

# Attention Lycoming Co. Fair Livestock Exhibitors

As many are aware, the Secretary of Agriculture has issued a Quarantine Directive for swine in Pennsylvania due to the outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF). The reason for the directive is due to global tourism and a tourist carrying ASF on his/her clothes while visiting the fair. ASF is not transmitted from swine to humans; however, the disease can be transmitted from clothes and footwear to swine. In order to protect the swine population of the United State, this directive has been put in place by the Secretary of Agriculture.

ASF is currently not in the United States but other countries (China, North Korea, Poland, etc.) are experiencing one of the largest outbreaks in history. Due to the Quarantine Directive, there are changes that must be made in order to still hold a swine show at the Lycoming County Fair - other fairs in Pennsylvania have simply cancelled their swine show. As the Quarantine Directive is currently effective indefinitely, these changes will be in place for 2019 and continue in the future until the directive is lifted.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding these new rules and guidelines, please do not hesitate to contact any of the following individual:

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## General Guidelines

1. Only **2 pigs per exhibitor** are allowed.
2. All pigs exhibited at the fair must have an RFID tag or a fair tag – ear notches only are not acceptable.
3. **Pigs must weigh between 220 to 290 pounds.** If you are unsure of your animals weight, the pig will be allowed to be brought to the fair and weighed; however, if the pig does not weigh between 220 and 290 pounds it will **immediately** be loaded back on the trailer and sent home. NO reweighs allowed.
4. All pigs **MUST** go to direct slaughter and the harvest must be verified. In order to facilitate this, **all swine will be going to the packer after the sale.** Absolutely no pigs will be going to private harvesting facilities or leave the fairgrounds on trailers other than the packer trailer.

## Checking In at the Fair

1. Check-in times for **SWINE ONLY** will be between 12-2pm, 4-6pm, and 8-10pm.
2. **DO NOT** unload any swine until an accredited veterinarian has examined the pigs on your trailer – please have all paperwork in order to speed up the check-in process.
3. All pigs **MUST** be washed before coming to the fair – one of the signs of ASF is a change in skin color. We cannot see a change if your pigs are unclean. All pigs **MUST** be rewashed within 12 hours of arrival at the fair.
4. A trailer may only unload **1** set of pigs. Once a trailer has unloaded pigs, it cannot bring another load of pigs to be unloaded at the fairgrounds. The trailer cannot transport and unload exhibitors pigs then go to another exhibitors farm to bring another load of pigs. Please plan accordingly.
5. The barns will be closed to all exhibitors and visitors during times of check-in (12-2pm, 4-6pm, and 8-10pm). This means only designated individuals assigned to help unload swine are allowed in the swine barns and surrounding areas during this time. Congregating around the check-in area will not be allowed.
6. Exhibitors cannot enter another exhibitors trailer unless they are wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (gloves, plastic boots, etc).