

Oklahoma Pork Partners Derby

This event is designed to offer opportunities for participants who have not previously exhibited swine projects with the goal of connecting the show pig industry and the commercial pork industry in Oklahoma and providing opportunities for exhibitors to gain experiential knowledge of swine science while exploring careers in the pork industry. Up to 77 genetically similar pigs will be available for selection and entry into this event. Participants will be selected based on an application process. The purchase cost of the pig for exhibitors selected will be \$250. Purchase costs may be covered through local community support. An orientation and selection event will be held in October to kick off the projects and allow exhibitors to select their pig. Pigs that are a part of the Derby may also be shown throughout the show season and are eligible for selection in county or district premium sales if it is not a terminal sale. Derby pigs will be shown in the Pork Partners Derby show at OYE and premiums will be awarded.

Orientation and kick-off event

Selected participants, a parent or guardian, and the ag teacher or extension educator must attend the kick-off event to be held the last week of October at Totusek Arena. Educational workshops related to the project will be presented by industry leaders. Payment for the project must be made on this day. Students will select their pig based on a random draw for selection order. There will be enough pigs in the selection pool so that even the students who draw at the end will still have a group to choose from. All pigs will be from the OSU swine farm and will be genetically similar within their breed, will be castrated and healed, vaccinated, dewormed, and weighed prior to the event. Birthdates, weights, and pedigree information will be available on all pigs.

Eligibility and Rules:

1. Participants must not have shown any species previously and must be a 4-H or FFA member in 8th-12th grade.
2. Participants will be selected through an application process. Priority will be placed on one participant per county.
3. Selected participants will be required to attend the orientation and pickup with a parent and Ag teacher or 4-H educator.
4. A project record report must be kept and submitted by March 1.

5. Pigs will be tagged and nominated at the orientation event, and participants must enter their pig through the normal OYE entry procedure.. Premiums will be awarded in each class.
6. Participants must follow all rules applying to OYE swine entries and shows. Entries must be submitted by the OYE entry deadline.
7. An official weigh in will be required at OYE to establish weight per day of age and average daily gain for each pig. There will be no maximum weight for the Derby show. Derby pigs may be shown in the regular OYE swine classes, however, they must meet the weight requirements of barrow (230-290) divisions to be shown in the normal gilt and barrow shows.
8. Exhibitors will be scored on showmanship during their class in the Derby show.
9. Awards and Premiums will be given to the top five exhibitors in each of these areas:
 - a. Derby Show placings
 - b. Performance (W.D.A and A.D.G.)
 - c. Carcass data (Loin area, backfat, and percent lean) from ultrasound scan.
 - d. Project report/record keeping/marketing plan
 - e. Showmanship (scored individually in each Derby class)
 - f. Knowledge Test (taken at OYE, top 10 receive awards)

The top 10 exhibitors from combining the above areas will then go through an interview process to establish the overall Top 5 overall winners.

Awards and Premiums

Class premiums in the live show:

1st-\$45 2nd-\$35 3rd-\$25

Grand Champion - \$2500

Reserve Grand - \$2000

Bronze - \$1500

4th overall - \$1000

5th overall - \$500

Top 5 in each category (9b-9f)

1st - \$200 2nd - \$150 3rd - \$100 4th - \$100 5th - \$100

Top 5 overall exhibitors (sweepstakes)

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