



Irwin County 4-H Club

**Swine Showmanship
Clinic 2009**

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Prior to the Show

- A. Have your animal clipped prior to the show
- B. Wash it the day of the show
- C. Keep your pen cleaned
- D. Brushy your hog daily
- E. Get your hog out of the pen and drive him around the yard. Let him get used to you – this will help once in the show ring
- F. Have plenty of water and feed for the show





What is Showmanship?

- A. Exhibiting an animal to a judge in a competitive manor
- B. Showmanship – judging your ability to present the animal. Weight Classes – judging the market hog only
- C. Sometimes the animal will not cooperate – If this happens keep your cool and just have fun





Showmanship

- Here are some tips for the show ring:
- enter the show ring promptly when your class is called
- know where the judge is at all times
- when moving your pig, have a stick in hand; guide your pig with the tip
- keep a small brush in your pocket to use to remove any sawdust or dirt than may get on your pig or if the judge touches your pig





Eye Contact



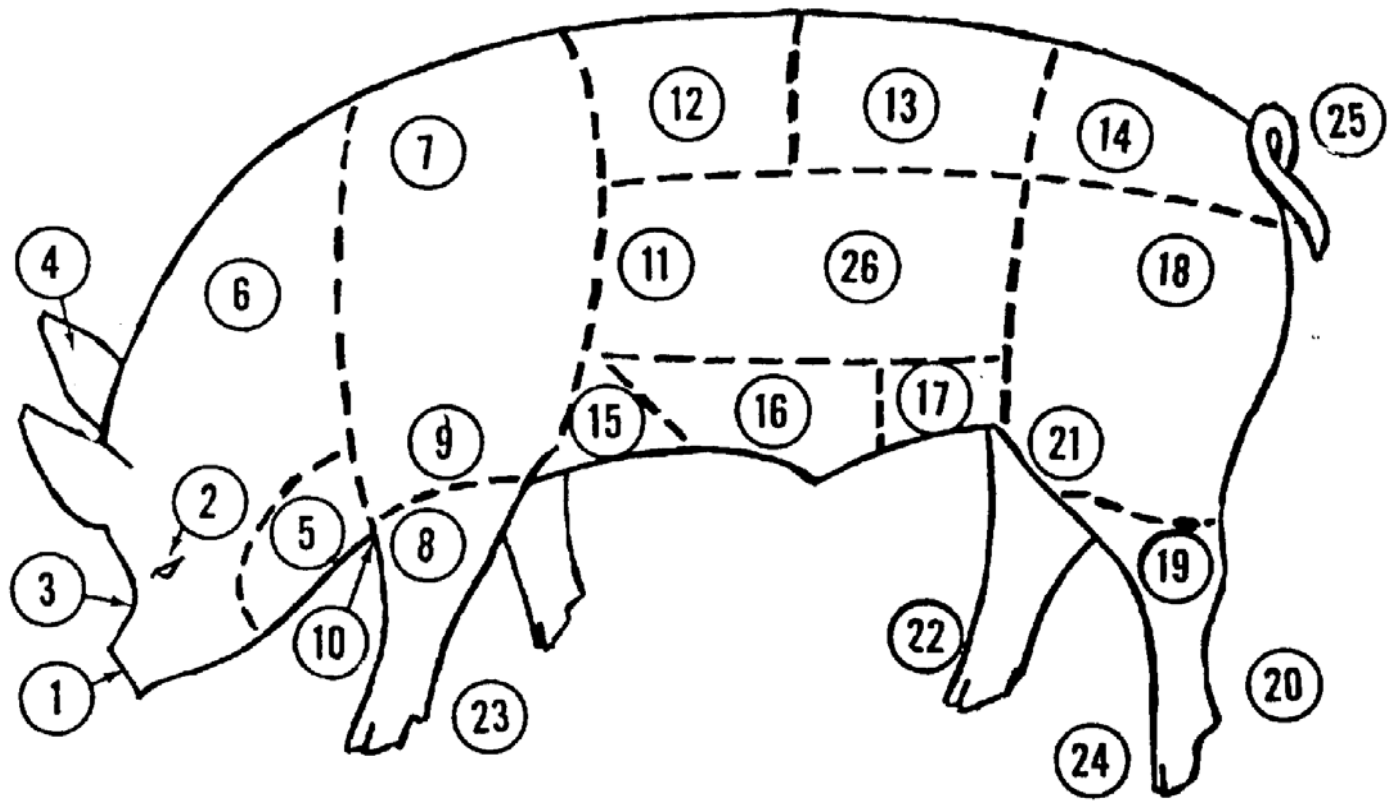
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Showmanship

- drive your pig gently behind the front flank or on the side to move it forward
- never hit the pig on the back, rump, or snout
- keep the pig between you and the judge; the pig should be kept 10 to 15 feet away from the judge
- when showing your pig, stay out of large groups-- try to keeping your pig walking and in open spaces where the judge can see it!





Parts of a Hog

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Snout | 14. Rump |
| 2. Eye | 15. Fore Flank (Front Flank) |
| 3. Face | 16. Belly |
| 4. Ear | 17. Rear Flank (Hind Flank) |
| 5. Jowl | 18. Ham |
| 6. Neck | 19. Rear Leg (Hind Leg) |
| 7. Shoulder | 20. Hock |
| 8. Front Leg (Foreleg) | 21. Stifle |
| 9. Forearm | 22. Patern |
| 10. Chest | 23. Dew Claws |
| 11. Forerib | 24. Feet or Toes |
| 12. Back | 25. Tail |
| 13. Loin | 26. Side |

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Where is the judge?



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You and Your Animal

- A. Both should be neat
- B. No hats, or gum
- C. nice shirt, pants etc.
- D. Clip or have animal clipped properly
- E. Wear something eye catching
- F. Be ready in your pen when called to the ring
- G. Don't rush to the ring
- H. No Paint – spray down with water
- I. Know the rules (Irwin County follows the state rules)
- J. Show the animal, don't follow the animal





A big ring at state – lots of room –
you have to control your animal



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The Judge

- A. The judges decision stands
- B. They are like elephants they have a good memory
- C. Judging our show or the state show is his job
- D. He is here to help you
- E. Don't be afraid of him, let him help you
- F. Listen to his comments and put them into practice





Tools of the Trade

- A. Enter the ring with everything you need
- B. The brush – to keep your animal clean – a small brush works great
- C. The driving device – flapper, stick, cane, pole
- D. Silence is golden the less noise you make the better
- E. Easy on the stick in the ring or out -





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Things to Do

- A. Look at the judge at all times and glance at your hog – eye contact a must
- B. Work slow but steady – you may be the ring for a while
- C. Hold the device parallel to the animals back – don't swap hands
- D. Use stick when needed – if your hogs is going good let him go
- E. Stay out of the crowd, and away from the rail and corners
- F. Know your tag number, ear notch





Take what you need to the county and state show. Plenty of feed and a way to water your hogs



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Things Not to Do

- A. Never, never cross between the animal and the judge
- B. Never touch the animal with your hands – remember you have a stick
- C. Don't grin or smile overboard – be cool as a cucumber but have fun
- D. Show the judge all sides of your animal – especially the good parts
- E. Stay 10 15 feet away from the judge don't get to close
- F. Never stop showing until the judge tells you to stop
- G. Don't get tangled up with the hurdle folks – they will help you





Clipping Show Hogs

- You will need to make plans to have your hogs clipped Sunday or Monday prior to the county show. You need to wash your hog prior to it being clipped. Bring them to the hog barn Sunday after church or Monday (schools holiday) and we can clip them there. If we don't hear from I will assume you had them clipped. No time to clip on show day and *No clipping at the state show.*





County Hog Show

- The hog show is **Tuesday February 17, 2009 at 4:00 PM** at the Gary Tankersley Youth Livestock Pavilion.
- Weigh-in is from 8:00AM – 12:00Noon – hog must be in the barn Tuesday morning
- Be sure to get your hog washed again before the show. Wash pens get crowded the closer it gets to 4:00 PM.
- All hogs have been blood-tested by Dr. Clayton.
- If you carry your own hogs to Perry make sure you still have your health certificate – you will need that health certificate to unload your hogs.
- Make arrangements on Tuesday to get your hogs to Perry on Wednesday morning.





State Hog Show

Hogs going to the state show will need to be loaded-up and ready to go by 8:00 am on Wednesday morning to travel to Perry.

- There is no hog showing on Wednesday in Perry, but all hogs will be weighed-in, penned and settled
- Showmanship is Thursday beginning at 8:00 AM. Showmanship is all day Thursday, (12-11, then 4-10 grades.
- On Friday the weight classes begin at 8:00AM, and continue on Saturday also at 8:00AM.





Irwin County Farm Bureau
cooks lunch on Friday for everyone



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Rodeo

- All exhibitors will be given a voucher to exchange for a free admission ticket to the Rodeo on Thursday night. You will have to go get your voucher to get your free rodeo ticket. Look for Mr. Phillip or Amelia for the vouchers, Then you must redeem the voucher at the box office in Reaves Arena from 8-5 on Thursday. **The voucher is only good for the Thursday night performance.**





Lunch/Banquet/Dance

- The banquet and then a dance will be held Friday night. You must have your ticket to get admittance.





Permission Slips

- Middle and High School students will have to get the school excuse form signed by all your teachers to be excused for the county and state show for Tuesday Feb 17–Saturday Feb 21. Turn the completed excuse form to the school office. (Elementary School students do not need an excuse) All principals will receive a letter with each exhibitor's name. If you have any questions please call the Irwin County Extension Office at 468-7409.





Have Fun

- A. Give it your best. When you come out of the ring know that you did the best you could
- B. If your hog acts up, don't worry or get upset.
- C. Keep your cool even if everyone else loses theirs.





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Be Good, Have Fun, Help Others

- C. You have worked hard for this project, so enjoy it
- D. Have good behavior all day long both here and in Perry
- E. Be polite and kind. Help others and they will help you





*You have been given a unique opportunity.
Remember you are representing Irwin
County, you parents, grandparents and
most of all yourself.*



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