

# HOW TO BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OH-PIGS SUMMER CIRCUIT

## INITIAL PLANNING:

- Determine how many pigs you would like to show at one or more jackpot shows.
- If they are purebreds, make sure that you have received their pedigrees. You will need these for the show to demonstrate that your pig is a purebred. If you purchased your pig from a breeder, they should transfer the pedigree for you, but it's often a good idea to double-check with the breeder. Pedigrees are on file with the national breed registry for each breed. See the Resources page for information about each breed registry.
- Register as a member of **OH PIGS**, The Ohio Summer Show Circuit by completing a registration form at your first show or at **[www.OhioPork.org](http://www.OhioPork.org)**

## PREPARING YOUR PIGS FOR A JACKPOT SHOW:

- Feed and water your pigs on a normal routine so they continue to grow and be healthy.
- Work with your pigs daily, the same as you would for a county 4-H project.
- Consider placing a radio in your barn so they can get used to hearing various noises. This will help them feel more comfortable around the new noises at a jackpot show.
- Wash your pigs often. This helps them to stay clean and also makes them comfortable taking a bath.

## PREPARING EQUIPMENT AND TACK FOR A JACKPOT SHOW:

- Plan to have a "show box" to transport and keep your show supplies. This could be a metal box that hangs on the fence, a wooden show box that can sit next to the pen or on boards above the pen, or even a plastic tote to put your supplies in.

## In your show box, you will need:

- Brushes**- grooming brush to brush off shavings and a pocket brush to take to the ring for showmanship and classes
- Spray bottle**- to put water in
- Rags or towels, paper towels**
- Whip/ cane/ pipe**- for driving your pig
- Grooming aides**

## For the wash stall you will need:

- Bucket**- to carry your supplies in
- Scrub brush**
- Small garden hose**- some locations will not have hoses in the wash stall
- Soap**

- Feeders** or **pans** (whatever you use to feed and water your pigs)
- Buckets** to carry water
- Feed**
- Shavings**- usually one bag per each pen you use at the show
- Divider for the pen**- at some locations, you may need to keep two of your pigs in a pen, and may wish to put a divider between them within the one pen
- Four 2x4's**- about 8 feet in length, to sit show box and feed above the pens for storage
- Bailing wire** or **large plastic zip ties**- to fasten things
- Fan and extension cords**- some days the heat is very hard on your pigs so you may want to invest in small fans that attach to the pens to keep them cool
- Make sure to look your best to accompany your pig in the showring. Wear jeans, sturdy shoes, and a shirt that look sharp and professional.

## SHOW DAY – WHAT YOU SHOULD EXPECT:

- Plan to arrive early to the show so you can get pens and unload your pigs without having to feel rushed. It is always easier on the pigs to travel when the weather is cooler.
- Once you have unloaded pigs and your equipment, water and feed your pigs that they can get something in their bellies and possibly lay down to rest.
- Check in at the check-in area for the show. This when you will pay your entry fees and, if you are showing a purebred, provide your pedigree.

- Sign up for showmanship. Age is determined by how old you were on January 1, 2015.
- Introduce yourself to the people that are around your pens. Jackpot shows are a great opportunity to meet new people and learn. If you have questions, ask fellow exhibitors or the show managers.
- Wait for the show order to be posted and write down the class or classes you will be in so you know when you will be showing.
- Wash your pigs so that they are fresh and look well groomed and clean when you go into the showring for showmanship or classes.
- Begin to get your pig ready by brushing shavings off of them and spraying them with a grooming spray or water.
- Always make sure your pig has had a drink of water before leaving your pen to go to the showring.
- Make sure you have your pocket brush and driving utensil, along with any cards that the show has asked you to have to bring with you to the showring.
- Remain calm when taking your pig to the showring. Always make sure you have someone helping you get to the showring.
- Place yourself in a holding pen with your pig. Make sure that you give one final brush and spray water on your pig before entering the showring. Then, focus your attention on showing your pig to the judge. As a new exhibitor, you may want to check before your class that you know which adult is the judge.
- Go into the showring and have fun showing your pig. Do your best and smile.
- After you have come out of your class, you may want to quickly wash your pig again so he / she is cooled off when they go back to the pen.

# RESOURCES

## BREED ASSOCIATIONS

### **Berkshire**

American Berkshire Association  
2637 Yeager Road  
West Lafayette, IN 47906  
Office: 765.497.3618  
Fax: 765-497-2959  
berkshire@nationalswine.com

### **Chester White**

Certified Pedigreed Swine  
Box 9758  
Peoria, IL 61612  
Office: 309.691.0151  
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### **Duroc**

National Swine Registry  
2639 Yeager Road  
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Office: 765.463.3594  
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### **Hereford**

National Hereford Hog Association  
826 140th Street  
Aledo, IL 61231  
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nhha.secretary@gmail.com

### **Landrace**

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### **Poland China**

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## BREED ASSOCIATIONS

### **Tamworth**

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### **Hampshire**

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### **Yorkshire**

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