

MUSCLE QUALITY AND PERFORMANCE BARROW SHOW

Rules and Regulations:

- 1) Entry Weigh Dates: **Friday, April 18** through **Saturday, April 26, 2008. Starting Weight Guidelines**

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Date	Max Entry Wt	Days on Test	Date	Max Entry Wt	Days on Test
4/18	44	110	4/23	49	105
4/19	45	109	4/24	50	104
4/20	46	108	4/25	51	103
4/21	47	107	4/26	52	102
4/22	48	106	8/6	Weigh in @ State Fair	

- 2) Ohio State University personnel will supervise all weighing and identification procedures. Contact Dr. Steve Moeller at 614/688-3686, or e-mail moeller.29@osu.edu to coordinate on-farm, county, club pig sale, or breeder weighing.
- 3) A maximum of 10 barrow entries as feeder pigs per exhibitor (no intact males).
- 4) MQ&P barrows **ARE NOT** eligible to show in the Ohio State Fair Open Barrow Show.
- 5) MQ&P live classes:
- a. Sorted based on adjusted entry weight (minimum of 15 barrows per class).
 - b. Purebred classes only if 15 pigs within a breed are exhibited (No purebred champion award offered).
 - i. Purebred pigs must have registration papers (no fax copy) to be shown as a purebred.
 - c. Average daily gain provided to the judge.
 - d. 1st and 2nd place pigs within class are weighed back and must meet Ohio State Fair designated weigh-back requirement to receive premiums.
- 6) **Live Champion and Reserve Champion MQ & P Barrows:**
- a. **Option 1.** Compete for the overall, Ohio State Fair Junior Market Barrow Champion.
 - i. Carcass is automatically entered into Ohio State Fair Junior Barrow Carcass Competition
 - b. **Option 2.** Compete in the MQ&P Carcass Competition.
 - i. Pigs are marketed with the entire MQ&P group
- 7) MQ&P Live Champion (exhibitor and/or pig) will sell in the Ohio State Fair Junior Breed Champion Sale and the Live Reserve Champion pig will be recognized at the sale.
- 8) Exhibitors in the MQ&P Barrow Show can compete for Showmanship, Skill-a-thon, and Live Placing points, making them eligible for the **Outstanding Market Barrow Exhibitor** points and awards.
- a. MQ&P showmanship will be conducted at three levels based on exhibitor age
 - i. MQ&P Showmanship classes are open to MQ&P exhibitors only
 - ii. Only MQ&P barrows can be exhibited in MQ&P showmanship
 - b. MQ&P exhibitors can choose to compete in the Junior Barrow Showmanship rather than MQ&P Showmanship if they exhibit and show a non-MQ&P Junior Barrow
 - i. MQ&P barrows **can not** be shown in Junior Barrow Showmanship.
 - c. MQ&P showmanship points contributing toward the Outstanding Market Barrow Competition will be applied based on ranking within each level. 1st=100 pts; 2nd=98 pts, etc. Points earned in the MQ&P showmanship will be awarded within a youth's state fair age category.
 - d. Exhibitors cannot compete in both the Junior Barrow and MQ&P Showmanship classes.
- 9) MQ&P barrows and exhibitors are subject to all rules/regulations regarding exhibition at the Ohio State Fair.
- 10) MQ&P barrows will be transported to an approved harvest facility following completion of MQ&P events.
- a. Traits measured will include pork color, firmness, marbling, and ultimate pH along with carcass composition.
 - b. Skinned carcasses, excessive trim, abscessed carcasses, and cryptorchidism will be disqualified.
 - c. Carcass Ranking is based on an **INDEX** of Acceptable Muscle Quality Attributes and the Rate of Acceptable Quality Lean Growth per Day.
 - d. Carcasses must meet minimum standards for color, wetness, and firmness to be eligible for ranking.

Confirmed Weigh-in Sites

Saturday, April 19, 2008

- Columbus (OSU Animal Sciences Bldg, 2029 Fyffe Road) 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 am
- Bowling Green (Wood County Fairgrounds) 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
- Sidney (Shelby County Fairgrounds) 8:00 am to 10:00 am.

Saturday, April 26, 2008

- Urbana (Champaign County Fairgrounds) 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- Zanesville (Muskingum County Fairgrounds) 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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