

## MEMORANDUM

FROM: Marie LeFebvre, Competition Office, Minnesota State Fair FFA Livestock Show  
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DATE: April 16, 2009

RE: **DERBY CARCASS CLASS**

It is time to remind your FFA members of the 2009 FFA Swine Show Terminal Derby Class. This show is an excellent learning experience for FFA members. In addition to the rate of gain, the hogs are evaluated live with ultra-sound to determine the loin eye, backfat, and percent lean.

The following rules apply:

- 1) Pigs must be born in the current calendar year, with a maximum weight of 60 lbs. at weigh in.
- 2) Exhibitors may nominate six hogs (barrows), which will be weighed and tattooed from April 25 to May 9 at their farms.
- 3) **“ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST BE EAR NOTCHED AND CASTRATED PRIOR TO WEIGHING AND TAGGING.” Pigs weighing more than 60 pounds will be disqualified.** Ear notch right ear for litter, left ear for individual pig. (Please refer to the attached sketch.) **Failure to ear tag may result in disqualification from the Show.**
- 4) Potential exhibitors may have their nominees weighed with the Open Class or 4-H group. Mail the weight sheet to Clair Drescher.
- 5) An exhibitor may exhibit two of the identified individuals in the carcass show. Enter them on the State Fair FFA Show entry form and mail with entry fees by the entry deadline to the Competition Department.
- 6) The total number of the Derby barrows will be divided into workable classes on the basis of their adjusted starting weight with not more than 20 per class. Individuals must weigh at least 220 pounds. There is no upper limit.
- 7) All entries will be evaluated live with ultrasound and the carcasses placed.
- 8) Premiums, based on a sliding scale, will be provided to all carcass entries.
- 9) Ribbons will be presented to the top 10 individuals.

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If you have a member(s) who plan to exhibit:

- 1) Please send or fax the attached request to Marie LeFebvre (Minnesota State Fair). Your fellow Agricultural Teachers, extension agents, and other persons may weigh and tattoo entries on the home farm of your members between April 25 and May 9. **The official FFA ear tags must be used.**
- 2) Tags may be picked up at the State Convention, or we will mail if you need them before the State Convention. Please use the attached forms to record the data.
- 3) **Mail weight sheets to: Clair Drescher, 20535 680<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Alden, MN 56009 (507-874-3780).**
- 4) Refer to the FFA website at [www.ffa.umn.edu](http://www.ffa.umn.edu).

Your **immediate** attention to this notice will ensure that your chapter members will be eligible to participate in the Carcass Derby Class at the 2008 Minnesota State Fair Livestock Show.

**NOTE: All hogs should be raised in accordance with the Pork Quality Assurance (PQA Level III) as outlined by the National Pork Producers Association. Each exhibitor/producer must be duly certified and submit a copy of their certification with the entry form.**

Entries will be weighed Friday, September 4. The show will be Sunday, September 6, at 8:00 a.m.








# MINNESOTA STATE FAIR FFA DERBY CARCASS IDENTIFICATION

(Barrows only)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Ear tag number	Weight	Ear notch diagram	Right (litter)	Left (individual)
<i>Example:</i> Red 344	45		13	9
				
				
				
				
				
				

**Pigs must be born in the current calendar year**

Weighed by \_\_\_\_\_ Date weighed \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: **Clair Drescher, 20535 680<sup>th</sup> Ave., Alden MN 56009 507-874-3780**

Thank you for your participation – please return identification form by:

**May 9 2009**

Copy locally - or download this from the FFA website [www.ffa.umn.edu](http://www.ffa.umn.edu)

# DERBY CARCASS FORM

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The \_\_\_\_\_ nominates \_\_\_\_\_  
chapter number

**hog(s) for the FFA Carcass Derby.**

**Please notify me of the date and time the entries will be weighed and tattooed.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
advisor chapter

\_\_\_\_\_  
address / city / state / zip

Date tags needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail tags to above name and address: Yes No

Pick up tags at FFA Convention: Yes No

***Please return this form or fax to:***

***651-642-2456 Attention: Marie***

***deadline: May 9 2009***