

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 eligible to participate in the Skillathon contest.
5. The Market Swine Carcass Project falls under the Market Swine Project and follows the rules set forth for market swine.
6. TAG IN: All swine must be registered on-line for carcass class and follow check-in procedures of other market swine projects.
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).
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 slaughter facility at a predetermined date, time, and location.

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.

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 dropped off at _____ Processing Facility on July ____, 2024 from ____ am to ____ pm. (These will be determined at a later date and time).

14. Any questions can be directed to the Athens County Senior Fair Board Carcass Class Committee (Chair: Calvin Jarvis).