

ATHENS COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR MARKET SWINE CARCASS CLASS

1. The Athens County Junior Fair Market Swine Carcass Class is intended to be an educational experience for young producers in the swine industry. The carcass class is recognized as one of the most valuable learning experiences in swine production that exhibitors can take part in, and participation is highly encouraged. Additionally, this exclusive experience introduces youth to top performers in the industry – professors, professionals, packing management, facilities, and more.
2. The agricultural industry is shifting in Southern and Southeastern Ohio with the introduction of a Meat Science program at the University of Rio Grande, and expanding workforce development preparation goals by Ohio 4-H. By introducing a Junior Fair Market Swine Carcass Class, the local 4-H and FFA programs can support youth in “learning by doing,” and completing hands-on project work with a potential for continuing education.
3. Evaluation will be completed by a qualified meat inspector/grader and will be placed from best to last.
 - a. Exhibitors are required to be present at the processing facility for the explanation of placings and final results; date and time will be determined.
4. All general rules and requirements of the traditional Athens County Junior Fair program pertain. Junior Fair exhibitors adhere to the guidelines and expectations set forth by 4-H, FFA, and the Athens County Junior Fair.
 - a. All members enrolled in the Market Swine Carcass Contest must fulfill the annual Quality Assurance training requirement to meet ODA livestock quality assurance and Athens County Junior Fair standards.
 - b. All members enrolled in the Market Swine Carcass Contest are required to participate in a custom built Skillathon during the week of the fair to be able to participate in the sale.
 - c. A customized record book must be completed and submitted upon delivery of the carcass project.
 - d. Each exhibitor must exhibit another animal of the same species at the fair.
5. The Market Swine Carcass Project falls under the Market Swine Project and follows the rules set forth for market swine.
6. TAG IN: Market swine will be identified on the second Wednesday in May with ear tag. Market Swine will be brought to the fairgrounds to have an EID tag put in their ear. A \$3.00 per animal fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time of tag-in.
7. Minimum weight is 210 lbs. live weight at time of slaughter.

8. There is only one (1) carcass entry per exhibitor. (You must choose beef or swine for your 1 carcass entry; you can't do both).
 - a. Exhibitors may tag in four (4) market swine and declare which one (1) will be used as their carcass animal before they arrive at the processing facility.
9. Athens County Junior Fair is not responsible for any butcher bills or other costs regarding exhibitor participation in the carcass class.
10. Carcass animals must be delivered to the Athens Livestock Sale Barn to be weighed to determine minimum live weight requirements. The animal selected to be weighed cannot be changed after being on the scales. Then they will be delivered to the slaughter facility at a predetermined date, time and location. The slaughter facility must be able to scald and keep the skin for proper evaluation if a facility is found and willing to host the carcass class. The carcass animal must be able to walk off the trailer and meet ODA health requirements for slaughter.
11. SALE: All carcass animals are eligible to sell but are not required if the exhibitor chooses not to do so, unless they are a Grand or Reserve Carcass.
 - a. All carcass animals that plan to sell will be placed in the sale order deemed by the Sales Committee and sold during the Athens County Jr. Fair Livestock Sale.
 - b. All carcass animals that DO NOT plan to sell through the Athens County Jr. Fair Livestock Sale - the exhibitor is responsible for any butcher bills or other costs associated with their participation in the carcass class.
 - c. Carcass animals will be sold at the conclusion of the live Market Swine Sale, in the following order Grand Champion Carcass, Reserve Champion Carcass, and the remaining carcasses in the order they were placed by the judge.
 - d. Exhibitors are allowed to sell one carcass animal and one live animal through the Athens County Jr. Fair Livestock Sale.
 - e. Each exhibitor must carry a representation of their carcass project into the sale ring while the project is being auctioned.
12. ALL Athens County Junior Fair market animals are expected to be continuously drug free and should complete online Drug Use Notification (DUNF) Forms.
13. Market Swine Carcass Class will be brought to the Athens Livestock Sale Barn for weighing to meet minimum live weight requirements. They will then be transported to slaughter facility by Sale Committee representatives. (These will be determined at a later date and time). Animals MUST be able to walk off trailer and meet ODA health requirements upon delivery to slaughter facility.
14. Any questions can be directed to the Athens County Senior Fair Board Carcass Class Committee (Chair: Calvin Jarvis).