

Market Hog Rulebook

TO: Market Project Exhibitors

4-H Agents, 4-H Leaders, FFA Advisors

The application form and rules for the 2025 -2026 Osceola County Fair & Kissimmee Valley Livestock Market Program will be available online from August 1st -15th. You can access forms by going to the KVLS website at www.osceolacountyfair.com.

IMPORTANT: All exhibitors MUST HAVE BEEN ACTIVE members in good standing the prior year (as defined by the governing association's guidelines) IN THE 2025-2026 4-H OR FFA PROGRAMS... and must be verified as an active member according to the YOUTH MARKET ANIMAL RULE # 1. Please read the Market Hog Show & Sale Rules.

COMPLETE forms Online between August 1st -15th at 12:00 midnight. **YOU MUST RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION RECEIPT VIA EMAIL WHEN USING THE ONLINE SYSTEM.**

If a draw is needed, it will be held on the first Thursday after registration closes at the fair office.

See the Osceola County Fair Event Calendar for mandatory dates.

We are looking forward to an exciting year!

If you should have any questions, please contact your Committee Chairperson.

Participants are required to review the following:

- Market Hog Show & Sale Rules

Please complete and submit the following online:

- Application Form

By completing the application form online, exhibitors and parents certify that they have READ and UNDERSTAND the Rules and Regulations set forth in this, and all corresponding documents.

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GENERAL RULES:

The Market Hog Show and Sale will be limited to one hundred thirty (130) hogs. Application forms are due on the required deadline date. The draw will be held the following Thursday.

- Applicants will be divided into two (2) groups as follows:
 - **GROUP A:** Exhibitors or clubs that exhibited an animal in last year's Market Hog Show and Sale.
 - **GROUP B:** All others qualified to participate, as defined in the KVLS General Market Animal Rules. If necessary, Group B applications will be numbered. The corresponding number will be placed in a hat, and numbers will be drawn until the total number of hog exhibitors is 130
- *An additional entry will be placed for each year the applicant has participated in the draw without being drawn for a maximum of the three (3) previous years***
- All hogs must be ear-tagged by the second Saturday of October. Pictures verifying the hog and the tag must be emailed to the market hog email by midnight on the second Saturday of October. If you do not meet the stated deadline, you will go in the open show the first year; if you miss the deadline the second consecutive year, you will go to the open show and lose your slot. Therefore, you will have to go in the hog draw the following year.
 - The barn shall be closed 1 hour prior to showmanship/show/sale. The exhibitor and 1 parent or immediate family member will be provided with an armband in order to gain access into the barn during showmanship/show/sale. Exhibitors and 1 parent or immediate family member with a wristband will only be allowed in the barn during the exhibitor's designated weight division/showmanship division. If the exhibitor, parent, or guests do not adhere to the barn rules during showmanship/show/sale, the exhibitor will be fined \$100.00 which will be deducted from the exhibitor's premium check. Exhibitors must remain inside their respective pen in order to maintain a free aisle for pig movement. Also parents/immediate family members must make room and remain clear during pig movement.
 - KVLS will no longer supply waterers; exhibitors will be responsible for providing waterers; exhibitors may supply their own bedding/shavings or utilize bedding provided by KVLS. Also, exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning out and disposing of contaminated bedding to the predesignated disposal area; this shall take place two hours before the sale starts (No clean-out during sale) and one hour after the conclusion of sale. Not following this rule will incur a \$100 fine taken from the exhibitor's premium check.

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ELIGIBILITY:

Age Divisions:

Junior: 8-10 | Intermediate: 11-13 | Senior: 14-18

Minimum Exhibitor Age is 8 years old

(Ages are prior to September 1st of current 4-H/FFA Year)

1. Only active Osceola County 4-H or FFA members are invited to participate; and must be residents of Osceola County and currently enrolled in school.
 - a. Anyone having graduated from high school or currently dropped out of school shall be ineligible to enter, show, or sell their market animals. All entrants must be active in the 4-H or FFA Programs and meet all their requirements.
 - b. The child must be an Osceola County resident OR lives/reside on land in a bordering county, which the property continues, into Osceola County, and may participate in the market animal programs provided they abide by all other rules and regulations.
2. If your animal does not make weight, or if you do not meet any of the requirements of the market animal department, you are ineligible to compete in Showmanship and premier exhibitor with the market animal exhibitors. You will be able to compete in the open animal Showmanship.
3. Any 4-H, FFA, or Open exhibitors conducting or participating in any illegal or illicit activities, including tobacco, alcohol, vaping around the Fairgrounds, shall forfeit all rights to show and /or sell at the Fair. Any monies owed by the Fair for sales, premiums, and awards will be withheld by KVLS for the current year.

All Exhibitors are required to complete Ethics Class. If you need to sign up for the class, go to <https://floridastatefairag.com/>

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REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL MARKET ANIMAL EXHIBITORS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Skill-a-thon

- All exhibitors are required to attend the Skill-A-Thon event. (Bring a copy of your 1st-semester report card.) Any Exhibitors with a (1st semester) GPA of 3.25 may opt out of taking the skill-a-thon unless competing for skill-a-thon competition or Premier Exhibitor.
- **All other exhibitors with a GPA lower than 3.25 will be required to take the Skill-A-Thon and pass with a minimum of 70% to be qualified to show their market animal.** If a 70% or above is not attained, the exhibitor will be given the opportunity to retake the Skill-a-thon. The first score will be used for the skill-a-thon competition and Premier Exhibitor.
- Complete Skill-a-thon. See the event calendar for the Skill-a-thon date and time.
- Awards will be given for 1st (\$25), 2nd (\$20), 3rd(\$15), 4th(\$10) and 5th(\$5) place at each age level. In the event of a tie, a tiebreaker will be used.
 - **Incentive:** All exhibitors that score at least 95 on Skill-a-thon will receive one (1) Funcard (subject to availability).

RECORD BOOKS:

- Record books must be completed and turned in if the animal is to be shown at the fair.
- Record Books will be graded from 1-100+ points. **Exhibitors must have a minimum of 70 points OR a pass to be able to show his/her animal.** The Record Book must be kept in the exhibitor's own handwriting (no typewritten pages).
- The only exception to this is the auctioneer's statement, which must be typed.
- Awards will be given for 1st (\$25), 2nd (\$20), 3rd(\$15), 4th(\$10) and 5th(\$5) place at each age level. In the event of a tie, a tiebreaker will be used.
- At the time of official record book turn-in the exhibitor must declare if the record book enters the competition or pass/fail category. No matter the decision the books must pass in order to show.

SCHOLARSHIP:

- Exhibitor Scholarship rules and application forms may be obtained online.
- The applications would be accepted via email and submitted no later than midnight the date of the market animal skill a thon competition. This will allow us to have an electronic record of the applications submitted and eliminate any misplaced or non-submitted applications. **The email is kvlsscholarship@gmail.com.**
- You must be age 14 by September 1st of the current 4-H/FFA Year.

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- The scholarship committee will provide a review process to select the top 15 applications which will then continue to the next level of completion, which will include an illustration talk/demonstration on leadership or citizenship within the project area and an interview.
- The fifteen (15) youths selected to compete for the interview/illustrated talk portion of the competition will be notified via email.
- Memorial scholarships are only eligible for those who compete for the KVLS scholarships.
- See Event Calendar for complete details.

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ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMAL:

1. Is limited to market barrow or open gilt (boars and stags will not be permitted). There will be a mandatory exhibitor meeting DATE TO BE DETERMINED. (Please see Events Calendar for dates and times).
2. **THE EXHIBITOR MUST ATTEND THIS MEETING. IF IT IS NOT ATTENDED, THE EXHIBITOR WILL FORFEIT THEIR SPOT. IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM ATTENDING, PLEASE CONTACT THE HOG CHAIRPERSON PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE MEETING.**
3. All hogs must be ear-tagged by the ear tagging date.
4. All **HOGS** must have the breeder's EID (Electronic Identification) tag. All Market Hogs are considered terminal.
5. All animals must be considered for sale and considered terminal projects.
6. Spare pig is 1 per exhibitor or 1 to be shared with immediate family. Each spare must have each exhibitor designated with it recorded at first weigh in or registration. Final selection must be made in the record book at time of record book turn-in.
7. **Deadline for replacing injured hogs is the first Saturday of November.** If your hog is injured, please contact the committee.
8. A parent or legal guardian is required to be with the Exhibitors and responsible for unloading of any animals at Final Weigh-IN. Each exhibitor will have seven (7) minutes per animal for unloading. If an exhibitor takes more than seven (7) minutes, the exhibitor will be required to go to the end of the line for another attempt. This will provide for a more expedited move-in process and mitigate stress of animals in confined spaces.
9. Minimum weight at final weigh-in is **230 pounds**. If your hog does not make weight for two consecutive years, you will lose your slot and must go back into the draw. There is no maximum weight; however, the exhibitor will not be paid for any weight over 310 pounds.
 - a. **All hogs are terminal per the State of Florida.**
 - b. If you do not make weight, your hog will not be auctioned off. Exhibitor or their agent must be present for the weigh-in. If your hog is to be shown in the Youth Swine Show, please contact Youth Swine Chairperson.
 - c. Hogs will be weighed on certified scales and this will be the official weight. Hogs will only have one opportunity to be re-weighed. This will consist of removing the hog from the scales, setting scales to zero, and immediately re-weighing. Hogs will not be permitted to leave the weigh-in pen area prior to being re-weighed. No food or water in scale area.
 - d. **Starting with the 2026 Fair, All livestock market weigh-in scales will be positioned so the weight displays are clearly visible to the public. This new rule is part of our commitment to transparency and fairness in the livestock market process.**

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10. **A MANDATORY MEETING WILL BE HELD AFTER FINAL WEIGH-IN.** See event calendar for time. Hogs will be placed in classes based on final weight. The management reserves the right to determine the number of and size of classes to ensure maximum efficiency in conducting the show. All pens are assigned.
11. All animals must be fed, and cared for, and their beds cleaned by the exhibitor for the entire time they are on the Fairgrounds. If this is not done, a \$50 fine will be deducted from the sale of your animal.
12. All hogs must be trained for show and controlled by the exhibitor. Animals that cannot be handled properly by the exhibitor will be disqualified.
13. All animals will be bedded in sawdust. **ALL HOGS MUST COME IN CLEAN. DUE TO STATE AGRICULTURE REGULATIONS, ALL TRAILERS MUST BE CLEAN AND SANITIZED. THE INSPECTOR MAY REFUSE ENTRY OF ANIMAL.**
14. **All grooming MUST be done by current market hog exhibitor of KVLS and/or immediate family of current market hog exhibitor. (Current exhibitors and immediate family can help each other)**
(No professional/paid groomers will be allowed)
Any offenders will receive a verbal warning to cease, second offense the exhibitor will be disqualified and asked to leave the barn.

SHOWMANSHIP:

- A separate competition will be held. Check the Calendar for the date of Showmanship. There will be a Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship class.

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Classes:

01. Junior Showmanship 02. Intermediate Showmanship 03. Senior Showmanship

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pig movement. Also, parents/immediate family members must make room and remain clear during pig movement.

DRESS CODE:

● **FOR THE SHOW:**

- All exhibitors must wear a white, long-sleeved, collared dress shirt or blouse tucked in with dark blue or black western trousers or western jeans (jeans cannot have any holes).
- Boots or leather closed-toed shoes.
- Exhibitors may wear a 4-H or FFA jacket. A 4-H or FFA tie may be worn if the exhibitor desires.
- No other jackets, vests, or ties will be allowed.
- **All exhibitors are required to wear show numbers on front and back of shirts.**

● **FOR SHOWMANSHIP/SALE:**

- All exhibitors must wear a long-sleeved shirt, collared dress shirt or blouse tucked in with nice clean jeans or western dress trousers (jeans cannot have any holes).
- Boots or leather closed-toed shoes.
- Hats, jackets, ties, and vests, will be allowed.
- **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**
- The barn shall be closed 1 hour prior to showmanship/show/sale. The exhibitor and **1 parent or immediate family member** will be provided with an armband in order to gain access into the barn during showmanship/show/sale. Exhibitors and 1 parent or immediate family member with wristband will only be allowed in the barn during the exhibitors designated weight division/showmanship division. If the exhibitor, parent or guests do not adhere to the barn rules during showmanship/show/sale, the exhibitor will be fined \$100.00 which will be deducted from the exhibitor's premium check. **Exhibitors must remain inside their respective pen in order to maintain a free isle for pig movement. Also parents/immediate family members must make room and remain clear during pig movement.**

JUDGING:

- Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be selected. Judging of top five (5) animals will be selected in steer and hog shows only. Second place animal in the class that produces the Grand Champion will be eligible for Reserve Champion.

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- Exhibitors will receive ribbons; however, since the exhibitor will profit from the sale of their animal, no premium monies will be awarded. Points will be awarded to those competing for the Scholarships and / or Premier Exhibitor.
- **ALL JUDGE'S DECISIONS WILL BE FINAL.**

SALE:

- All animals must be considered for sale and considered terminal projects.
- The order of sale will be Grand, Reserve, 3rd overall, 4th overall, 5th overall, followed by all first, second, third, etc. places in each class. Buy back prices will be pre-established by the packer's bid.
 - No riding animals
 - No animal will be sold more than once during the sale.
 - Buy backs will only go to the pre-approved packer.
 - Each exhibitor shall be responsible for securing his/her own buyer.
 - All exhibitors are encouraged to try and invite new businesses; there is no limit to the number of letters you may send out.
 - The more buyers who attend, the better the auction
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BUYER/SALE:

- Five (5) percent of sale value will be deducted by KVLS for expenses of the sale.
- You will also be assessed the current rate for your respective Hog Councils (if applicable).
- **Buyer Gifts shall be supplied by the buyer's committee for each exhibitor's buyer on the night of the sale and \$10 will be deducted from each exhibitor's check for the buyer's gift.**

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POST FAIR:

- **Your buyer thank-you letters (one per market entry) must be received in the Fair Office by 5 pm the first Friday after the Fair closes.**
 - It must be in an UNSEALED ENVELOPE, STAMPED, ADDRESSED TO YOUR BUYER(S), AND RETURN ADDRESSED. Failure to turn in your letters(s) in the allotted time will result in a fine deduction of the gross amount, per market animal, from your check and the check will be held until you do so.
 - **Any exhibitor that fails to submit their thank you letter(s) by the deadline for two (2) consecutive years will not be able to show the next year.**
- In addition, each exhibitor is required to hand deliver (or mail deliver, if the buyer is from out of the county) buyer photo (photo supplied by KVLS) and/or plaque to their buyer. The KVLS Office will notify exhibitors when the photos are available for delivery, the exhibitor will hand deliver to the buyer, get the buyers signature and return the form to the KVLS Office to receive their check (mail delivery will require a receipt from the post office).
- Exhibitors will be required to accomplish this once the packets are available within 10 business days; any buyer plaque/picture delivery receipt turned in after the 10 business days will result in a 10% deduction of the gross amount, per market animal.

The Board of Directors of the KVLS & Fair will have the final judgment in regard to the interpretation of ALL rules and regulations.

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SECONDARY MARKET ANIMALS

Chairperson(s) Contact Information:

- Ronnie Beam, (407) 908-6488
- Cindy Moore, (407) 908-8868

COMPLETE forms Online between August 1st and 15th at 12:00 pm-midnight. **YOU MUST RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION RECEIPT VIA EMAIL WHEN USING THE ONLINE SYSTEM.** Complete only if you are exhibiting a second animal.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- If you choose to show a second market animal at KVLS, you must abide by the rules & regulations of that animal. The KVLS Board of Directors shall have the right to interpret all rules.
- It must be at least your second year in a row showing a market animal at KVLS to be eligible.
- Market Lamb and Market Goat exhibitors are allowed to show a secondary animal their first year; provided it is a Market Lamb or Market Goat; no Market Steers or Market Hogs will be accepted.
- Once the exhibitor has a second market spot, the exhibitor will retain that spot.
- **# of cap on all animals:**
 - Hogs: 130 | Steers: 150 | Lambs: 35 | Goats: 35
- You cannot show two of the same species. Secondary animal must be different than your primary animal.
- **It will be mandatory to complete a record book and take the skill-a-thon on your second animal, and abide by all rules from that market animal. If the second record book is not turned to 4-H/FFA, you will not be allowed to show a secondary animal the following year. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- If the cap is met on the animal of your choice, a drawing will be held on the first Thursday after registration closes. You are allowed to be there or you will be contacted to let you know if your application was drawn.
- You will be responsible for your own buyer to come out and bid on your animal, just as you are with your primary animal.

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