



St. Francois County 4-H & FFA

Market Swine Exhibitor Checklist 2019



General Information about the Market Swine Project

- Request ear tags by March 1
- Suggested beginning weight between 40-60 lbs.
- Maximum weight at initial weigh in is 75 lbs.
- Must be nominated between March 22 & April 1.
 - Weights and picture due to Extension Office by April 2.
 - Picture must include youth, hog and ear tag
 - Tags will be Allflex tags. Tags and taggers available at the Extension Office, Miller's, MFA and Peterson's in Bonne Terre
 - Hogs weighing over 75 lbs. are unable to be nominated.
 - If a hog does not make the minimum 230 lbs. at the fair then they will show in a junior
- Hogs can be barrow or gilt (must be castrated before weigh in)
- Hog must weigh a minimum of 230 lbs. to participate in the Sale of Champions.
 - If a hog does not make the minimum 230 lbs. at the fair then they will show in a junior lightweight class prior to the junior market class.
- Hogs weighing over 300 lbs., will be sold to the buyer at the 300 lb. weight
- Members can weigh up to 5 hogs but may only show 2 and sell 1, if barns fill up the show limit will be 1.

Pre Show Checklist

- Meet membership requirements for St. Francois County 4-H and or FFA
 - St. Francois County 4-H membership requirements
 - Be in good standing with your 4-H Club
 - Be a paid member of SFC 4-H
 - Attend a majority of club meetings
- Attend the mandatory Livestock Educational Seminar March 15.**
 - If exhibitor can not attend they must complete the 4-H Project Book
- Complete SMQA (Show Me Quality Assurance Program)
 - Course available online at: <http://agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/index.htm>
- Each 4-H member participating in the St. Francois County Fair must complete 2 hours of volunteer service at the fairgrounds to be eligible to participate in the Sale of Champions.
 - Dates will be advertised at a later date
 - Once service hours are completed, please fill out the attached youth member volunteer form, and return with Exhibitor and Buyer Book Information sheet.
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 - Return the completed form by July 1st
 - Include the \$10 advertising fee for each animal being sold
- Pay the \$7 ultrasound fee for each hog ultrasounded
- Enter your animal with the St. Francois County Fairboard by deadline
 - Entry forms will be available in 2019 St. Francois County Fairbook
 - Online at: <http://www.stfrancoiscountyfair.com>
 - Each species must use a separate entry form
- Attend the mandatory exhibitors meeting July 20
 - Turn in project books if did not attend the March 15th Youth Livestock Seminar



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Pre Show Checklist (continued)

- The average daily gain will not be calculated this year.
 - Index is 40% carcass and 60% live judge's score.
- Meet the health requirement for exhibition animals
 - A complete listing of health requirements will be included in the 2019 St. Francois County Fairbook or online through the Missouri State Fair Website at: <http://www.mostatefair.com/>

Post Show Checklist

- Prior to the release of Sale Check complete
 - Livestock Project Report Form and Financial Report
 - Assist with fairground cleanup

Market animal projects are a valuable learning experience for youth. Responsibility, business skills and of course learning about the needs and care of animals are just a few of the life skills this project can teach. Although there is an opportunity for youth to profit from market projects, we think it is important for families understand the financial investment that is required. Below is the estimated upfront cost of a market swine project.

Hog Project - Approximate Cost	
<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Hog	\$65-\$150
Feed	\$150-\$250
Veterinary Expense (dewormer, etc.)	\$50
Show Supplies	\$20
Fair Pass (Per Exhibitor)	\$20
Ultrasound Fee	\$7
Advertising Fee	\$10
Other Expense	\$10