

December 3, 2007

Greetings Everyone:

I was asked by the Swine Committee at our November Meeting to write a letter to the exhibitors, 4-H Leaders and FFA Advisors about changes that are going into effect starting with the 2008 Junior Livestock Show Barrow Show. We sincerely hope these changes are going to make our Barrow Show a better show and encourage more participation.

First of all we would like to remind all participants that we highly encourage that your pigs be born between November 10<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. With a 50 lb starting weight restriction that seems to be about the right time for pigs to be born. Ask the breeder that you purchase your animal from when it was born. This will help in determining when to weigh in January. The earlier your animal is born, the earlier in January it will have to be weighed. I try to encourage my girls to have pigs weigh 50 pounds, one hundred days before weigh in, this makes it easy to keep track of daily gains before the show.

The next thing I would like to address is Health Certificates. Anyone bringing animals from Out of State (i.e. Idaho, Oregon etc.) you will need a State Health Papers. When I talked with the Washington State Vet I was informed that all animals crossing state lines need to be inspected. This is a rule in the Junior Show handbook as well. An animal is considered out of state if it crosses state lines within 30 days prior to weigh in. If you purchase your animal from a producer say in Idaho in January he will have to have health papers to come into Washington. After 30 days he will be considered a resident animal. What that means, is if you buy an animal from a producer in Idaho once he is in Washington for 30 days, he no longer needs health papers.

The last things that I would like to address is that starting in January 2008 all carcass barrows that are being entered in the Jr. Show will be pre-weighed and tagged by Fred Springer or myself. We ask that you give us a call to schedule a time to come and weigh when your barrow is ready. Fred's phone number is 509-796-3625 and my phone number is 208-224-6945. We will weigh between January 13 - 30<sup>th</sup>. We would appreciate it if you could give us a couple days notice so we don't have everything all at once. We need to have the carcass form enclosed into the Jr. Show office by February 28, 2008. The entry fees can be sent in with your other entry fees on April 10, 2008.

Thank you everyone, I hope you have a great year.

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