Market Hog Department

Refer to the 2011 Polk County Youth Fair Rules & Regulations for complete rules.

1. **Date of Ownership and Entry Deadline:** Each exhibitor may enter two market hogs which must be owned by the exhibitor by **Monday, September 13, 2010** (see livestock general rule #1, page 4). An entry form and **ORIGINAL** bill(s) of sale with SELLER’S NAME, ADDRESS AND PURCHASE PRICE must be submitted to the Youth Fair office **ATTN: MARKET HOG COMMITTEE** by **5:00 P.M., Monday, September 13, 2010** or postmarked (not metered mail or fax) on that date. If there is a dispute regarding entry forms received by the entry deadline, exhibitor will have 14 days from weigh-in date to present an unopened postmarked envelope following all rules above. NO CHAPTER ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED. Exhibitors who own market hogs prior to the September 13, 2010 deadline, but fail to properly submit entries, may enter upon payment of a nonrefundable $50.00 late entry fee, PAYABLE IN CASH ONLY submitted along with entry form and **ORIGINAL** bill(s) of sale WITH SELLER’S NAME, ADDRESS AND PURCHASE PRICE INCLUDED. Late entry fee must be submitted with entry form. LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED until **September 17, 2010**. Exhibitor’s signature and parent/guardian’s signature on the entry form that is submitted for a project signifies the rules and regulations have been read by the exhibitor, and parent/guardian and that both understand and agree to abide by rules and regulations.

2. **Eligible Animals:** Projects are limited to market barrow or open gilts (boars and stags will not be permitted). Each exhibitor will be allowed to show and sell only one market hog. In the event exhibitor has two market hogs entered, he/she must decide which market hog they want weighed in at final weigh-in in January. **Only in the event of the first market hog being eliminated will the second market hog be allowed to unload and weigh-in.**

3. Each exhibitor will be allowed to show either one market hog or one market steer only. Exhibitor must show and sell his/her own animal. **Youth not present to show animal will be disqualified and must remove animal from premises immediately.** Animals belonging to youth who are not present to take the hog into the sale ring at designated time as per the sale order will be sold at packer price. If the exhibitor does not follow prior guidelines regarding showing and selling own animal, he/she will forfeit all premiums and awards.

4. **Entry Fees:** Each exhibitor must submit an entry fee in the market hog department for the 2011 Polk County Youth Fair in the amount of $10.00. This entry fee must accompany the market hog entry form in order for entry to be considered valid. Those exhibitors entering more than one market hog need only to pay the entry fee one time. This entry fee will be valid only for entries in the market hog department for the 2011 Polk County Youth Fair. **Entry forms received without entry fee being paid will not be accepted. Entry fees are nonrefundable.**

5. **Tagging Identification Fee:** Exhibitors entering the Market Hog department will need to submit a $10.00 identification fee per hog entered. This fee must accompany the entry form for entry to be considered valid. Entry forms received without tagging identification fee being paid will not be accepted. **Tagging identification fees are nonrefundable.**

6. **There will be a mandatory meeting for all market hog exhibitors, parents/guardians, 4-H leaders and teachers on Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, September 11, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. to review rules and questions concerning market hog show and sale. This meeting will be held at the Agricultural Center in Bartow.** Exhibitors failing to attend this mandatory meeting will be fined $35.00 for non-attendance. This fine will be deducted from exhibitor’s sale check.

7. **Mandatory Tagging Date:** All market hogs entered will be permanently ear tagged on **Saturday, September 25, 2010** from 6:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. at the Agricultural Center in Bartow. There is no minimum or maximum weight limit at the September 25, 2010 tagging date. Ear tag with Youth Fair symbol/number and plastic ear tag must correspond with each other. **Exhibitors must notify the Polk County Youth Fair office of an incorrect ear tag number placed in hog’s ear at initial tagging day by Monday, October 8, 2010.** If the incorrect ear tag number is not reported, the ear tag placed in hog’s ear will remain as is. In the event of loss of these ear tags, exhibitor is required to notify the Youth Fair within 48 hours after loss so market hog can be retagged. Exhibitors Removing ear tag from market hog after sale will be charged a fee of $100.00 to be deducted from sale check. This rule will be strictly enforced.

8. **Weigh-in Procedures:** If an exhibitor questions the accuracy of weight, he may request a reweigh of his/her pig immediately. At that point pig will be removed from scales for recalibrating and pig reweighed. This request must occur before pig leaves the scale area and before another pig is weighed. Pigs will not be reweighed under any other circumstances. This rule applies to both the September and January weigh-ins. **EXHIBITORS ENTERING TWO PIGS MUST HAVE**
BOTH ON VEHICLE AT WEIGH-IN IN SEPTEMBER AND JANUARY. IN ORDER TO EXERCISE THE SECOND PIG OPTION. EXHIBITORS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO SCALE WITH A PIG AFTER HAVING LEFT THE SCALE AREA.

9. Final weight requirements: All market hogs will be weighed in on **Saturday, January 22, 2011** At the final weigh-in hogs must weigh between **240 and 300 pounds**.

10. Record Book: All exhibitors must present either an approved up to date FFA record book or a 4-H record book at check-in time. **No exceptions will be made.** EXHIBITORS NOT PRESENTING AN UP TO DATE RECORD BOOK WILL BE FINED $25.00 TO BE DEDUCTED FROM SALE CHECK. Record book will be returned to exhibitor as soon as committee member has reviewed record book for completeness.

11. All market hog exhibitors are required to contact at least two **different** potential buyers. Copies of at least two letters which are legible with potential buyers names (one letter with two potential buyers names is not acceptable) to potential buyers are due in the Youth Fair office by **5:00 P.M. Friday, January 7, 2011** or postmarked (not metered mail or fax) on that date and should be marked **Attn: Market Hog Committee.** If one letter is sent to a potential buyer and **is** used for several different projects(hog, blueberry plant, citrus tree, plant or steer buyer letter), a separate copy must be sent to the Youth Fair office addressed **Attn: Market Hog Committee.** Exhibitors **not** submitting copies of two letters to potential buyers to the Youth Fair office by **5:00 P.M. Friday, January 7, 2011** will be fined $50.00 to be deducted from sale check. No buyer letters will be accepted after Friday, January 7, 2011. Postmarked by the United States Postal Service(not metered mail or fax) by the deadline is acceptable.

12. **Clipped/Shaved Hogs:** If an exhibitor’s hog that has been entered for the 2011 Polk County Youth Fair is found with hair that is less than 3/4" long at any time during the 2011 Polk County Youth Fair, exhibitors must remove hog from fairgrounds immediately.

13. Gain-in Weight Contest: Those wishing to enter the market hog gain in weight contest will have the opportunity to weigh in their market hogs on mandatory tagging date scheduled for September 25, 2010. Weight recorded on certified scales at weigh-in site will be official weight. There is a $25.00 gain in weight contest fee that is to be paid in cash on September 25, 2010. This contest fee is nonrefundable. The gain in weight contest will be based on:

- 1-25 hogs entering - 1st place will be awarded,
- 26-50 hogs entering - 1st and 2nd place will be awarded,
- 51 or greater hogs entering - 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded.

This will be an approximate 50% pay back with prize amounts to be determined by the Market Hog Committee.

14. All market hogs will be penned by classes beginning with Class 1 (light weight) on concrete moving through the weight classes with the heavier classes being penned on dirt. Exhibitors are responsible for providing water for their hog. The management reserves the right to determine the number and size of classes to insure the maximum efficiency in conducting the show.

15. Washing of animals: Sponging off in assigned pens with water in buckets only will be allowed for both ends. NO OILS, GLITTER, SOAP OR POWDERS TO BE USED ON MARKET HOGS. NO wash racks will be available.

16. Exhibitors or a designee for the exhibitor must sign in daily at a registration table to show that they are caring for their animal. Exhibitors failing to sign in will have their market hog pen "red tagged". Exhibitors receiving two red tags will be required to remove their animal and forfeit all premiums and/or awards.

17. NO SIGNS OR BANNERS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED IN THE HOG BARN OR ASSIGNED PEN OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED BY YOUTH FAIR.

18. Judging: The Modified Danish System will be used and Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected.

19. Sale: Order of sale will be Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, First Place Junior Showmanship winner, First Place Intermediate winner, First Place Senior Showmanship winner, class winners in each class with all other hogs being sold at random as penned in the barn. Market price will be established by packer bids. **At time of sale, no additional incentives can be added to sale of hog which includes but not limited to fishing trips, hunting trips, vacations, etc. ALL MARKET HOGS MUST SELL AND GO TO SLAUGHTER.** Sale checks will be mailed as soon as money for market hogs has been received by the Youth Fair Office from the buyer and a copy of the thank you letter(not metered mail or fax) to the buyer has been received from the exhibitor by the Youth Fair office. Exhibitors not submitting copies of thank you letter to buyer to the Youth Fair within 90 days following the sale will forfeit all sale money.

Load out time is **Tuesday, January 25th, 2011** immediately following barn reconciliation and **Wednesday, January 26th, 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.**
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20. **Sale Fee:** Each exhibitor will be assessed a 5% fee and a pork referendum fee of $.0040 per total of sale to be deducted from the sale of market hogs. A 5% fee will also be deducted from add-ons received. **Add-ons that are paid for when the sale of the animal is paid, will be included with sale check.** All other add-ons will be mailed separately.

21. **HEALTH REGULATIONS:** All hogs presented at check-in or any time during the fair will be disqualified should animal exhibit symptoms of communicable disease, hernias or any condition deemed unsatisfactory by the market hog committee. Also see livestock health regulations on pages 6-8.