

# SWINE

## MARKET SWINE

Superintendent: Mr. Bobby Bingham

Asst. Superintendents: Mr. Mike Lavergne, Dr. Chip LeMieux, Mr. Nicky Roderigue

### Market Hog Classification Guidelines and Rules

**Market and Commercial Gilts are validated with the same tag; it is the exhibitor's responsibility to choose whether it is Market or Commercial prior to the District Show.**

Exhibitors will designate on the official entry in which breed type or barrow division the market hog will be entered. Final determination of classification will be made by the official classifier(s) at the State Show and the classifier(s) may reclassify a market hog to another division. This determination is based on visual characteristics of the market hog and the judgment of the classifier(s). Official classification is not subject to protest. District Show Management reserves the right to reclassify any animals that are entered. NOTE: Exhibitors will be allowed to show three market hogs at the State Show. **The three market hogs can be of either sex.**

Market hogs will be shown in the following breed types or barrow divisions: Hampshire, Yorkshire, Duroc, **Berkshire**, AOB, Cross Gilt, and Barrow.

Overall grand champion and reserve grand champion will be selected from breed type and barrow division champions and reserve champions.

**All hogs must be brought to the classification area clean. Dirty Hogs will not be classified.**

#### Market Hog Classification:

- I. Hampshire
  - A. Must be black with a white belt starting on the front leg. The belt must totally encircle the body with at least white hairs touching.
  - B. Must possess Hampshire Breed characteristic (ears must be erect and not rounded).
  - C. Must NOT have any white hair or indications of streaking on the forehead. White hair is allowed on the front of the snout surrounding the nostrils, but the white is not allowed to break the rim of the nose. This includes no white on the tail.
  - D. Any white hair on back legs must end at the hock.
  - E. Any white hair on the belly must end at the navel.
  - F. Must NOT have any red hair.
- II. Yorkshire
  - A. Must be white and possess Yorkshire Breed characteristic (ears must be erect).
  - B. Must NOT have any colored hair other than white.
  - C. All colored skin pigmentation combined cannot be larger than one U.S. minted ½ dollar.
- III. Duroc
  - A. Must be red and possess Duroc Breed characteristic (ears must be down and medium size).
  - B. Must NOT have any white hair located on the animal.
  - C. All black skin pigmentation combined cannot be larger than one U.S. minted ½ dollar.
  - D. Must NOT have any shading or indication of a belt.
- IV. Berkshire
  - A. Must be black and white hog with erect ears exhibiting Berkshire Breed characteristic.
  - B. Must have white on all four legs, face and tail (unless tail is docked).
  - C. Must NOT have a solid white or a solid black face from the ears forward.
  - D. Must NOT have a solid black nose (rim of nose).
  - E. White is allowed on the ears, but NO solid white may appear on the ears.
  - F. An occasional splash of white may appear on the body.

#### AOB (Any Other Breed)

- I. Landrace
  - A. Must be white and possess Landrace Breed characteristic (ears must be down).
  - B. Must NOT have any color hair other than white.
  - C. Combined skin pigmentation cannot be larger than one U.S. minted ½ dollar.
- II. Chester White
  - A. Must possess Chester White Breed characteristics.
  - B. Must be solid white, combined skin pigmentation other than white cannot be larger than one U. S. minted ½ dollar.
  - C. Ears must be down and medium size.
  - D. Must NOT have any signs of weighted ear tags or evidence of past existence of such ear tags.
- III. Spotted
  - A. Must be black and white.
  - B. Must possess Spotted Breed characteristic.
  - C. Ears must not be erect. Must NOT have any signs of weighted ear tags or evidence of past existence of such ear tags.
  - D. Any red tinted or sandy brown spots are ineligible.
  - E. No solid black head from ears forward.

- F. No distinct white belt pattern (hair or skin) encircling and extending down and onto each shoulder.
- IV. Poland China
  - A. Must possess Poland China Breed characteristic.
  - B. Must be black with six white points (face, feet and tail) with an occasional splash of white on the body. A hog may not possess more than one black leg and be determined as a Poland China. Tail docking is permissible, eliminating that white point.
  - C. Must have ears down.
  - D. Must NOT have evidence of belt formation.
  - E. Cannot have any red or sandy hair and/or pigment.
  - F. Hogs that have weighted ear tags or evidence of tampering with possible ear tags are ineligible.
- V. Hereford
  - A. 2/3 of the body must be red and no more than one third white hair (except for the head and feet).
  - B. Must not have evidence of a white belt.
  - C. Must have white on face, ears, and at least two feet.
  - D. White on feet must extend at least one inch above the hoof.
  - E. No Swirled hair patterns.
- VI. Tamworth
  - A. General body color shall be red. Ginger red to dark red is traditional.
  - B. Must have erect ears
  - C. No white on body
  - D. Black speckling on the skin is acceptable but must not have 20 black spots of a size larger than a dime or any 1 spot larger than 4 inches by 4 inches

**NOTE:** These Market Hog Classification criteria are based on the National Swine Registry Barrow Show Classification Guidelines with a few modifications. A cross is any hog not meeting any of the aforementioned criteria.

## Special Rules

- A. Barrows and gilts may be shown in the classified breed market hog classes.
- B. Only **crossbred gilts** are eligible to be shown in the **Crossbred Division**. Barrows are no longer eligible for that Breed Division.
- C. Minimum weight at district show for market hogs will be 200 lbs. Maximum weight at the district show (to qualify for the state show) will be 285 lbs. with a 5% tolerance above the 285 lbs. District shows have the option of weighing only lightweight animals to enforce minimum weight rules and using a "weigh your own" system for heavier classes. This would be an option only - not a requirement. (District Show managers may use the 2 lb. per day method to develop minimum weight at each of the district shows at their option; using this method, managers use the days between the district show and state show and subtract 2 pounds per day from the 215 lb. minimum weight at state show. An example would be a district show held 22 days prior to state show weigh in could at the choosing of show manager to use 171 lbs. as the shows minimum weight.) Minimum weight will not exceed 200 lbs. at the district show.
- D. State show minimum class weights will be 215 pounds and maximum class weights will be 285 pounds.
- E. During each class at the State Show, the top four animals will be reweighed. Any hog that has gained or lost more than 5 percent from the official entry weight submitted will be disqualified.
- F. At the state show market hogs will be divided by breed type and barrow division and by weight into classes approximately equal in number with a maximum of 50 classes. In cases where two classes are needed to accommodate animals of the same weight, the animals will be randomly divided. If this procedure places two animals belonging to the same exhibitor in the same class, the superintendent has the right to move one of the animals to the other class of the same weight.
- G. SWINE PARISH GROUP SHOWING PROCEDURE AT THE STATE SHOW:
  - 1. Parish group swine will be exhibited and driven as in the market hog show.
  - 2. Superintendent will determine exhibitor order.
  - 3. Parish groups will be evaluated individually and penned accordingly.
- H. Market Hog Division Champions Premiums:
  - 1. Market Hog Division Champion      \$250
  - 2. Market Hog Division Reserve Champion      \$100
- I. At the state show feeding or watering hogs in the aisles and blocking the aisles in any manner other than that recommended by show management are prohibited.
- J. Grooming Practices for Swine
 

The code of ethics as listed in General Rule No. 16 of the catalog lists two areas of concern in the grooming of swine.

  - 1. Dyeing or coloring an animal to alter its natural coloration or to cause it to be classified in a different breed or show class.
  - 2. Clipping is allowed in the barns; however, snaring will not be allowed.
  - 3. **Water will be the only substance in the show arena permitted for coat dressing. No aerosol cans are allowed in the REV center. No oils or color grooming compounds are allowed. No adhesives are allowed. Added hair or other material, natural or man-made, may not be used in the grooming of any exhibit. Any violations found will result in the entry (hog) being ineligible and the exhibitor being subject to disqualification.**
- K. Recommended show equipment (bats or show sticks) is to be used in showing of market and breeding swine. Use of broom handles, boards, metal rods, etc. will not be permitted.
- L. Market hogs can have LSU AgCenter ear tags at the district and state show; no other ear tags are allowed. The only other tag allowed are federally or state approved ear tags for health requirements.

## BREEDING SWINE

Superintendent: Mr. Bobby Bingham

Asst. Superintendents: Mr. Mike Lavergne, Dr. Chip LeMieux, Mr. Nicky Roderigue

### **Special Rules**

- A. A purebred class for each of the following breeds and a class for any other purebred breed (AOB) are offered:
1. Hampshire
  2. Yorkshire
  3. Berkshire
  4. Duroc
  5. AOB
- B. All original papers must be verified by the agent/FFA advisor and copy submitted to agent/FFA advisor within thirty (30) days of Possession/Validation Date. The Papers Pending Form must be submitted in place of registration papers until the registration papers are obtained. **Registration papers are due within 30 days of the respective possession date. A late fee of \$250 per animal will be charged for registration papers received between the 30 days after the possession date and January 1, 2026. No registration papers will be accepted after this date. The \$250 fee is to be collected by the respective District Show Management. Exhibitors must enter animal information into the 4-H Online system on or before the possession/validation deadline.** *The responsibility of entering animal information (correct and complete, i.e. Registration Papers) into 4-H online, ear tagging animals, and collecting DNA and/or hair samples will be that of the exhibitor and/or parent. Agents/Ag Teachers MAY be present and can assist.*
- C. An exhibitor may enter as many purebred swine as he/she desires, but no member will be allowed to show more than one animal in the same class.
- D. Grooming Practices for Swine  
The code of ethics as listed in General Rule No. 16 of the catalog lists two areas of concern in the grooming of swine.
1. Dyeing or coloring an animal to alter its natural coloration or to cause it to be classified in a different breed or show class.
  2. Clipping is allowed in the barns; however, snaring will not be allowed.
  3. **Water will be the only substance in the show arena permitted for coat dressing. No aerosol cans are allowed in the REV center. No oils or color grooming compounds are allowed. No adhesives are allowed. Added hair or other material, natural or man-made, may not be used in the grooming of any exhibit. Any violations found will result in the entry (hog) being ineligible and the exhibitor being subject to disqualification.**
- E. Swine Breeding Classes:
1. July 1 to July 20, 2025, Gilt
  2. July 21 to August 10, 2025, Gilt
  3. August 11 to August 31, 2025, Gilt
  4. September 1 to October 31, 2025, Gilt  
Champion Selection:
    - Champion Gilt
    - Reserve Champion Gilt
    - Champion La.-bred Gilt
    - Reserve Champion La.-bred Gilt
    - Supreme Champion Gilt
  5. Parish Group
- F. **Selection of Supreme Champion-** Breed champions from each of the above listed breeds and champion commercial gilt will compete for supreme champion at the conclusion of the breeding show.
- G. Showing procedures for parish groups are the same as for market hogs at the state show. All parish groups of swine breeding animals in each breed must register in the swine office before the start of the swine breeding show.

## COMMERCIAL GILTS

**Market and Commercial Gilts are validated with the same tag; it is the exhibitor's responsibility to choose whether it is Market or Commercial prior to the District Show.**

- A. An exhibitor may weigh-in and show a maximum of three (3) gilts. Gilts must be ear tagged (tag in either ear) and entered at the time other swine are entered.
- B. Gilts will be weighed only once (no reweighs). Actual show weight will be taken at the appointed time by the livestock show management. The number of classes will be determined by the number of animals entered. **The state show minimum weight of gilts is 220 pounds.** The minimum weight of gilts at district shows is 205 pounds.
- C. Exhibitors in the Commercial Gilt Show may enter the LPPA-LCES Swine showmanship contest.
- D. The Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected.
- E. REGISTERED/RECORDED GILTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE COMMERCIAL GILT SHOW.
- F. The entries in this division will be judged as Replacement Gilts and should be fed and fitted accordingly.
- G. Paylean must not be fed to commercial gilts.
- H. Grooming Practices for Swine  
The code of ethics as listed in General Rule No. 16 of the catalog lists two areas of concern in the grooming of swine.
1. Dyeing or coloring an animal to alter its natural coloration or to cause it to be classified in a different breed or show class.
  2. Clipping is allowed in the barns; however, snaring will not be allowed.
  3. **Water will be the only substance in the show arena permitted for coat dressing. No aerosol cans are allowed in the REV center. No oils or color grooming compounds are allowed. No adhesives are allowed. Added hair or other material, natural or**

man-made, may not be used in the grooming of any exhibit. Any violations found will result in the entry (hog) being ineligible and the exhibitor being subject to disqualification.

## **SWINE SHOWMANSHIP**

### Swine Showmanship

- A. Co-Sponsored LPPA-LSU AgCenter - LCES
- B. Swine showmanship sign-up will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. Exhibitors must sign up at the Louisiana Pork Producers Association table in the Swine Barn.
- C. To be eligible for swine showmanship, an exhibitor must show in the market or breeding swine division shows.
- D. The exhibitor's eligibility in the respective showmanship classes will be determined by their age as of January 1, 2026.
- E. Exhibitors must show their own pigs.
- F. Showmanship will start with the oldest exhibitor classes showing first.
- G. A division champion will be chosen from the following: (Order of showing will be oldest to youngest.)
  - 1. Senior Division
    - 17 years and over
    - 16 years old
    - 15 years old
    - Senior Champion & Reserve
  - 2. Intermediate Division
    - 14 years old
    - 13 years old
    - 12 years old
    - Intermediate Champion & Reserve
  - 3. Junior Division
    - 11 years old
    - 10 years old
    - 9 years old
    - Junior Champion & Reserve
  - 4. **Overall Showmanship Champion**