SWINE
Read all rules and requirements completely

McPherson County Requirements

- All market animals and breeding animals without ear notches will be tagged with an official 4-H EID ear tag. All tags cost $3.50 each - must be paid at time of tagging. Each 4-H family with market livestock (beef, sheep, swine, goat) should complete a Premise ID registration. ***Once you get your letter or email, please bring a copy of this form into the office for our records.*** (You only need to do this once - if you completed this process last year - you are done).

- All swine needing ear tags will come to the fairgrounds to be tagged. Animals will not be asked to leave the trailer or be weighed. A county-wide tagging date will be announced each year.

- All swine must be tagged and ID form returned to Extension Office by May 1.

- A Swine identification form must be completed and turned into the Extension Office by May for all *swine.*
  - ⟨ Animals listed on this form are not transferrable to other 4-H members. By signing this form, you are stating that these are the **only** animals you will be exhibiting.
  - ⟨ Animals can now be identified by "Families" rather than by individual 4-H members. The definition of a family for the purpose of livestock nominations is "Siblings that share a common parent." You will need to specify who is showing which animal at **pre-entry** time.
  - ⟨ All breeding gilts must have either ear notches or an official 4-H EID Tag.

- Animals must be named as breeding or market. No switching later!

- All swine members must become PQA Plus Certified by June 1.

Out of County/State Requirements

Almost all shows now require some sort of early identification such as: nose prints, ear notching, DNA testing, etc. **You will need to decide early if you plan to attend those shows**. Nomination forms are available at www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu and DNA sample envelopes are available from the Extension Office.

All beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats that plan to attend KJLS and/or Kansas State Fair, must be tagged by the County Extension Agent.

- If market animal will be shown at the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Jr. Livestock Show a nomination declaration form, swine nomination form including all information and an agent's signature is due postmarked June 15th. Must include the $8.00 nomination fee along with the DNA Sample envelope and 40 hair follicles that include the tag information for the pig you are nominating all sent by June 15th.

- If breeding animal is to be shown at Kansas State Fair or Kansas Jr. Livestock Show, registration papers must be in the sole name(s) fo the exhibitor by June 15. Breeding swine may be co-owned and co- registered by two or more 4-H members of the same family. All gilts must be identified with some type of permanent ear tag or ear notch.

Barrow Classification

Berkshire
A black and white animal with erect ears exhibiting Berkshire character.
A Berkshire must have white on all four legs, face and tail (unless tail is docked).
Must be ear notched within seven days of birth.
A Berkshire must NOT have a solid white or a solid black face from the ears forward.
Berkshire must NOT have a solid black nose (rim of nose).
White is allowed on the ears; but NO solid white may appear on the ears.
One occasional splash of white may appear only on the lower one-half of the body.

Chester White
Must possess Chester White Breed Character.
Must be ear notched within seven days of birth.
Must be solid white in color, no color on the skin larger than a silver dollar, and no colored hair.
Ears must be down and medium size.
Any signs of weighted ear tags or evidence of past existence of such ear tags are determined to be not permissible and are grounds for disqualification.

Duroc
Must be red in color and possess Duroc Breed Character (ears must be down and medium size).
Must be ear notched within seven days of birth.
Must NOT have any white hair located on the animal.
Must NOT have any black hair.
Must NOT have more than three black spots on the skin and none of these spots can be larger than two inches in diameter.
Must NOT have any shading or indication of a belt.

Hampshire
Must be black in color with a white belt starting on the front leg. The belt may partially or totally encircle the body.
Must possess Hampshire Breed Character, (ears must be erect and not rounded).
Must be ear notched within seven days of birth.
Must NOT have any white hair or indications of streaking on the forehead.
Must NOT have any red hair.

Landrace
Must be white in color and possess Landrace Breed Character, (ears must be down).
Must be ear notched within seven days of birth.
Must NOT allow any color hair other than white.
Must NOT allow more than three spots of skin pigmentation.
Must NOT allow any spot of skin pigmentation larger than one U.S. minted quarter.

Poland China
Must possess Poland China Breed Character.
Must be ear notched with seven days of birth.
Must be black with six white points (face, legs and tail) with an occasional splash of white on the body. A hog may not possess more than one black leg and be determined a Poland China. (Tail docking is permissible eliminating that white point).
Must have ears down.
Must NOT have evidence of belt formation.
Cannot have any red or sandy hair and/or pigment.
Hogs that have weighted ear tags or evidence of tampering with possible ear tags are ineligible.

Spotted
Must be black and white in color.
Must possess Spotted Breed Character.
Must be ear notched within seven days of birth.
Ears must be down and reasonably sized.
Any red tinted or sandy brown spots are ineligible.
No solid black head from ears forward.
No distinct white belt pattern (hair or skin) encircling and extending down and onto each shoulder.

Yorkshire
Must be white in color and possess Yorkshire Breed Character, (ears must be erect).
Must be ear notched within seven days of birth.
Must NOT have any colored hair other than white.
Must NOT have colored skin pigmentation larger than one U.S. minted silver dollar.
Must NOT have masking above the eyes larger than a silver dollar.