

**2017 Nebraska State Fair 4-H Swine Show
EID identification, Weigh card process, Optional Carcass Contest**

EID Identification

Electronic ID's (EID) will be used as the official identification for 4-H market swine at the State Fair. Ear notches will not be used for identification. EID scanning will be conducted to verify eligibility and the hog visual tag (2-5 digits on swine tag) will be used for identification in the show program.

Check-In and Weigh Card Process

Hog weights will be designated using weigh cards instead of a formalized weigh-in process conducted by show officials. This will minimize stress on the hogs and reduce the risk of injury during the weigh-in process. You will submit the weight of your hog(s) to show officials via a weigh card.

Exhibitors will obtain a weigh card at the livestock office (Friday-Saturday), or at the head table during check-in (Sunday 7:30 am - Noon). This card will be pre-printed based on your entries (one card submitted per hog) and will have a space for you to write in the hog weight, aisle/stall number, and contact cell phone (used only as last resort for contacting exhibitors). Exhibitors will receive two cards that are attached to each other. Please fill out information on both cards. One will be for show officials and one will be for you to keep.

Exhibitors will be able to weigh your hog(s) any time before, or during, the check-in time using one of three certified check scales. All scales will be certified.

****NEW for 2017****

All exhibitors will bring their hogs all together to the check-in area. Show officials will wand the EID tags and tattoo each animal at this time. While the processing is happening, exhibitors will turn in the completed weigh cards, as well as completed Hormel and Market Ethic Affidavits (provided in your packet) from 7:30-Noon at the designated check-in area in the swine barn. Weigh cards will not be accepted before or after this time frame. It is not required that the exhibitor be present to turn in these documents; however, it is encouraged that someone familiar with you and your hogs (family member preferably) be the one to turn in the cards and affidavits.

Substitutions are allowed and changes can be made directly to the weigh card. You are not able to change the name of the exhibitor on the card, only the hog you are showing.

Optional Carcass Contest

The carcass contest will be optional for exhibitors. To be eligible for the carcass contest, you must take your hog(s) to the carcass ultra sound scanning area in the swine barn on Sunday morning from 7:30 am – Noon. The scanning will be near the swine check-in area.



Changes to Load Out Procedures

ALL 4-H and FFA market hogs will be loaded for the packer the evening of Monday, Sept. 4th. To comply with packer request and load out procedures, all 4-H market hogs NOT returning to the show ring will be chalked as they exit the ring for later identification during load out.

FAQ

How do I make substitutions/corrections on the card?

The weigh cards will come pre-printed with information from your entries. If you have changes to that entry, cross out the pre-printed information and write in the correct data. Make sure that the new information is written correctly (ex. EID and Visual ID number). If it is incorrect, it will not verify during the EID scanning process.

Where do I get the card?

Cards will be available at the livestock office on Friday and Saturday (Sept.1 and 2). Cards will then be available at the check-in area on Sunday (Sept. 3) morning. There will be two cards. One for you and one for show officials.

Where do I turn in the weigh-card?

Weigh cards, Hormel and Market Ethics affidavits at the swine check-in area from 7:30 – Noon on Sunday, Sept. 3. Cards and affidavits will not be accepted before OR after this time. It is not required that exhibitor's turn in the cards; however, you should have someone familiar with you and your hogs turn in the cards. As always, do your best to be present and represent yourself and your animals.

My brother is showing the hog listed on my weigh card. Is that OK and what do I do?

This is fine. Your brother can make changes to the hog visual ID number, EID number and sex on his weigh card to have the correct information for the hog he is showing, so long as it has been properly DNA'd under his name. DO NOT change the name on your card and write in his name. Only make changes to the pig information, not the exhibitor.

Is Showmanship changing?

Showmanship will be the same as in the past and will start at 5:30 pm on Sunday, Sept. 3rd. All exhibitors will be entered into showmanship automatically. Classes will be randomized within age groups and will be posted Friday. You do not need to cancel if you don't plan on attending. If you are not there when the gates open, we will assume that you are not showing. (Age groups: Senior: 4-H age 14-18; Intermediate: 4-H age 10-13)

How do I sign up for the carcass contest?

You will sign up for the carcass contest by showing up to the carcass scanning area with your hog(s) on Sunday, Sept. 3rd from 7:30 am – Noon. You can bring your hog(s) anytime during the check – in time frame to this area to get scanned.