



Kenosha County 4-H Pork Project Standards Sheet – 2007/2008



The following standards have been established by the *Kenosha County 4-H Pork Team* as the standards by which the pork project is to be implemented. It is the team's hope these standards will be followed by all project members and leaders and will result in a positive, educational project experience for all youth in the pork project.

Questions concerning these standards should be directed to the *Pork Team*. These standards will be reviewed on an annual basis and the *Pork Team* reserves the option of revision to better meet the needs of the Kenosha County 4-H Program through the 4-H pork project. (ID=identification)

1. Project animals must be cared for on a daily basis by the project members. Project leaders should check fair pigs and see that they are being cared for properly from ID date until the fair. If they are not being cared for by the member or in an improper manner, the project leader is asked to contact a member of the *Pork Team*.
2. Project animals must be owned and housed at project member's residence by the designated ID date until the fair. Hogs may be kept at another county residence other than the members if chairman is notified and approved by *Pork Team*.
3. Each project member will be required to sign a form with pertinent information in regard to project to acknowledge their understanding of the standards. Forms are to be signed by the member and parent.
4. The tag-in will be held on May 3rd, 2008, from 9 AM to noon at the Kenosha County Fairgrounds. Members may tag in and tattoo up to six pigs per project member of which two of the six may be weighed for carcass.
5. In the event a member wishes to move project animals from the location stated on the signed ID form, the member must seek *Pork Team* approval by notifying the chairman first, before the move.
6. Animals will be identified on an individual project member basis only. The member will only be able to show the animals identified for them in their name. A maximum of six pigs per member may be identified.
7. All pork project members must have attended at least two of the four countywide pork educational meetings. In addition, project members must attend a minimum of 50% of the club pork project meetings to maintain eligibility to show at the Kenosha County Fair in the pork project. Project leaders are required to take attendance at pork project meetings and report to the *Pork Team* concerning member's attendance. The member must attend the entire educational meeting in order for it to count. PQA is required for pork project members, but you do not earn points for attendance. Any member teaching at the PQA meeting will be given 1 point towards their project for that year.
8. Barn superintendent has the authority to cancel show rights of pork project exhibitors if the member does not clean hog pens and put in clean bedding once daily at the fair or for not feeding and watering exhibit animals twice daily or for inappropriate and rowdy behavior at the fair. All pens cleaned and feed pans out by 10 AM.
9. No project animals will be unloaded at the fairgrounds unless proper health papers for animals are in the hands of the barn superintendent or *Pork Team* member in charge.
10. All project animals will be scaled from 4-6:30 PM on the Monday of Fair week. All animals must be on the fairgrounds by 6 PM of that Monday. No scaling will be done after the weigh master has left the weigh-in site. Only one re-weigh per animal while weigh master is present at the weigh-in site.
11. Fair premium book rules regarding weights, classes, dates, etc. for the current 4-H year are to be considered a part of the pork standards. **For the sale, weights of 230# to 270# will only be considered.**
12. Any 4-H member (3rd grade and older) may enroll in the pork project. However, if they don't meet the age/ grade requirement for selling at the auction, they may only show gilts (breeding stock) at the fair. They may not show barrows (market animals). In short, only 4-H swine project members in 5th grade or above may show market hogs, but any swine project member may show breeding stock.
13. A fee per member will be assessed regardless of the number of animals.
14. Only the official pork scale will be allowed on the fair grounds during the fair and the weigh master's weight is the official weight.
15. All project members are required to have their picture taken with their animals at the fair in order to be able to sell in the sale at the fair. Picture times will be posted or check with your pork project leader for times for pictures.

16. Thank you cards to the buyers must be turned in to an individual to be named later on the last day of the fair.
17. All pigs weighed in must be barrows for the barrow show or barrows or gilts for carcass only.
18. Any mistreatment of animals will not be tolerated. All parties involved can or will be barred from showing and selling. This decision will be made by the *Pork Team*.
19. The feeding of electrolytes will be allowed, but restricted to Re-Sorb® and Vi-Tal®. If any other electrolytes are fed without prior Pork Team approval, the member will forfeit show and sale rights for the current year.
20. All steroid type-enhancing drugs such as the drug Paylean (Cradopamine Hydrochloride) are banned feeding supplements. If an animal tagged for fair exhibit tests positive for any form of drugs containing steroids, the exhibitor will forfeit fair show and sale rights for the current year as well as the following year. All swine tagged for the 4-H swine project are subject to drug testing three weeks prior to the fair and throughout the duration of the fair.
21. All pork project members must perform barn duty. Ribbon premiums will be withheld for the current year if barn duty is not done by a member. Sign up will be available at the meetings.
22. All animals tagged must have documented medical treatment records from the beginning tag in date thru Sunday of the fair.
23. All medical attention given to any animal at the fair must be communicated to the Barn Superintendent or the Swine Team Chairperson. If either are not available, communication to any other Swine Team Member must be made as soon as possible.
24. There will be two pork team adult members and one junior member inspecting pens after 10 AM at the fair. If pens are not clean according to the standards sheet rules, the member will be given a written warning. If the infraction occurs again during the duration of the fair, the member will lose the right to sell one pig the following year. If member is in the last year of the project, the member will lose sale rights the current year. If member is selling only one pig, that sale right will be lost.
25. No exhibits / decorations are to be removed until chairman approves removal of them. All exhibits must be picked up before 10pm Sunday of the fair.

Alcohol Policy and Team Project Rule Infractions...

See the *Kenosha County 4-H Code of Conduct* you signed at enrollment for these rules which must be followed. There have been some significant changes to these rules regarding notification and the appeals process.



I _____ acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Pork Project Standards, have read them and understand them. I further agree to abide by the Standards as a reasonable standard by which my project work should be carried out.

Signed (4-H Member): _____ **Print Name:** _____

Home address: _____ **Phone#:** _____

City, State, Zip: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Address animal to be housed (if different): _____

City, State, Zip: _____

4-H Club _____ **Date:** _____

Parent's Signature _____

Print Name: _____

