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## 2024 Market Swine Project Information

Attention: Market Swine Members and Leaders  
From: Bailey Schilling, 4-H Youth Development/Livestock Agent

*This letter contains the highlights of the 2024 Swine Project guidelines. Once the Fair Book & schedule are posted online, each member and leader is responsible for reading, understanding and abiding by all rules and regulations. [4-H and Open Class / The Ranch, Larimer County Fairgrounds & Events Complex \(treventscomplex.com\)](#).*

Key Leaders: Mike Schwab, Angela Tuxhorn, & Tyler Smith

### 4-H Project Completion Requirements

To complete the Dairy project, members must meet these minimum requirements. Please be aware that some clubs may have additional requirements.

- Participate in a 4-H related (subject matter or audience) demonstration or other speech presentation.
- Participate in a 4-H sponsored community service activity.
- Complete county level requirements such as a record book, Club meeting attendance, etc.

### Premises ID

**Same as 2023: All livestock animals are REQUIRED to have a valid Premises ID prior to the fair entry date of July 8th, in order to show at the 2024 Larimer County Fair. This does apply to breeding animals. In the instance that a family needs to move an animal from the premise ID that is on file to an alternative premise, the Extension Office must be notified immediately, and the new premise ID needs to be recorded. Members who house there animals at the same location will share a premise ID. If you have a leased animal please check with the land owner, stable, dairy, etc. to see if a Premise ID or Federal Identification has been established.**



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Did you show an animal at the 2023 Larimer County Fair? This means that you already have a Premises ID number and do not need to reapply for one unless you are housing your animal at a different location. If you don't remember your number, you can call the number below and they can provide it to you or you can contact the Extension Office for your number. If you did not show an animal last year, you will need to obtain a Premises ID. Your fair entries will not be approved until your Premise ID is uploaded to 4-Honline. You may need to call the Extension Office for assistance if you have already completed your enrollment. It's easy (and free) to obtain a Premises ID. You can register by calling 303-869-9130 or go to:

<https://ag.colorado.gov/animals/colorado-location-identification-lid-registration-premises>

## Animal Care and Housing Form

This form is intended for any members participating in the Livestock or Horse Projects that keep an animal at a location other than the address documented on 4-Honline. This includes any location where the animal may reside for an extended period of time. This form needs to be uploaded under "other documents" to 4-Honline and a hardcopy must be turned into the Extension Office. [Microsoft Word - AnimalCareForm.doc \(colostate.edu\)](#).

## Meat Quality Assurance Program

- 1. Meat Quality Assurance Program (MQA)** - 4-H members must have completed the Meat Quality Assurance Program requirements to exhibit at the 2024 County Fair and participate in the Jr. Livestock Sale. MQA requirements for a livestock member are completion of the MQA workshop their first year exhibiting livestock as a junior/intermediate and first year as a senior. More information pertaining to MQA requirements can be found in the clover connection.
- 2. Wholesome Meat Animal Assurance Program** - All market animals consigned to the Junior Livestock Sale may be screened for illegal use of drugs or chemicals. Anyone found guilty of illegal drug or chemical use will be barred from future Larimer County Fairs. All 4-H members with meat animals are required, along with a parent/guardian, to sign a "Certificate and Statement of Disclosure" assuring the animals have not received illegal drugs or chemicals. The statements must be turned in at the County Fair weigh in. (purple sheet)

We encourage you to keep your animals as free as possible of any and all drugs. If you use any drugs or feed containing antibiotics, be sure to follow the correct withdrawal times. Please consult your veterinarian to determine the correct withdrawal time if you have any questions. If your animal becomes sick prior to the Fair and you must use antibiotics and your animal does not meet the withdrawal time, that animal can't be sold through the Larimer County Junior Livestock Sale.. Be sure to put this information on the "Certificate and Statement of Disclosure" form that will be sent to members closer to fair.. Also, be sure to list all vaccines, antibiotics, insecticides, and feed additives given to your project animal and date administered.



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## Tentative Workshops & Opportunities

- ❖ January 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> - Market Swine Show (National Western Stock Show, refer to the NWSS website for more details)
- ❖ February 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00-4:00 pm, McKee Building: Livestock Field Day and MQA
  - Schedule of educational sessions will follow (watch your email)
- ❖ March 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30- 8:00pm- Orientation (McKee Building)
- ❖ April 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00pm- Growing and Feeding Your Animal (New Community Youth Building)
- ❖ May 17<sup>th</sup> 4:00-7:00 pm, McKee Building: MQA
- ❖ May 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 – 8:00pm-Benefits of Working with Your Veterinarian/Animal Health (New Community Youth Building)
- ❖ June 7<sup>th</sup>- June 8<sup>th</sup>: Swine Camp (New Community Youth Building)
- ❖ June 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:00 pm- Record Keeping (New Community Youth Building)
- ❖ July 10th, 4pm-7pm, Round Robin Workshop (All Species Invited), New Community Youth Arena- Arena Space.

### Round Robin Clinic

This year there will not be a Round Robin Clinic during the county fair but rather a social for the members that have qualified for the Round Robin. This is an opportunity to get information from fellow showmen about the animal they qualified with. A Round Robin Clinic will be hosted on July 10th in the New Community building from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. This will be an opportunity for all members to gain hands-on experience and learn more about each of the species.

### Swine Camp

Swine Camp is planned for June 7th and 8th at The Ranch. Please watch your email for more details to be sent out shortly.

## 2024 Market Swine Identification Program

Market Swine will be tagged, and ear notched at 4-H member's homes again this year. Swine tagging supplies will tentatively be available to check out from the Extension Office starting April 1, 2024. All pigs must be identified by May 1 in order to show at the 2024 Larimer County Fair.

**Tagging Period:** April 1 – May 3, 2024

**Pictures:** Photo IDs will be required with hog nominations like this past year. 6 photos will be required: front view, rear view, both sides, and a close up of each ear showing all the notches.

**Animal Ages:** **Recommended** that pigs are born after January 1, 2024

**Number of Animals:** Each member may tag up to 5 market swine and may show up to 3 market swine at County Fair

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## Materials Needed/

- Provided:** Ear tags, taggers, ear notchers, disinfectant spray, instruction sheets and identification forms.
- Cost:** \$5.00/animal for ear tags and other expenses.

We recommend 4-H leaders check out tags and materials for their club swine members. This will make it easier for us to keep track of the tags and supplies. (Leaders and/or members are responsible for each tag they check out). Please don't have your members bring their pigs to a central tagging location. We are trying to prevent the mixing of pigs. The animals should be tagged at home and the tagger and ear notchers **must** be disinfected after use on each pig and before they are taken to another location.

## County Fair & Jr. Livestock Sale Information

The 2024 Larimer County Fair will offer a breed show for Market Classes. Superintendents and Members of the Show Management Committee retain the right to combine breeds with fewer than 10 animals to form a division. Crossbred hogs can either classify as a dark crossbred or light crossbred. **Crossbred hogs that have over 25% black markings, excluding calico marked hogs (tri colored hogs) will classify as dark crossbreds.** For questions regarding hog classification please consult the extension office. The hog breed must be declared on the swine nomination form for county fair.

Hog Breeds & Division		
Breed	Roughly 10 or more	Combined Division
Berkshire	Berkshire	Dark OPB
Chester White	Chester White	Light OPB
Dark Crossbred	Dark Crossbred	Crossbred
Duroc	Duroc	Dark OPB
Hampshire	Hampshire	Dark OPB
Hereford	Hereford	Dark OPB
Light Crossbred	Light Crossbred	Crossbred
Poland	Poland	Dark OPB
Spot	Spot	Dark OPB
Yorkshire	Yorkshire	Light OPB

**Use caution trailering to Fair. If a pig is considered a health risk during the vet check and sent home, all pigs in that same trailer will also be sent home.**



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## Record Books

**For all Livestock projects, record book checks will take place during species designated “set up” time.** A member can come to any of the set up times to get their record book checked.

Exhibitors must have completed a record book check **before** they check in their project animal. If you wish to enter your project record book in the Record Book Contest, books must be turned in to the Extension Office by September 23, 2024. Individual Clubs may have an earlier deadline.

## Livestock Sale Pictures

Animals that are nominated for the sale must have an official photograph taken with their animal. Members who do not have pictures taken will not be allowed to sell an animal. Pictures will be taken following the market classes.

## Nomination Cards

Members must turn in a nomination card following each of the market livestock shows. If a member chooses to replace an animal that has previously been nominated they will need to submit a new nomination card and replace it with the previous card that had been submitted. For example, John has a market lamb, pig and steer. If he submitted a nomination card for the lamb but decided he would rather sell the steer, he will need to submit a new nomination card and ask for the previously submitted lamb nomination card to be returned to him. If Susan has a market goat and market lamb, and submits a nomination card following the goat show, then decides after the market lamb show she wants to keep her goat nominated for the sale she **doesn't** submit anything for her lambs. The Champion and Reserve Champion market animals are required to sell in the Junior Livestock Sale. **All animals nominated for the Larimer County Junior Livestock Sale must remain on grounds.**

## Animal Release

Members who are wanting to take their animals home following the show will be able to do so. **Animals that are nominated for the Larimer County Junior Livestock Sale must remain on grounds.** There will be a time period designated for animals to be released (refer to the Fair schedule when it comes out for these times). Species are not required to leave following their show, they can be released at any of the designated release times. For example, John shows goats and hogs. He keeps his goats on the grounds until his hogs show, both species can be released during the release time following the hog show. In order for livestock to be released, they will need to go to the Species Superintendent. In the event, the superintendent can't be found, the Agent or a member of the show committee will be in the office with livestock release forms.

## Market Show and Sale Weights

**Swine:** Minimum weight – 225 pounds; Maximum weight – 285 pounds

\*There will be **no** feeder and overweight market swine classes.

## Round Robin

Round Robin- Qualifiers must show the animal they qualified with or another animal that is entered in the county fair under the same participant's name. For example, a member has 3 market swine, and they take their best 2 home because they are entered in the State Fair. They can show the hog that is nominated for the sale because it was shown at the fair.



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## **Carcass Ultrasound Contest**

We will once again have a carcass contest at the 2024 Larimer County Fair. Plans are to use ultrasound on Market Swine. This will be an optional contest, which will cost \$10/animal to enter (in addition to traditional fair entry fees). Entry is due at the same time as the Fair entry deadline (July 8, extended deadline July 10 with a late fee). Sheep, goats, and swine will all have a designated species time during the day of Saturday, August 3.

## **Premier Exhibitor Contest – Test & ID will be held on Thursday August 1, 2024**

1. Exhibitors may have breeding or market projects or both. All ages will compete together within each specie. Exhibitors are allowed to enter the Premier Exhibitor Contest in as many species as they are enrolled in. One winner per species will be awarded per age group (Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors).
2. Exhibitors must pre-enter this contest along with their regular fair entries.
3. More information will follow regarding the scoring of this contest.

**Awards Winners will be announced after the Round Robin Awards presentation.**

## **Tentative County Fair Swine Show Schedule**

### **Thursday, August 1, 4:00-6:00pm**

Market Hog Set-up & **Record Book Check**

### **Friday, August 2, 6:00-8:00am**

Check in/Weigh in

### **Saturday, August 3**

Swine Carcass Ultrasound (All species, schedule  
Will be emailed, Showmanship in afternoon)

### **Sunday, August 4, 9:30am-2:00pm**

Market Swine Show; followed by  
followed by Club Pen of Three Market Swine

## **State Fair formation**

State Fair requires all market hogs to be properly ear notched and notches indicated on nomination forms. Completed nomination forms signed by the exhibitor are due in the Extension Office by **May 27**. Forms are available at the Extension Office. 4-H members must have a Premises ID number on their nomination form when entering the State Fair. Like previous years members will need to submit DNA samples for the State Fair. They need to work directly with State Fair personnel to complete this.



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