

# MARKET SWINE

**ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 30, 2024**

**ENTRY FEE: \$30.00**

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## 2024 RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All Market Swine entries are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Austin County Fair and to the rules governing the Youth Auction Sale.
2. Only Barrows will be permitted to show in the market class. Weights are 220-280 +/- 3 lbs. There will be only two (2) tag-in dates:  
**Saturday, June 29, 2024, 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.**  
**Saturday, July 13, 2024, 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.**  
Both tagging dates will be at the Austin County Fairgrounds in Bellville. Exhibitors will be charged \$15.00 per animal tagged.
3. All Market Swine must be properly identified with an ear tag by **Saturday, July 13, 2024**. Family tagging will be allowed in **2024**. This will be interpreted as immediate family living in the same household.
4. Market Swine exhibitors may exhibit two (2) entries in this division and will be allowed no back up animal or be eligible to show in any other division.
5. Second animal must move out **Tuesday, October 8, 2024** on designated trailer. **THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED DURING THE 2024 FAIR.**
6. Weighing and sifting will be done when you unload your Market Swine. Weighing will be from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on **Monday, October 7, 2024**. Exhibitors must be present to bring their Market Swine to the scale. If the exhibitor has a school related event, their parent, brother or sister may bring the Market Swine. **Each exhibitor must declare ownership before each Swine enters the scale.** A re-weigh will be conducted only if over or under weight. The animal will be backed off, scale cleaned and rebalanced for re-weigh.

7. **All Market Swine in this show and sale must have been fed and cared for by the exhibitor in an approved location for the show. Feeding, fitting and handling of Market Swine will be limited to exhibitor and immediate family member only. If the exhibitor does not meet the qualification above, the exhibitor will be disqualified from the show and sale.**
8. Judging will be at 5:00 p.m., **Tuesday, October 8, 2024.**
9. Market Swine will be sifted on show quality and must be clean.
10. Market Swine will be divided into eight (8) equal weight classes after weigh-in.
11. Exhibitors placing two (2) Swine in the top 10 in any weight class will have the option of which Swine to sell, provided they notify the Market Swine Committee chairman immediately following the Swine Show.
12. To qualify for showmanship, the exhibitor must show his/her own Market Swine. Exhibitor may use either of his/her own Market Swine if chosen for final showmanship run. The classes will be divided according to the exhibitor's school grade as of **September 1, 2024.** Classes will be Juniors 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Intermediate 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and Senior 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
13. All Market Swine must be castrated before tagging.
14. **Automatic water devices will be allowed, but only at feeding time. Water or feed pans will be allowed in the swine pens, but should be removed once feeding and watering is done. Failure to remove pans and water devices will result in a strong verbal warning. Failure to remove them a second time will result in a \$50.00 fee assessed to the exhibitors fair check.**
15. **NO LOOSE CARPET!** Any exhibitor may use a board with carpet in his/her pen prior to or during the judging of the Market Swine, but must remove it from the barn immediately following the completion of the show. Failure to comply with this rule will be in violation of the Good Housekeeping Rules (See General Rules #36). Pens will be inspected for Good Housekeeping on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. This will include proper watering and feeding. Awards will be announced **Saturday, October 12, 2024** following the presentation of the Livestock Judging awards.
16. On weigh day, show day and sale day, only exhibitors and adults are allowed in the alleyways for safety reasons.
17. **NO EAR TAG, NO SHOW! You must call the committee chairperson the day the tag is lost so that proper measures can be taken into effect. THE TAG MUST BE WITH THE EXHIBITOR ON TUESDAY OR THE SWINE WILL NOT ALLOWED TO BE UNLOADED. THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED DURING THE 2024 FAIR.**

18. DUE TO THE LIMITED SPACE IN THE SHOWBARN, WE ASK THAT THERE BE ONLY ONE SHOWBOX PER FAMILY. THIS RULE WILL BE MONITORED DURING THE **2024 FAIR**.
19. Drug Testing will be performed on Grand and Reserve Champion and one (1) random. No interfering with testing area and testing official.
20. When Youth Auction Sale checks are ready, exhibitors will be contacted. In order to receive their check, exhibitors must bring **STAMPED and ADDRESSED HANDWRITTEN** thank you notes to their buyers and add on donors to the Fair Office. Once the Fair Office has checked their thank you notes, exhibitors will seal them and then receive their check.
21. Quality Counts: In keeping with the Austin County Fair drug residue avoidance policy, ALL exhibitors are required to pass the Quality Counts Verification test for entry into the 2024 Show. Junior market and breeding show entries will not be accepted without verification code for each exhibitor. Verification codes are not required for Agricultural Mechanics exhibitors and Judging Contest contestants. The Quality Counts training and test can be found at: <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>
22. **It is absolutely unethical for anyone to ask the buyer of an exhibit to donate or sell back a sale lot to the exhibitor. The Fair Board will not tolerate exhibitors asking for animals to be donated or sold back. The violation of this rule could result in the forfeiture of any monies and/or prizes earned and be subject to other penalties assessed by the Austin County Fair.**
23. **No request to change the destination of the purchased animal(s) may be made by the exhibitor or parent, the buyers written request is final. Once the buyer submits the written form to the sales clerk, the buyer is the only individual allowed to make changes to delivery or destination.**

**SWINE SKILLATHON CONTEST  
ENTRY DEADLINE: DAY OF CONTEST  
ENTRY FEE: FREE**

1. This contest will be open to any person exhibiting a project at the 2024 Austin County Fair.
2. All contestants are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Austin County Fair.
3. There will be a separate Austin County Fair Entry card to enter the contest. Each individual contestant wishing to participate in the Swine Skillathon Contest must complete an entry card and submit it to the Fair Office by the entry deadline.
4. Contest will be held on **Thursday, October 10, 2023**
  - a. 6:00 pm – Contestant check-in
  - b. 6:15 pm – Review rules and contest procedures, followed by start of contest.

5. Contestants will be divided into three age divisions, based on contestant's grade as of September 1, 2024:
  - a. 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Junior Division
  - b. 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Intermediate Division
  - c. 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Senior Division
6. During the competition, contestants will be further divided into groups and will remain with that assigned group throughout the round of stations. While completing the individual stations, there will be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else except as directed by contest officials.
7. Conferring among contestants (talking, gestures, etc.) will result in immediate dismissal from the contest. Contestants may not carry any electronic communication device (cell phones, etc.). Any contestant found in possession of such a device at any time during the contest will be immediately removed from the competition.
8. All testing materials required to complete the individual competition stations will be provided, except that contestants will be allowed to bring their own clipboard. The contestants may bring no books, notes, pamphlets, or other reference material into the contest area.
9. Contestants are not to pick up or touch any item that is being identified or evaluated in the individual competition stations.
10. No questions concerning the contests of the individual competition stations will be answered during the contest.
11. Parents are invited to review contest materials in the contest area at the conclusion of the contest.
12. The contest will consist of skill stations on the following topics:

Swine Equipment	Breeds of Swine
Disease Identification	Parts of the Body
Feed Ingredients	Feed Labels
Medications and Vaccines	Cuts of Pork
	Ear Notches
13. In the event of a tied score, the tie will be broken based on having the correct answer for specific questions at specific stations. These questions will be randomly selected by drawing questions numbers. Drawing of random questions will only take place in the event of a tied score.
14. Awards will be given to the top three scoring individuals in each age division. These awards will be presented on Saturday, October 12, 2024 under the Entertainment Pavilion immediately following Livestock Judging awards.

15. Contest questions will be created using information obtained from the following websites or any other public source of information the committee deems applicable. It is the individual contestant's responsibility to access these websites as well as any other source to obtain study materials pertaining to the topics listed in these rules and regulations.

<https://www.jefferspet.com/pages/swine>

<https://animalscience.tamu.edu/livestock-species/swine/skillathon/>

<https://texaspork.org/swine-skill-a-thons/>

<https://quizlet.com/subject/swine-skillathon/>

15. Any special circumstances will be handle on an individual basis. Please refer all questions or special circumstances to the Chairman of the Swine Skillathon contest.