Tennessee State Junior Swine Show  
December 2020 Update

The state junior swine show will be held January 14-16, 2021 at Hyder-Burks Pavilion at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville. Additionally, the Central and Eastern Region Swine Shows will be held prior to the state show January 12-14. Attached to this update is the expected schedule.

We are currently working on ways that we can maximize the safety of youth, families and staff while also providing a quality show experience for youth. We ask that everyone take the below items seriously. Please do not be the person/family that causes the cancellation of the show or gives the program a bad reputation.

It is important for families to maintain a 6-foot social distance between other families whenever possible. This includes all areas of the show grounds. Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask when social distancing is not possible.

- Youth and anyone accompanying youth into the line-up area will be required to wear a mask. Youth will also be required to wear a mask while in the show-ring as well as while completing the skillathon. Youth should begin wearing a mask now while they work with animals so that youth and are accustomed to the mask.
- There will not be a centrally located check-in. Show staff will go around to the pens during the check-in periods. Please be at your pens with your registration papers during the check-in times. Those that wish to weigh their market hogs will be able to during this time. Anyone bringing a hog to the scale area and the ultrasound area must wear a mask. Please check the schedule for weighing and ultrasounding times. Youth will be required to weigh any market hogs that they wish to have ultrasounded and will need to take a weigh slip to the ultrasound area.
  - Additionally for families that are only showing on Saturday and wish to minimize their time at the show, there is a check-in available for any crossbred hogs that did not arrive on Thursday. This option is only available for families that did not arrive on Thursday. Declared weight cards for these crossbred hogs must be turned in by 5:30 PM on Friday. These hogs will ineligible for the carcass class.
- Show staff and judges will also be wearing a mask.
- Everyone attending the shows are encouraged to wash hands multiple times daily.
- High risk individuals should refrain from attending the livestock shows.

Families are strongly encouraged to leave as soon as they are finished showing. We do plan to hold a socially distanced award ceremony on Saturday for state Skillathon and Premier Exhibitor winners following the Grand Champion Drive. Awards for anyone not present will be sent to the appropriate County Extension Office.
Masks are strongly encouraged for everyone on the floor of the arena. Please note that there is a large event at this facility the weekend prior to the swine show. Thus, it will not be completely setup until sometime Tuesday morning. Everyone is encouraged to wait until the afternoon of Tuesday, January 12 or the morning of Wednesday, January 13 to arrive.

Only one person per youth will be allowed to accompany the youth into the line-up area and all individuals must wear a mask in the line-up area.

The plan is to have the penning area and the show-ring on the arena floor. Additionally, the wash rack will be enclosed. This is all to help ensure that we are protected from cold weather (if it occurs). We believe this will work well, but also makes masks and intentional social distancing all the more important. Families are welcome to bring shavings for their pens, but no straw should be brought into the building.

Lindner Show Feeds plans to again host a showmanship clinic after the show on Thursday evening in the show-ring. Masks and appropriate social distancing are important for everyone who attends this clinic.

Camping at the swine show is available. Reservations may be made at: https://epay.tntech.edu/C20205_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=1146&SINGLES TORE=true.

There will be signs to remind everyone to maintain social distancing, to wash hands regularly and to wear a mask.

Large group meals are discouraged. Currently, Tech plans to have the concession stand open during the swine show. Tennessee Pork Producers is still planning to provide boxed lunches on Friday.

Attendees at the swine show will be asked to register their attendance through an online survey located at: https://2021swineshowsattendance.questionpro.com.

Your patience and adherence to these policies are much appreciated. We are extremely lucky to even be able to host the shows. Without these additional policies/changes, hosting the swine shows would not be possible.
Reminders

Skillathon

- Central Region Skillathon will be held January 13 from 12pm-1pm. Youth will be divided into two groups and socially distanced. Contests will be conducted in the all-purpose room and the sale arena. Masks will be required during the skillathon contest.
- Eastern Region Skillathon has already been held.
- State Skillathon will be setup in the classrooms on the mezzanine level. There will be 3 separate locations (1 per division – Junior, Junior High, Senior). Youth will go to the appropriate location and complete the skillathon stations by themselves. Only 1 youth will be permitted at a table at a time. They will use one answer sheet for all 5 stations. Youth will be required to wear a mask while completing skillathon. To further accommodate more social distancing at skillathon, it will be open on Thursday and Friday. Please see schedule for times.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

- Youth must be YQCA certified in order to exhibit at the swine show. More information about YQCA is available at www.yqca.org.