



2020 DUNN COUNTY 4-H / FFA Swine Project Rules

1. Requirements:

- a. Entry into the Dunn County Meat Animal Swine Market Project begins by submitting completed and signed **Swine Project Entry Form and YQCA Certificate** to the Extension Office by **4:00 PM on MAY 15TH, 2020 (No Exceptions)**.

***PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF YOUR PAPERWORK OR PHOTOGRAPH PRIOR TO TURNING IT IN ON MAY 15TH FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS.**

- b. Swine must be born after **January 1** of the exhibit year.
- c. All animals must show obvious signs of castration.

2. **Ear Tag / Identification/ Loss of Ear Tag:** Each project animal is required to have a Dunn County 982 RFID ear tag. If an animal loses an ear tag, contact a Swine Superintendent. The ear tag will be replaced at the fair entry.

3. **Sale/Auction / Fair Weigh In:** Swine must meet the minimum sale requirement weight of **235 lbs** to be eligible to sell in the auction and will be paid up to a maximum weight of 300 lbs. In the event the maximum number of animals to sell in the auction are met, Ultrasound scan results and/or Judge's live grading results will be used to determine eligibility to sell. (Refer to the Meat Animal Project Entry Rules)

NOTE: In the event that carcass ultrasound data is not available, the committee will utilize judge's live grading to establish eligibility for the auction. (Judges decisions are final)

- a. Weigh in will take place at 1:00 PM on Wednesday of the Dunn County Fair.
- b. Animals must be at the fair and penned one hour ahead of weigh in.

Grading Method	CRITERIA	WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS	MAXIMUM PAID WEIGHT
Scan	Ranking Top Animal for Spots	Minimum 235 lbs.	300 lbs.
Live Grading	U.S. #1 or #2	Minimum 235 lbs.	300 lbs.

4. Helpful Tips

a. Selecting your animal

- i. Consider your breeder – purchasing from a breeder that has a reputation for selling quality animals and for being helpful will be in your best interest.
- ii. There are separate market classes for Purebred Gilts, Purebred Barrows, Crossbred Gilts and Crossbred Barrows
- iii. Consider showing gilts – gilts are generally leaner, which may benefit you in the carcass evaluation.
- iv. What size should your animal be? The animal's weight will depend on when it was purchased—there is no maximum weight; however, suggested maximum weight mid-April is 80 lbs.

b. Getting your project animal ready for show

- i. Start working with your animal early – the earlier the better.
- ii. The more time that you spend with your animal, the more relaxed both of you will be in the show ring!
- iii. Never be afraid to ask questions