



Guernsey County Junior Fair Market Hog Registration Process 2024



In an attempt to reduce the check-in process time during fair and identify market hogs by the possession deadline, the Junior Fair Swine Committee established a pre-fair registration process for market hogs. All exhibitors planning to exhibit their market hogs at the Guernsey County Fair must complete the registration process by following the steps below. A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) is also available in this document. Additional questions regarding the process can be directed to the Junior Fair Swine Committee Officer Team whose contact information is listed in the FAQ.

- Step #1** Complete the **Pre-registration Survey** at <http://go.osu.edu/gchogtags> by **May 6**. This survey will reserve market hog tags by exhibitor household. Exhibitors can register up to three hogs and exhibit and sell two hogs. If there are multiple exhibitors in one household, hogs can be registered in the household name with no more than an average of three hogs per exhibitor registered (*i.e. two exhibitors in a household can register 6 hogs in the household name*). Hogs will then be assigned to a specific household exhibitor during fair weigh-in. According to Ohio Exhibition Rules, 901-19-01, household is defined as the permanent residence address of the exhibitor.
- Step #2** **Market Hog Tag Pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 18 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Swine Barn at the Fairgrounds.** Exhibitors are responsible for picking up their ear tags or making arrangements with another individual (*another family member, 4-H Volunteer, FFA Advisor, etc.*) to pick them up during the designated time. Exhibitors are not required to be present. **Ear tags are \$5 each** so exhibitors should have exact cash or checks made payable to: Guernsey County Jr. Fair Swine Committee ready when they arrive at pick-up.
- Step #3** **Exhibitors must make arrangements to have the ear tags assigned to their household properly tagged in each market hog's ear by June 15.** Each market hog will have one ear tag placed in one ear (*does not matter which ear*) with the largest part of the tag facing the back of the pig for easy readability. **Any non-fair tags must be removed from your hog's ears.** Additional details about ear tag placement and a sample ear tag image are available in the FAQ portion of this document.
- Step #4** **Exhibitors are responsible for submitting photos and additional information for each market hog to the Junior Fair Swine Committee. One email per market hog** must be sent to gcswine@gmail.com by **June 15** and include the following items:
- **Title of the email** must include household name (*entered in pre-registration survey*) and the individual ear tag number (*not the 15-digit 840 number*)
 - **Message must include:** sex of the hog (*barrow or gilt*), bred and owned market hog indication (*yes or no*), and name of the person sending the message.
 - **Attachments to the email:** Two - clear, non-blurry, color photos
 - ⇒ **Photo One:** Picture of the back of the ear tag after tagged in the hog's ear. Must include part of the ear and the entire tag with all numbers visible.
 - ⇒ **Photo Two:** Picture must be full side-view of the market hog. The side with the most identifiable markings is preferred.

Swine Ear Tag

Frequently Asked Questions

Q) What if I don't have a set of taggers to put the tags in my pigs ears?

A) First you should check with your 4-H volunteers to see if they have a set. You can also check with your breeder where you bought your pigs. They may have a set and be willing to apply the tags for you. If you are still unable to get access to a tagger, call one of the Swine Committee officers listed on the bottom of this page for help.

Q) Does it matter which ear I put the tag in?

A) It does not really matter which ear the tag is placed in as long as the big part of the tag is on the back of the pigs ear. (Big numbers towards the butt of the pig)

Q) What direction does the tag need to face when it is placed?



A) The Part with the numbers (the bigger piece) needs to be placed on the back of the pigs ear. The round part (or button) of the tag needs to go on the inside of the ear.

Q) What kind of tagger do I need to put the tag in?

A) Any universal tagger should work fine as long as it has a blunt pin installed in it.

Q) What if one of my tags does not work right when I try to put it in?

A) If something goes wrong with one of your tags. (i.e., One of your tags get bent and won't lock into the button.) You need to make sure to call one of the Swine Committee officers and let them know that you have a problem with one of your tags.

Q) What happens if a tag comes out of my pigs ear?

A) You need to contact one of the committee officers immediately and let them know what happened. Then the officers can come and verify that it is the pig that was registered to that number and we can place another tag back in the pigs ear for you.

Q) What if I submit pictures of my pigs as soon as I get them and one of them dies before the June 15th possession deadline?

A) If this happens before the June 15th possession deadline you need to contact a committee officer IMMEDIATELY and let them know which pig died and submit new photos of the new pig in your possession you are registering. If something like this happens after the June 15th deadline then that pig cannot be replaced.

Q) How can I get in contact with one of the Swine Committee Officers?

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