

2010 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.
MARKET SWINE RULES
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VALIDATION & TAG-IN: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
ENTRIES DUE: Wednesday, January 27, 2010, by 6:00 p.m. at the Fair Office by 4-H Leaders/ Vo-Ag Teachers ONLY.
ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 per head
CHECK-IN: Saturday, April 10, 2010, 2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
JUDGING: Sunday, April 11, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
EARLY RELEASE: Monday, April 12, 2010, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. **EARLY RELEASE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED PRIOR TO THIS DATE AND TIME.**
CHECK-OUT: Sunday, April 18, 2010 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Swine left after 12:00 Noon will be shipped to locker plant at exhibitors expense.

1. All entries for this division will be subject to the General Livestock Rules of the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. except where they conflict with the requirements of this division in which case the division rules will prevail. In the event of special circumstances that may arise, or a conflict between rules, decisions of the Show Chairperson and the Livestock Superintendent will be final.
2. All swine must be presented for validation and/or ear-tagging on Saturday, January 16, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon at the Fairgrounds. All swine must be owned by the Exhibitor on this date. The validation process will consist of a) ear-tagging, b) recording of ear notching, and c) signing of validation form by exhibitor and parent/guardian or representative.
3. All swine will be subject to ear notching verification at any time.
4. Exhibitors in the Galveston County Market Swine Show may show only one (1) swine, either a market barrow or a market gilt.
5. Weigh-in and sifting will be on Saturday, April 10, 2010, **2:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.** Sifted animals are to be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately after the completion of all weigh-in's.
6. **Pigs must weigh not less than 210 pounds and not more than 270 pounds. A three (3) pound break will be allowed.**
7. Pens will be assigned at the time of weigh-in. No moving of animals from assigned pens will be allowed without prior permission of the Swine Chairperson.
8. Shavings will be permitted as bedding in swine pens. GCF&R will furnish one bag of shavings per pen, at time of check-in. Additional shavings may be used at exhibitors' expense. Exhibitors' shavings cannot be stored on the fairgrounds.
9. NO CLIPPING on swine (electric or manual) will be allowed once swine are on the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. grounds. Pigs must be checked-in and shown clean. Only water based show products as a dressing. No oil, paint, or any other substance will be permitted on the pigs. Each pig will be checked at the entry gate and violators of this rule will be disqualified.
10. **After check-in of all swine, you will be allowed to feed in the pen on the night before the show and show day only.** If you feed in the pen, you must supply your own partition. You must not leave feed and water unattended! Failure to comply, as determined by the Swine Chairperson and Livestock Superintendent, will result in removal of the animal from the Fairgrounds, forfeiture of all prizes and awards, and/or further disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. Executive Committee.
11. Market swine will be placed in classes of equal or near equal numbers according to weight.
12. **Only Exhibitors, Vo-Ag teachers, or 4-H Club swine leaders will be allowed in the Swine Barn during the Show. Teachers and Leaders MUST be wearing designated badges to be admitted. Only Exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the Show Ring during the show.**

13. Immediately following the swine judging, the top three (3) swine in each class will be re-weighed. Animals having more than a maximum weight gain of ten (10) pounds of the official weight at check-in will be sifted and disqualified.
14. The top 10 swine in each class must remain on the fairgrounds. Remaining exhibitors have the option of removing their pigs from the Fairgrounds from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2010. Exhibitors wishing to remove animals at this time must obtain a signed early release form from the Swine Committee Chairperson or Livestock Superintendent prior to removing the animal. **EARLY RELEASE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED PRIOR TO MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010 AT 8:00 AM.** All swine removed from the Fairgrounds after judging becomes the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor. If not removed by 6:00 p.m., they **MUST** remain on the Fairgrounds until check-out on Sunday, April 18, 2010, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon. Swine left after 12:00 Noon will be shipped to a locker plant chosen by the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. at the expense and responsibility of the owner.