed is defined as an animal whose sire and dam are of different breeds
19. Hogs may be reweighed during judging at a time determined by the Superintendent. Any hog weighing more than 10 lbs. above or 10 lbs. less than its initial official show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing. Once the market hog validation card is turned in, no hog will be permitted to leave RGVLS property
20. The hog committee may collect a hair and/or blood sample from any hog entered in the Show for the purpose of conducting a DNA analysis. Any hog not having a positive match from the DNA analysis of this hair and/or blood sampled compared to the DNA analysis of the samples taken from it at the time of enrollment in the state validation program will be disqualified
21. All market hogs will be sold to the person or company submitting the highest bid
22. Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any breed of the Market Hog Division. If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Breed Champion of each division. 15 head and more will result in full scholarship amounts.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.

JUDGING

After sifting and weighing, hogs will be divided by the following breeds:

- Duroc
- Hampshire
- Yorkshire
- Dark Other Purebreeds
- Light Other Purebreeds
- Dark Crossbreeds
- All Other Crossbreeds

In the event there are as many as 75 entries of another Purebreed, classes will be added for that breed. If the number of entries of any breed falls below 40, that breed class will be discontinued to following year. Hogs will be put in classes as nearly equal in number as possible. All hogs of the same weight will be put in the lower weight group.

First place hogs in each breed class will compete for Breed Champion. Second place winner in class, which produced the Breed Champion, will compete with remaining first place hogs of the breed for Reserve Breed Champion

AWARDS

Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Breed Champions – Buckle, Banner, Scholarship & Rosette

Reserve Breed Champions – Rosette

Champion winners in each division will compete for Grand Champion Award. Reserve Champion winner in division that produced the Grand Champion will compete with the remaining Champions for the Reserve Grand Champion Award.

The Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Division Champions and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placing projects will be eligible to participate in the Sale of Champions on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. This is a premium auction only; the actual projects will not be sold to the buyers.

SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS

- 4th place - \$26
- 5th place - \$25
- 6th place - \$24

MARKET HOG SHOWMANSHIP

All exhibitors of market hogs are eligible to compete. Exhibitor must show their own hog for showmanship and exhibitor number is required. Exhibitors will be divided into three age groups based on age as of day of show

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS

- Junior – Grades 3rd -5th
- Intermediate – Grades 6th – 8th
- Seniors – Grades 9th – 12th

SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

- Champion - \$100 & Buckle
- Reserve Champion - \$75 & Ribbon
- 3rd place - \$50 & Ribbon