

MARKET HOG DIVISION



Blake E. Correa, a Lyford FFA member, exhibited the 2009 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Grand Champion Market Hog. The Piggy Bank Club - First National Bank and Stars Restaurants purchased this project for \$12,000.

Entry Deadline	January 15
Entry Fee	\$10.00
Delivery to Show Grounds	
.....	12 Noon to 6:00 PM, Monday, March 15
.....	8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, March 16
Validation Check/Sifting/Classifying.....	
.....	2:00 PM, Tuesday, March 16
Judging.....	8:00 AM, Thursday, March 18
Load Out (time subject to change)	6:00 PM, Saturday, March 20

MARKET HOG DIVISION RULES

Notice to Exhibitors: All Market Hogs, including sifted hogs, must be consigned by the exhibitor to the processing plant, individual, etc. who places the highest bid with the Show Management. Violation of this rule will result in exhibitor being barred from future shows.

1. Each exhibitor must be a member of a 4-H club or FFA chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school in Cameron, Willacy, Starr or Hidalgo County, and their respective FFA chapter or 4-H club from November 1, 2009 thru the Show period.

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2. FFA and 4-H exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least nine years old, but under twenty as of January 1, 2010.
3. Market hogs must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor as of November 30, 2009, and must be continuously fed and cared for by the exhibitor as a project under the supervision of AST, CEA or 4-H club manager.
4. Both barrows and gilts are eligible to be entered. All market hogs must have been validated by the Texas Swine Validation Program by November 30, 2009.
5. An exhibitor may enter only one hog. An entry fee of \$10.00 must accompany the entry application. Deadline for entries is January 15, 2010.
6. Any animal, which is found to have been entered in another show under a different exhibitor's name, other than the name entered in this Show, will be declared ineligible. Any animal that has gone through the auction at another show is ineligible for this Show. Market hogs found to have evidence of more than one validation, will be ineligible to show unless the proper Change of Ownership Forms are recorded, reflecting why there is evidence of more than one validation and that the previous validation(s) have been canceled.
7. All market hogs weighing less than 225 lbs. and over 280 lbs. will automatically be sifted. Positively no animals will be re-weighed. The Sifting Committee will attempt to remove all market hogs, which in its opinion will not grade U.S. #1 or #2. The Sifting Committee will also sift market hogs, which in its opinion are not of stock show caliber regardless of the grade the carcass might produce.
8. Exhibitor will be responsible for weighing his or her animal. Weight cards will be presented to committee at Validation check and Sift.
9. Validation check and sift will be done at each hog pen on Tuesday, March 16 at 2:00 p.m. All validation papers must be presented at sift or the animal will be sifted.
10. Scales will be allowed in the barn during sifting and judging in designated areas, provided they are tagged. **Scales must be removed within one hour following the final judging. Failure to do so will result in a \$50.00 fine.**
11. A market hog, which in the opinion of the sifters and classifiers, does not have predominant breed characteristics of the class in which it is entered may be sifted from the Show or, with the approval of the Division Superintendent and the Show Management, moved by the sifters and classifiers to the class, which in their opinion, the animal is eligible to be entered.
12. Crossbreed is defined as an animal whose sire and dam are of different breeds.



13. Hogs may be re-weighed during judging at a time determined by the Superintendent. Any hog weighing more than 10 pounds above or 5 pounds less than his initial official show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing.
14. No oil, oil-based products, or powder will be permitted on market hogs. Animals entering the ring groomed with any of these products will be ruled ineligible to show.
15. Positively no one but exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the judging arena or on the arena director's stand during sifting and judging.
16. All Market Hogs will be sold to the person or company submitting the highest bid. Sifted hogs will not be allowed to leave the showgrounds and will be sold with hogs that compete. Exhibitors of sifted hogs must feed and care for their hog during the entire Show until they are loaded out with all other market hogs.
17. The Hog Committee may collect a hair and/or blood sample from any hog entered in the Show for the purpose of conducting a DNA analysis. Any hog not having a positive match from the DNA analysis of this hair and/or blood sample compared to the DNA analysis of the samples taken from it at the time of enrollment in the state validation program will be disqualified.

CLASSES

After sifting and weighing, hogs will be divided by the following breeds, Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire, All Other Purebreds and Crossbreeds. In the event there are as many as seventy-five entries of another Purebreed, classes will be added for that breed. If the number of entries of any breed falls below 40, that breed class will be discontinued the following year. Hogs will be put in classes as nearly equal in number as possible. All hogs of the same weight will be put in the lower weight group.

First place hogs in each breed class will compete for Breed Champion. Second place winner in class, which produced the Breed Champion, will compete with remaining first place hogs of the breed for Reserve Breed Champion.

- Breed ChampionsRosette
- Reserve Breed Champions.....Rosette
- Grand Champion.....Belt Buckle, Trophy & Banner
- Reserve Grand ChampionTrophy & Banner
 (Reserve Champion of the breed that furnished the Grand Champion will compete with remaining Breed Champions for Reserve Grand Champion.)

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.

SCHEDULE OF PREMIUM AWARDS

Premium will be based on the number of head showing in each class:

PREMIUMS AWARDED

- 1 - 10 Entries To 5th Place
- 11 - 20 Entries To 10th Place
- 21 - 30 Entries..... To 15th Place
- Over 30 Entries..... To 20th Place

<u>PLACING</u>	<u>PREMIUM</u>
1	\$35
2	\$34
3	\$33
4	\$32
5	\$31
6	\$30
7	\$29
8	\$28
9	\$27
10	\$26
11	\$25
12	\$24
13	\$23
14	\$22
15	\$21
16	\$20
17	\$19
18	\$18
19	\$17
20	\$16





MARKET HOG DIVISION SHOWMANSHIP

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All exhibitors of hogs are eligible to compete. Exhibitors will be divided into three age groups.

- 8 to 11 years of age
- 12 to 14 years of age
- 15 years old and over
- As of day of contest

Awards will be made on the basis of showmanship, neatness of exhibitor, show condition and behavior of animal.

Prizes will be awarded in each age group as follow:

- 1st place\$150.00 and Belt Buckle
- 2nd place\$125.00 and ribbon
- 3rd place\$100.00 and ribbon
- 4th place\$75.00 and ribbon
- 5th place\$50.00 and ribbon

