

2008 HAMILTON COUNTY SWINE SHOW AND SALE RULES

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1. Bonafide FFA and 4-H members in Hamilton, Suwannee and Madison Counties may show in the Swine Show. FFA and 4-H participants are limited to one year after completion of high school providing that they participated in their Senior year. 4-H participants must be 8 years by September 1, 2008. Each exhibitor must be in appropriate dress of their club affiliation for both the show and the sale.
2. Entry forms must be in the hands of the Hamilton County Fair Association Office by **Monday, August 4, 2008 at 4:30 pm.**
3. Exhibitors must have owned swine at least 60 days prior to show. FFA Advisor and 4-H Agent will have the authority to notch or tag the ear of the animal(s) to be shown in order to positively identify the animal(s). This is specified on the entry form.
4. Each exhibitor should have been responsible for the major part of the feeding and care of his animal(s) during the required 60 day period.
5. An individual may enter no more than 3 (three) single entries and tag 1 (one) alternate.
6. A FFA Chapter or 4-H Club may enter 1 (one) swine as a Chapter or Club entry. Also refer to rule # 3.
7. An Official 4-H/FFA Record Book is required for each exhibitor and must be in the hands of the Hamilton County Fair Association by **Wednesday, September 17, 2008.** All record books must be signed by the 4-H Agent/FFA Advisor. A Best Jr. Record Book (ages 8 - 12) and a Best Sr. Record Book (ages 13 - one year after high school) will be given at the discretion of the Judge for that event.
8. The exhibitor and at least one parent/guardian must attend a **MANDATORY MEETING** with the Livestock Committee. Exhibitors will be notified of date, time and place. Exhibitors who do not attend the mandatory meeting may not be allowed to show depending on the discretion of the majority of the committee members.
9. All exhibitors must have sent three letters to separate buyers as an invitation to attend the sale prior to the mandatory meeting (**A TENTATIVE date for the mandatory meeting is Tuesday, September 9**). Each exhibitor is required to bring a follow up letter (addressed and stamped) to those buyers with them to the mandatory meeting, which will then be mailed by the Livestock Committee.
10. Each exhibitor will be given a book of 20 "Raffle Hog Tickets" (\$20 worth) at the mandatory meeting. It is the exhibitors responsibility to sell all 20 tickets. Any money not turned in or any unsold tickets shall be subtracted from the exhibitors final check total.
11. Thank-You Letter(s) to the buyer(s) shall be written by each exhibitor and a copy turned in to the fair office within 10 days after the sale. Exhibitors will not receive their check for sale of livestock until a copy of the Thank-You Letter is received by the secretary of the Fair Association.
12. A Best Jr. Showmanship Trophy (ages 8 - 12) and a Best Sr. Showmanship Trophy (ages 13 - one year after high school) will be awarded the best showman in his respective division. To be eligible to win the trophy, an exhibitor must be showing his own animal.
13. Any Barrow or Gilt shown may or may not be acquired in Hamilton County.
14. No health test is required on the animal(s) entered in the show.
15. Barrows and Gilts are classified as Barrow for Barrow Show.
16. Exhibitors must provide water and feed troughs or containers for swine. All exhibitors must provide food for his/her swine.
17. Entries will be received at the arena on **Thursday morning, October 2, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. only.**
18. All swine will be weighed by the official weigher the day of the show.
19. After weighing, the swine will be divided into equal classes with roughly even number of animals in each class.
20. Any animal over 280 lbs. will be shown and sold at the 280 lb. weight.

21. If the animal does not weigh 220 lbs., the exhibitor will not be allowed to show that animal and the animal must be removed from the premises.
 22. All entries in the swine show must be shown in the show-ring by the exhibitor except when two singles are entered in the same weight class by an exhibitor or a satisfactory reason is given to the management.
 23. Those Market Hogs placing first in each weight group will compete for the Grand Champion. The Market Hog placing second to the Champion in the Champion's weight class will be eligible to compete with the other first place winners for the Reserve Champion.
 24. Animals will be judged on the Modified Danish System. Ribbons will be awarded accordingly.
 25. The decision of the Judge is final.
- If an exhibitor wishes to clip his hog (no closer than 3/8 inch), it must be done prior to arrival at the arena.
27. All swine must sell.
 28. No exhibitor will sell more than one pig through the ring unless they have the Grand and Reserve Champion. The Sale Order will be established by the top 6th placings in each class. Swine will be sold in the following order: Grand Champion; Reserve Champion; 1st in each class, 2nd in each class, etc. up to 6th placings; then exhibitors who have not sold one previously. The order of this sale shall be alphabetical by last name, starting with A on odd years and Z on even years. In the event of a participant having more than one animal, the highest placing animal will sale through the ring. If this cannot be determined, the heaviest animal will sale through the ring.
 29. There is no limit to the selling price of the Grand Champion, 4-H Club Hog or FFA Chapter Hog. However, no other individual exhibitors animal will be sold for more than the Grand Champion.
 30. Anyone wishing to give add-on money must turn in your add-on to the sales clerk and it will be announced at the end of the sale. All add-on money received will be divided equally among all exhibitors. No individual exhibitor add-on money will be handled through the fair office.
 31. A 4% sales fee will be deducted by the show from the price received by the exhibitor to help defray expenses of the sale.
 32. It is understood that all exhibitors filing entries in the show agree to comply with these rules and regulations.
 33. Any change or variations of these rules will be the responsibility of the Livestock Committee of the Hamilton County Fair.
 34. The Hamilton County Fair Association, Inc. and the Livestock Committee assume no liability whatsoever.

2008 SWINE SHOW AND SALE ENTRY FORM

Please return completed form to:

Hamilton County Fair Office
1143 US Hwy 41 NW
Jasper, FL 32052
792-1276

**DUE DATE: MONDAY,
AUGUST 4, 2008
4:30 PM
(NO EXCEPTIONS)**

DATE: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

EXHIBITOR'S NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PARENT'S NAME(S): _____

NUMBER OF ENTRIES: _____ SINGLE SWINE (Barrows or Gilts) DIVISION: _____ (FFA or 4-H)

GRADE/SCHOOL: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE: _____

I have read the Swine Show and Sale Rules of the Hamilton County Fair Livestock Committee and agree to abide by these rules that govern participation in the show and sale. I also agree to allow the 4-H Agent or FFA Advisor to notch or tag the ear(s) of the show animal(s), if they deem it necessary to positively identify the animal(s). I also understand that ALL rules will be enforced.

Signature of Exhibitor

I, the parent of an exhibitor, have also read the Swine Show and Sale Rules of the Hamilton County Fair Livestock Committee and agree to help my son/daughter abide by these rules that govern participation in the show and sale. I also agree to allow the 4-H Agent or FFA Advisor to notch or tag the ear(s) of the show animal(s), if they deem it necessary to positively identify the show animal(s). I also understand that ALL rules will be enforced.

Signature of Parent

I certify that the Exhibitor and the show animal(s) included on this entry form have met the eligibility requirements and have conformed to all the rules governing the show and sale as set by the Hamilton County Fair Livestock Committee.

Signature of 4-H Agent or FFA Advisor