



SEMO District Fair  
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## MEMO

Date: April 15, 2023  
To: 4-H and FFA Swine Project Members  
Subject: SEMO District Fair Market Swine Show

The SEMO District Fair requires all swine **MUST** be **EARNOTCHED** according to the Universal system. All pigs must have different ear notches. The ear notch, breed and color must be reported to Larry and Susan Ahrens by **JULY 15<sup>th</sup> in order to show and sell at the fair**. Ten market hogs may be nominated per exhibitor of which two may be shown but only **ONE** may be sold at the SEMO District Fair 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale. The exhibitor must own the ten nominated market hogs by July 1<sup>st</sup>. No exceptions to any of the above rules. **Gilts will be allowed to show in the market hog show in 2023.**

Please use the attached form for the market hog nomination and send to Larry and Susan Ahrens at one of the addresses listed below. **Email nominations are accepted.**

*SEMO District Fair livestock entries will be due **August 8, 2023** with the fair book and entry forms available in July. **Nominations forms do not qualify as a fair entry.***

Please see the attached letter regarding the Show Me Quality Assurance Certification rules. You may do the training on-line and the web address is in the letter. Please read the letter carefully for all the details.

**Mail all nominations to:**

Larry and Susan Ahrens  
SEMO Fair Nomination  
901 County Rd 373  
Jackson, MO 63755  
Phone: 573-243-9451  
[landsahrens@gmail.com](mailto:landsahrens@gmail.com)





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The SEMO District Fair Board has a rule which states each exhibitor must be certified through a Quality Assurance Program. Missouri has the Missouri Show Me Quality Assurance Program for Youth. All 4-H and FFA exhibitors must be certified in order to show and sell at the SEMO Fair Livestock Sale. A 4-H Member in an animal project must complete the Show Me Quality Assurance certification in order to complete your project and be a member in “good standing”. You must be a 4-H member in “good standing” to bring animals to the SEMO Fair.

**The Rules are:**

**“Qualified to Show”** means the member has participated in Missouri Show Me Quality Assurance training within the 4-H program year. Youth in this category must complete class the next year to obtain the next level to show.

**“SMQA Conditional Certified”** for youth age 8 to 13 by January 1 of the program year certification is conditional. To obtain the conditional certification status a member age 8–13 by January 1 has participated in **two consecutive years** of the training. Once they obtain a conditional status they do not have to take a refresher course until they are 14 by January 1 of the program year. Upon completion of the refresher course they would be *SMQA Certified* for the remainder of their youth exhibition career in 4-H.

**“SMQA Certified”** Youth in 4-H and FFA who attend one training after they have turned 14 by January 1 of the program year will be considered *SMQA Certified* and no further training will be required for the remainder of their 4-H and FFA exhibition career.

If you are unsure if you are certified, please contact your local Extension office or your FFA Advisor immediately.

If you need to take the training you may do so on-line at:

<http://www.agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/> Please print out the certificate at the end of the training to show that you have completed the training. Keep this copy in a safe place at your home.

We will check the system in August and if you have not completed the training, you will be notified you are not eligible to bring your animals entered to the SEMO Fair unless training is completed.