

4-H HOG BIDS

To: Harrison County Business People and Supporters:

In order to encourage more Harrison County young people to participate in the Harrison County 4-H Hog Show and to help maintain and improve the quality of hogs in Harrison County, the Harrison County Fair Board will again be sponsoring the Hog Marketing Program at the Harrison County Fair.

We are offering an opportunity for businesses and individuals who have a stake in the hog industry and agriculture to consider submitting a modest sealed bid for a hog above what the hog would bring on the open market.

For example, if a sealed bid for 50 cents were submitted on a 200 pound hog, it would cost the bidder \$100.00, payable to the exhibitor. In return, the exhibitor must furnish the bidder with a picture of the youth, the pig and ribbon for display in the bidder's business for 30 days.

Generally speaking the highest sealed bid will go to the champion hog and so on and so forth until all individual market hogs receive a premium. However, the Harrison County Fair Board would like to reserve the opportunity to combine bids from all or some of the bidders as we have in the past. This is to increase participation of the bidders (i.e. more bidders will get the opportunity to buy a portion of the champion or reserve hog). In addition, this process increases the premium bids paid to the 4-H youth.

Note: if bids are combined to increase the total premiums paid for the champion and reserve placings, the individual bidders will not have to pay more than their total bid (\$100 in the above example). The combined bidders will however each receive a champion and reserve ribbon with a youth photo to display in their place of business. Not all bids are used due to the fact that we only pay premiums on two individual market hogs per youth. If you have any questions on how this process works, please contact Harrison County Extension Director, Clint McDonald, 712-644-2105. All hogs will be sold to a buyer selected by the swine committee. Your support is above and beyond what the youth receives from the packing plant.

If you would like to participate in the Hog Marketing Program at the 2009 Harrison County Fair, please contact Judy Holcombe, Secretary-Treasurer, Harrison County Fair Board at 712-642-4383.

Sincerely, Harrison County Fair Board Swine Committee.