

2017 SVYLSS
YOUTH MARKET HOG SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

Suwannee County Fair
March 17-25, 2017

1. Entries are limited to active 4-H and FFA members (active will be defined by FFA Advisors and 4-H Agents) who are at least eight years old by September 1, 2016, and who have not graduated from high school prior to the 2017 Suwannee Valley Youth Livestock Show and Sale. Exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H or FFA no later than November 1, 2016, and must be a resident of Suwannee, Hamilton or Lafayette Counties. Barrows and gilts may be shown.
2. Only one animal per 4-H club can sell, and only one animal per FFA chapter can sell.
3. All hogs must sell and go to slaughter. A **5%** sales commission will be charged each exhibitor.
4. An official Suwannee Valley Youth Livestock Show Record Book must be kept on all entries. Record Books must be in the hands of the show secretary by 5:00pm, on Monday, March 13, 2017. Copies of letters sent to two potential buyers inviting them to the sale must be included in the exhibitors' record book.
5. Exhibitors will be limited to two hogs or one hog and one steer, and exhibitors may sell only one animal. However, if an exhibitor received Grand Champion or Reserve, the champion must sell.
6. Mandatory Tagging/Ownership Date: Entries must be owned and in the possession of the exhibitor by December 10, 2016, which is the mandatory ear tagging date. All animals must be brought to the Suwannee County Fairgrounds for identification and tagging by members of the Suwannee Valley Youth Livestock Show and Sale (SVYLSS) Committee; tagging will be done between the hours of 9:30-11:00am. Trailers must be in line no later than 11:00am for hogs to be tagged. Exhibitors must complete and turn in an official entry form at this time. Any exhibitor turning in an entry form after this time will not be allowed to show.
7. PQA Certification: All exhibitors who are 12 years old or older as of September 1, 2016, must be PQA Certified or Ethics Certified in order to exhibit their animals in the 2017 show. If a past exhibitor has earned their certification, this will satisfy the updated rule, as long as they received certification on or after their 12th birthday. If an exhibitor received their certification prior to being 12 years old, they must recertify. An Ethics Seminar has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 21, 2016, at the Lafayette High School Ag Dept. (Contact Chad Lyons, clyons@lcsbmail.net.)
8. Entries will be received at the Fairgrounds **MONDAY, March 20, 2017, from 8:00am until 10:00am.** **Trailers must be in line at 10:00am to have their hogs weighed.** No hogs are to be left on trailers overnight at the Fairgrounds Sunday night (March 19) before weigh-in. Exhibitors not complying with this rule will be disqualified.
9. Weight Requirement: Entries will be weighed upon delivery to the show barn for assignment to

weight classes. Hog entries **must weigh between 230 and 290 pounds**. Hogs may be weighed only one time. The exhibitor may request to have the scales re-balanced and the hog re-weighed at that time. If the hog does not meet the weight requirement, it must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.

10. If an exhibitor wishes to clip his hog, it must be done prior to arrival at the Fairgrounds, or in the designated area. If a hog is clipped, it is required that 3/8 inch of hair remain on the animal. Resale buyers will not accept animals with less hair.
11. Washing hogs during weigh-in will not be allowed.
12. Only **one parent per family** will be allowed in the hog barn during show hours. Too many people in the barn can create a safety hazard.
13. Hog Showmanship – Showmanship competition will be held separately from the market hog show. Showmanship competition will be on Monday night, March 20, at 6pm. Participation is **MANDATORY**. However, exhibitors must also show their animal during the **hog show on Tuesday night (March 21 at 6:00pm)** in order to sell it. If an exhibitor does not exhibit their pig in the show or sale, they shall receive only market value (RESALE) for their pig.
14. Showmanship Divisions shall consist of the following (age as of September 1, 2016):
 - Junior Division - 8-10 years old
 - Intermediate Division – 11-13 years old
 - Senior Division – 14 years old and up

The Livestock Board has the authority to exempt any exhibitor from showmanship competition, show or sale. A written inquiry must be made prior to the last scheduled board meeting, which is usually held one to two weeks prior to the show. Written inquiries should be delivered to any board member, 4-H agent, leader or FFA advisor.

15. At weigh-in, tag numbers must comply with those listed on entry form. Tags may only be doubled once. Tag numbers must be legible – make sure the tag is clean enough to be read.
16. Exhibitors must feed, water and care for their animals. Feed and water containers are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
17. Animals will be judged on the Modified Danish System. At the discretion of the judge, the class will be divided into Blue, Red and White groups. Appropriate ribbons will be awarded through six places in the group.
18. AWARDS GIVEN:

Grand Champion	Senior Showmanship (14-18)
Reserve Champion	Best Record Book Junior (8-10)
Division Winners	Best Record Book Intermediate (11-13)
Junior Showmanship (8-10)	Best Record Book Senior (14-18)
Intermediate Showmanship (11-13)	
19. In the event the exhibitor has two swine entries, the highest placing pig will sell through the ring. Only one pig or one steer may be sold in the ring. The remaining animal will be sold at market price.

20. At the sale, Exhibitors must take their animal from the ring into the barn. Any Exhibitor not complying with this rule will be fined.
21. THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL.
22. The Suwannee County Fair Association and the Suwannee Valley Youth Livestock Show & Sale assume no liability whatsoever.
23. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to obtain the name and address of his or her buyer. A copy of the Thank You letter written to the buyer and/or award sponsor must be sent to the show secretary (at the following address) before an exhibitor can receive payment for the sale of his or her animal. Send copy to - SVYLSS Show Secretary, 1302 11th Street SW, Live Oak, FL 32064. **Providing a copy to your advisor does not satisfy this requirement.**
24. Checks will not be mailed; they must be picked up at the Extension Office in your county.
25. It is understood that all exhibitors filing entries in the show agree to comply with these rules.

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