

## **2020 Tennessee State Junior Swine Show**

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The 2020 Tennessee State Junior Swine Show will be held January 6-9, 2020 at the Tennessee Livestock Center in Murfreesboro, TN. Below is a description of the schedule to help youth and their families be better prepared once they arrive at the show.

### **Arrival**

The barn will open for arrival at 8 AM on January 5. Youth are free to arrive with their hogs at any time after 8 AM on January 5. At arrival, you are free to go to your assigned pens. Pens will be identified by county, so only occupy your assigned pens. All hogs must be on-site by 12 PM on Tuesday, January 7.

### **Check-in**

Check-in for Central Region exhibitors will be on January 6. Check-in for Eastern and Western exhibitors will be on January 7. During check-in, youth will have the ID's checked for their hogs (840-RFID tag and ear notches). Additionally, purebred market hogs and breeding gilts will have their registration papers checked. Remember that registration papers must be in the name of the youth who is exhibiting the animal.

New for 2020, all purebred market hogs and breeding gilts will go through a breed classification/sift. They will be evaluated by breed representatives on how they follow the breed standards. Please refer to "Breed Classification/Sift for the Tennessee State Junior Swine Show" for complete description of standards for each breed. It is very important to know and understand these breed standards when purchasing the swine project.

Finally, youth will have the opportunity to weigh their hog on the official scales. This is not required and is only for information for the youth. This is also the time when the decision should be made about the carcass class. Hogs intended to be entered in the carcass class must be weighed on the official scales during check-in and the weight slip taken with the hog to the carcass scanning area. The declared weight system will be used. Please refer to "Declared Weight System at the Tennessee State Junior Swine Show" for a description of the declared weight system. Declared weight cards must be turned in by the published time for all market hogs and crossbred breeding gilts.

### **State Purebred Breeding Gilt Show**

The state purebred breeding gilt show will be held in the afternoon on Tuesday, January 7. Classes will be offered for Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spot, Tamworth and Yorkshire breeds. Breed shows will be provided for any breed with 10 or more head entered by 3 or more exhibitors. Those breeds that do not meet

this standard will be moved to All Other Breeds. Any gilt shown as a breeding gilt is ineligible for the market hog show.

### **State Showmanship**

The state showmanship classes will begin in the morning of Wednesday, January 8. The order will be Senior Level 2, Senior Level 1, Junior High, Junior and Explorer. There is only one showmanship for exhibitors of market hogs and breeding gilts. Youth must show one of the hogs that they have entered in the regular show.

### **Prospect Show**

Classes for hogs with a declared weight between 195-229 pounds will be held following Showmanship on Wednesday, January 8. The top 2-3 placing animals in each class will be re-weighed on the official scales at the show ring and if they are more than 15 pounds above/below their declared weight, they will be disqualified. There will be a champion and reserve champion prospect pig, but they are not eligible for the Grand Championship Drive.

### **Purebred Market Hog Show**

The state purebred market hogs show will be held on Wednesday, January 8 following the Prospect Show. These classes are for hogs with a declared weight of 230-305 pounds. The top 2-3 placing animals in each class will be re-weighed on the official scales at the show ring and if they are more than 15 pounds above/below their declared weight, they will be disqualified. Classes will be offered for Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spot, Tamworth and Yorkshire breeds. Breed shows will be provided for any breed with 10 or more head entered by 3 or more exhibitors. Those breeds that do not meet this standard will be moved to All Other Breeds. Barrows and gilts are eligible to be shown as market hogs, but any gilt shown as a market hog is ineligible for the breeding gilt show.

### **State Crossbred Breeding Gilt Show**

The state crossbred gilt show will be held on Thursday, January 9. These classes are for breeding gilts with a declared weight of 230-335 pounds. The top 2-3 placing animals in each class will be re-weighed on the official scales at the show ring and if they are more than 15 pounds above/below their declared weight, they will be disqualified. Any gilt shown as a breeding gilt is ineligible for the market hog show.

### **State Crossbred Market Hog Show**

The state crossbred market hog show will be held on Thursday, January 9 following the crossbred breeding gilt show. These classes are for market hogs with a declared weight of 230-305 pounds. The top 2-3 placing animals in each class will be re-weighed on the official scales at the show ring and if they are more than 15 pounds above/below their declared weight, they will be disqualified. Barrows and gilts are eligible to be shown as market hogs, but any gilt shown as a market hog is ineligible for the breeding gilt show.

### **Grand Champion Drive**

The grand champion drive will be held following the crossbred market hog show on Thursday, January 9. The Breeding Gilt Grand Drive will be first. Breed champions and Breed Reserve Champions from the Purebred and Crossbred Breeding Gilt Shows will be considered for the Top 5 Breeding Gilts.

The Market Hog Grand Drive will follow the breeding gilt drive and will consist of Breed Champions and Breed Reserve Champions from the Purebred and Crossbred Market Hog Shows. These champions will be considered for the Top 5 Market Hogs.

### **Skillathon**

The skillathon will consist of 5 stations designed to evaluate an exhibitor's knowledge gained from participation in the swine project for a total of 100 points. Each exhibitor will participate in the skillathon as an individual. The skillathon will be held on Wednesday, January 8. Explorer, Junior and Junior Exhibitors will complete the skillathon from 8 AM to 12:30 PM. Senior Level 1 and Senior Level 2 exhibitors will complete the skillathon from 1 PM to 5 PM.

### **Premier Exhibitor**

There will be a Premier Exhibitor awards for the Breeding Gilt Show and the Market Hog Show. To be eligible for the Premier Exhibitor competition, youth must exhibit an animal in the breeding gilt or market hog show respectively, participate in showmanship and in the skillathon contest. The Premier Exhibitor will be the individual who earns the most points by participating in these three educational events. A previous Premier Exhibitor winner in a particular division is not eligible to compete in the same division of the same show in future years (ie. cannot win Senior Level I Market Hog Premier Exhibitor more than once). Additionally, youth may not win multiple First Place Premier Exhibitor awards in the same year (ie. cannot win Senior Level I Market Hog and Breeding Gilt Premier Exhibitor in the same year).

Skillathon and Premier Exhibitor Awards will be announced in the show ring shortly after the Grand Champion Drive.