

SC - Performance Tested Barrow Project - 2008

May 18, 2008

Memo To: County Personnel with Livestock Responsibilities,
Area Livestock Agents, FFA - Agricultural Teachers, and
Swine Project Exhibitors

Howard van Dijk

From: Howard van Dijk - Area Extension Animal Scientist

Re: October 14, 2008 State Fair Performance Tested Barrow Show

Information and entry forms for the 2008 Performance Tested Barrow Show may be found on the State Fair Web Site and is enclosed. Please check with all possible participants, we do not want to miss anyone. You may know of first time youth or adults that want to enter this educational event. The minimum weight of all barrows at Fair time is 220 pounds. Entries are to be weighed starting the week of June 30-July 11, 2008. Contact your County Extension Agent or FFA Teacher for further information and assistance in registering for the project.

Mail applications to: Howard van Dijk – Clemson Extension Service
By June 15, 2008 PO Box 102406
Columbia, SC 29229

We will continue to use electronic carcass information. Many of the barrows will be required to participate in County or Regional barrow shows before or after the SC State Fair. The SC Pork Producer's Association and the SC Pork Board continue to support this project. Purchase costs and sale of the barrow are subject to current market prices so a profit in this project can not be guaranteed. Although this is a Performance and Gain contest remember that the greatest gain in weight is often not the best meat animal and that barrows greater than 300 pounds may have a deduction per pound.

The South Carolina State Fair offers very attractive premiums as winnings during the show. The SC State Fair Swine Scholarship competition will be held on the day of the barrow show and two scholarships will be awarded. High School students must be competing in a swine competition at the 2008 State Fair in order to compete in the Scholarship Program. Students may participate in the purebred shows on Saturday and Sunday, or the barrow show on Tuesday. Students who have shown a purebred animal may use a barrow for the showmanship portion of the competition. Additional information on the scholarship competition may be obtained from Mr. Roger N. Chastain, (803) 874-3429.

There will again be a special class called the Best of the Farm. Any exhibitor in any of the barrow classes may enter an extra pig in this class. Pick the best barrow on the farm and bring it. It could be one of your project animals, but it can not be entered in the performance show on show day.

All registrations will have to include the following; **Name, Exhibitor Signature, Correct Mailing Address, Telephone Number, and Social Security Number or Farm Federal ID (if entry is made in Farm name).** All applications are due by **June 15, 2008.**

<http://scstatefair.org/> Swine Show – Barrow Show

PRODUCTION TESTED BARROW SHOW
South Carolina State Fair Registration - 2008

ADULT ENTRY (PLEASE PRINT)

Exhibitor Name _____ Soc. Sec. # _____

Address _____ County _____

Town _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Signature _____

- CLASS 1 - Weight 50 - 59 pounds (ADULTS ONLY)
- CLASS 2 - Weight 60 - 70 pounds (ADULTS ONLY)
- CLASS 3 - Weight 50 - 59 pounds (YOUTH ONLY)
- CLASS 4 - Weight 60 - 70 pounds (YOUTH ONLY)

Two barrows per class may be exhibited per farm for the adult classes and each youth exhibitor. Four barrows may be weighed per class (to select two for showing) for a total of eight barrows per qualified exhibitor.

All entries **MUST** be castrated before weighing. The barrows will be weighed and ear tagged between the dates of June 30-July 11, 2008, by designated Extension personnel.

YOUTH ENTRY (PLEASE PRINT)

Exhibitor Name _____ Soc. Sec. # _____

Address _____ County _____

Town _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Guardian Signature _____

PLEASE RETURN TO:

Howard van Dijk
Clemson Extension Service
PO Box 102406
Columbia, SC 29224-2406

Application due no later than June 15, 2008