



JUDGE ALONG

at the Missouri State Fair

What a judge might look for in hogs:

Swine (or Hogs)

- ◆ A lean hog that has little fat.
- ◆ Hams (rear legs) that are long, deep and full.
- ◆ Muscular shoulders and a large, lean loin (back).
- ◆ Good width between the front legs to allow for ample chest capacity.

What a judge might look for in the show ring:

- ◆ Showmanship includes general appearance, especially cleanliness of the animal and the exhibitor's ability to lead and pose the animal in the ring.
- ◆ The exhibitor slowly walks and turns the hog to show the judge all sides of the animal to the best advantage, keeping a distance of about 15 feet from the judge.
- ◆ The exhibitor turns or moves the hog by tapping the side of its shoulders with a lightweight cane or a stick with a short leather flapper at one end.
- ◆ As the judge selects the top hogs in a class, he sends those hogs to small holding pens along the show ring.
- ◆ The alert showman will mist his hog with water to keep the animal cool, and will brush off any dirt that may get on the hog.
- ◆ Hand-held hurdles are used to assist exhibitors in moving hogs to pens.
- ◆ It is natural for hogs to squeal, which they sometimes do as they are guided through the show ring.
- ◆ A good showman is polite and courteous to other exhibitors and pays attention to both the animal and to the judge at all times.

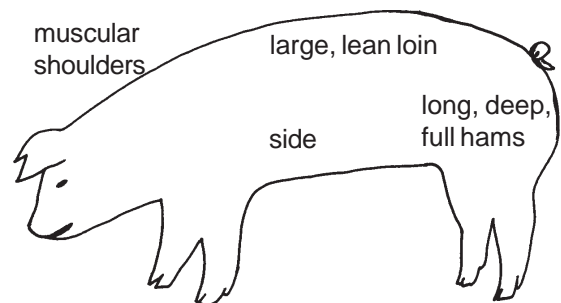
You give it a try and see how your placings compare to the judge's (fill in the exhibitor's number):

Your Choice:

- 1st Place _____
- 2nd Place _____
- 3rd Place _____
- 4th Place _____
- 5th Place _____

Judge's Decision:

- 1st Place _____
- 2nd Place _____
- 3rd Place _____
- 4th Place _____
- 5th Place _____



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