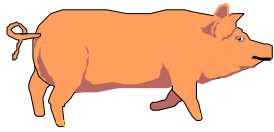
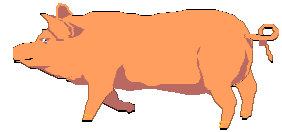


Pasco County Fair Hog Committee



Rule Book

February 23, 2008
Pasco County Fair
Dade City, Florida



All required forms, rule books, record books, and guidelines are available online at:
www.pascocountyfair.com

*******MAJOR RULE CHANGES-READ THOROUGHLY*******

DATES AND TIMES

1. COMPLETED AND SIGNED ENTRY FORMS WITH THE REGISTRATION FEE MUST BE HAND DELIVERED TO THE MADILL BUILDING AT THE PASCO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M. ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 6, 2007. REGISTRATION FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ANY OTHER TIME AND MAY NOT BE MAILED. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.

*BY SIGNING THE ENTRY FORM YOU ARE ACCEPTING THE RULES HEREIN, AS WELL AS THE PASCO COUNTY FAIR GENERAL RULES FOR AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITORS.
2. THERE WILL BE A SEMINAR FOLLOWING THE REGISTRATION THAT IS OPEN TO ALL EXHIBITORS, BUT IT IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED THAT ALL FIRST AND SECOND YEAR EXHIBITORS ATTEND. THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN THE LIVESTOCK ARENA.
3. Record Book turn in is Sunday, February 10, 2008, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at the Barn.
4. Hog weigh-in for the Show will be conducted on Thursday, February 21, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.
5. The exhibitor meeting following weigh-in will begin at 1:00 p.m.
6. Hog Show will begin at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, February 23, 2008.
7. Hog Sale will begin at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, February 23, 2008.

THERE WILL BE NO MANDATORY NIGHT MEETING IN OCTOBER!

ENTRY RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. There will be a \$20.00 (non-refundable) registration fee, per exhibitor, to be submitted with entry form. Make all checks payable to Pasco County Fair Hog Committee.

2. All exhibitors shall belong to a Youth Agricultural Organization. This organization may be a Pasco County 4-H Club, Pasco County FFA Chapter or other youth agricultural organization. All exhibitors must be enrolled in a public, private or home school. Minimum age, as of September 1, 2007, is 8 years old.

All intermediate exhibitors must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or better for the most **recent semester** grading period. All senior exhibitors must maintain a **cumulative** grade point average of 2.0 or better. The grade point average is based on a 4.0 scale. A copy of the exhibitor's most recent report card must be submitted with the record book. Proof of satisfactory school work for junior exhibitors and home schoolers must be verified on the Academic Satisfaction Form and submitted with the record book. The form may be downloaded from www.pascocountyfair.com. Junior exhibitors who want to compete for the GPA award may also submit a report card, only if grades A-F are used. Home Schoolers who want to compete for the GPA award may submit a report card and/or transcript from a state recognized home education program which reflects a full course load using a grading system of A-F.

3. All entries must be a productive project owned by the exhibitor and supervised by the Extension 4-H Agent or Agriculture Teacher. Each exhibitor must maintain an official record book on their project animal(s).
4. Each exhibitor may enter two (2) hogs. **ONLY ONE (1), HOWEVER, MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE FAIR** for the weigh-in before the Show and Sale.
5. Each exhibitor may exhibit only one sale animal (including chapter animals). If an exhibitor shows a steer, they may not show a hog; if an exhibitor shows a hog, they may not show a steer.
6. Entries may be either barrows or open gilts (no stags or boars).
7. All entries must be owned and in the hands of the exhibitor by November 30, 2007. **ENTRY FORMS INCLUDING \$20.00 NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE, MUST BE HAND DELIVERED ON OCTOBER 6, 2007. ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT ANY OTHER TIME.**
8. All hogs are required to be tagged and tattooed in order to be eligible for entry into the Show/Sale. Exhibitors will be required to bring the hog(s) to any of the following sites, on the dates indicated, for tagging and tattooing:

Saturday, November 10, 2007

Pasco County Fairgrounds

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 1, 2007

Pasco County Fairgrounds

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

*No hogs will be tagged/tattooed after December 1, 2007. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

All tagging/tattooing will be done by the Pasco County Fair Hog Committee.

9. The Hog Committee suggests hogs should weigh approximately 60-70 pounds by the ownership deadline date of November 30, 2007.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

The following rules are the law in Florida and will be enforced. The specific source is Chapter 5C-4 of the Florida Administrative Code entitled "Admission of Animals For Exhibition - Swine".

1. Market Swine. Swine consigned to shows, wherein all animals go directly to slaughter following the show, may be entered for exhibition without official health certificate or movement permit provided such animals are presented at the exhibition area during hours when a state-designated representative is on duty.
2. Vehicle cleaning and Disinfection: All licensed commercial vehicles transporting swine for exhibition in Florida must be cleaned and disinfected prior to loading under supervision of a veterinarian, and the veterinarian's statement to that effect must accompany the shipment. Private vehicles must also be cleaned and disinfected, but do not require a veterinary statement.

GETTING IN THE BARN

1. Hogs must be weighed in, Thursday, February 21, 2008 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

All entries must weigh at least **230 pounds**. All entries must meet the quality grade specifications of a USDA No. 1 or No. 2 market hog and have at least average muscling. The specifications are as follows.

For hogs with "average" muscling;

U.S. #1 - less than 1 inch back fat

U.S. #2 - 1-1.24 inches back fat

U.S. #3 - 1.25-1.49 inches back fat

"Thick" muscling moves a hog up one grade. "Thin" muscling will automatically disqualify a Hog from the show. **Any inferior hogs will be sifted at weigh-in. Sifted hogs cannot be shown and must be sent directly to slaughter by the committee.**

SIFTING: IF THERE IS A SHORTAGE IN PEN SPACE, THE HOG COMMITTEE WILL SIFT THE HOGS ACCORDING TO MARKET TRENDS. The Sifting Committee will use the back fat data supplied by the ultrasound and/or muscle score at the time of weigh-in.

2. The Executive Committee and Sifting Committee reserve the sole right to remove any animal from the barn due to physical capabilities or illness. Any such animal that exhibits inferior characteristics will be placed in a holding pen and removed from the barn at the convenience of the committee.
3. Each exhibitor will be allowed to weigh their hog only once. If the animal does not meet the minimum weight requirement, it must be sent directly to slaughter by the committee.
4. The Hog Committee will divide entries into workable classes by weight after arrival at the Fair. An exhibitor meeting will be held after the weigh-in at 1:00 p.m., to announce classes and distribute materials. Exhibitors and parents are strongly urged to attend.

RECORD BOOKS

Once a recordbook is submitted it must remain with the committee until the end of the project

1. Completed record book must be presented at the time stated below for an animal to be eligible to compete in the show or participate in the sale. Completed record books **must** be presented to the committee no later than Sunday, February 10, 2008, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. at the barn. To be **eligible for overall exhibitor** the following requirements are:
 - **All exhibitors must** turn in a completed record book on **Sunday**, February 10 2008, between 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the barn.
 - **All exhibitors must** take the record book test. To be given on **Thursday**, February 21, 2008, immediately after exhibitors' mandatory meeting.
 - **The test will be given** for each of the following categories: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. The record book test will be based on knowledge acquired from completing the exhibitor's record book. The test will be based on a committee-provided record book. The results of this test will be the exhibitor's record book score for the show.
2. The committee reserves the right to determine "completeness" of the record book.
3. A copy of the exhibitor's report card must be submitted with the record book. Proof of satisfactory school work for junior exhibitors and home schoolers must be verified on the Academic Satisfaction Form and submitted with the record book.
4. Copies of individual letters addressed to four (4) different buyers must be presented with the record book. There is a \$25 fine for each missing letter. The committee strongly encourages exhibitors to contact NEW prospective buyers.

BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER

1. **No** exhibitors are allowed in the barn on Thursday until after exhibitors' meeting or Sunday until after 1:00 p.m. No decorating of pens will be allowed on Thursday morning until after the mandatory meeting.
2. All exhibitors must feed, water and care for their exhibit during the Fair and are responsible for their hog until loaded out. No feeding implements can be left in the pens. No hay or straw is allowed for pen bedding; the committee suggests the use of wood shavings. Any exhibitor who neglects their animal will be subject to disciplinary action.
3. All exhibitors must come to the barn on Sunday, February 24, 2008, between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. to clean their pen area. All shavings will be removed from the pen.
4. The committee suggests that no total body clipping be done. Clipped hogs may be discounted by the Packer/Slaughter facility. If the committee is fined by the Packer/Slaughter facility for excessively clipped hogs, the exhibitor must pay the committee double the assessed penalty. The committee will not permit clipping of any kind in the barn after weigh-in.
5. The Pasco County Fair Hog Committee, FFA Agriculture Departments, Florida Cooperative Extension Service or the Pasco County Fair Association will not be responsible in any way for sickness or accident of any nature which might occur to exhibitor or animals during the Pasco County Fair nor are they responsible for damage to or loss of personal property.

HOG SHOW RULES

Saturday, February 24, 2008, 8:00 A.M.

1. Each and every exhibitor must be present at the show and sale to exhibit their animals. If an exhibitor is not present at the time their class is called or when called to sell the animal will be disqualified and sold to the packer at the packer price announced at the beginning of the sale.
2. A Showmanship contest will be held. Exhibitors of Chapter hogs will be eligible for Showmanship honors. There will be three divisions; elementary school (Jr.), middle school (Int.) and high school (Sr.). It is recommended 4-H or FFA dress be worn.
3. Judging will be on the Modified Danish System with Blue, Red and White ribbons.

AWARDS

Grand Champion	Rosette & Trophy
Reserve Champion	Rosette & Trophy
Class Winners	Rosette & Trophy
Showmanship (Jr., Int., Sr.)	
1 st Place	Rosette & Trophy
2 nd Place	Rosette & Trophy
3 rd Place	Rosette & Trophy

4-H and FFA exhibitors will be eligible for a cash award for the highest weighted cumulative grade point average for senior exhibitors. Junior and intermediate exhibitors will be eligible based on the unweighted grade point average.

For the purpose of the GPA awards Senior exhibitor's weighted grade point average will be used.

4-H Grade Point Avg. (Jr., Int., Sr.)	
1 st Place	\$35 & Rosette
2 nd Place	Rosette
3 rd Place	Rosette
FFA Grade Point Avg. (Int., Sr.)	
1 st Place	\$35 & Rosette
2 nd Place	Rosette
3 rd Place	Rosette
Overall Exhibitor (Jr., Int., Sr.)	Belt Buckles

HOG SALE RULES

Saturday, February 24, 2008, 6:00 P.M.

1. Each hog will be sold in the auction. No private treaty sales are allowed
2. Each exhibitor must be responsible for contacting, by letter, at least four (4) different buyers for the sale. Letters should be sent to the buyer at least four weeks in advance of the sale. **PHOTO COPIES OF THESE INDIVIDUAL LETTERS MUST BE TURNED IN WITH YOUR RECORD BOOK.**
3. All Sale monies will go through the Sale Committee. A 5% commission will be taken from the sale price of each hog to cover show expenses. Hog weights will not be shrunk. **The committee recommends that add-ons be given directly to the exhibitor.** If add-ons are processed through the Sale Committee, a 5% commission will be taken to cover handling expenses.
4. Maximum selling weight for hogs is 280 lbs. Hogs weighing more than 280 lbs. will be sold at 280 lbs.
5. The Grand Champion will sell first; Reserve Champion second. Remaining placed hogs will be sold in ascending weight order starting with class winners. All unplaced hogs will be sold in an order determined by random drawing.
6. The price per pound of the Grand Champion will be the sale maximum. The Reserve Champion cannot bring an equal or higher price than the Grand Champion. No other hog can bring an equal or higher price than the Reserve Champion.
7. The **ORIGINAL THANK YOU LETTER** to be sent to the buyer of the exhibitor's hog **MUST** be given to a member of the Hog Committee between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 24, 2008. Generic form letters are discouraged. The letters must be in an envelope, stamped and ready for mailing. If the letters are not received that day, there will be a \$25 fine plus \$25 for each week thereafter, until the letters are received. Buyer's addresses will be available at the barn on Sunday.
8. Exhibitors will be required to pick up checks on Thursday, April 25., 2008 in Clayton Hall at the Pasco County Fairgrounds between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. It is required that an ID be brought with you. NO checks will be given to anyone other than the exhibitor or their legal guardian at the time of pickup. The Hog Committee strongly recommends that exhibitors write thank you letters to all people who added on to their animal. This would include across-the-board add-ons.

**PASCO COUNTY FAIR HOG COMMITTEE
2008 COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

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Treasurer - Mrs. Donna DeLong	352-567-8784

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Mrs. Donna DeLong

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Mr. Jack Rhoden

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Mrs. Michelle Hicks
Mrs. Janet Schroeder

Awards

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Mr. Dicky Brown

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Mr. William (Pap) Grove

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Mrs. Donna DeLong
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Mrs. Janet Schroeder
Mrs. Tammy Hanlon

Education & Record Book

Mrs. Gail Stout
Mr. Rob Brown
Ms. Jessica Fenton

Dinner

Mr. Chris Blommel
Ms. Jessica Fenton

Finance

Mrs. Donna DeLong
Mrs. Mary Reffit
Mrs. Janet Schroeder

Other parents, 4-H Leaders, agriculture teachers and hog producers are invited and encouraged to get involved with the hog project efforts. Suggestions and assistance are appreciated. Please call the chairperson of the sub-committee you wish to serve on.

HAVE FUN!