

Understanding Proposition 12 – Farm Animal Confinement and how it affects exhibitors at AgFest 2023.

Effective September 1, 2022, Proposition 12 established minimum confinement standards for egg-laying hens, breeding pigs, and veal calves sold commercially in California. For pork meat, this includes product from the immediate offspring of a covered animal (a breeding pig).

For the purposes of AgFest, these new standards affect all exhibitors selling market swine at auction. Hogs that sell at auction and are given a designation of “Resale” can potentially be sold commercially in California, which would subject the sale to Proposition 12. Hogs processed as Custom are exempt from Proposition 12. Exhibitors showing breeding swine are also exempt from Proposition 12.

Because AgFest cannot predict whether a buyer will designate the hog as Custom or Resale, we are requiring (at the request of our processor Yosemite) that a Certificate of Compliance for Animal Confinement be provided for ALL market hogs that will be sold at auction.

To comply with this mandate, all exhibitors of market swine must have a statement from the breeder where they purchased their Swine that certifies that they are in compliant with Proposition 12 in 2023.

This statement can be on their Bill of Sale or attached to their Bill of Sale in a separate statement.

It must state:

Breeder Name, address, phone number

(Breeder Name) Certifies that our commercial breeding pig (dam of the show pig) was kept in compliance with the Animals Confinement minimum standards.

Date, Name, Signature

Sold to: (Exhibitor Name) Identification Number of Pig Amount

Exhibitors who breed their own market hog entries must comply with this law as well. A self-certification statement must be included with the exhibitor’s Born and Bred statement that is provided in lieu of a Bill of Sale.

Exhibitors who do not have this when turning in their bills of sale will not be able to participate in the Auction. Feel free the use the attached Certification form or use it as a guide for your breeder.

For more details about Proposition 12 and how it affects youth exhibitors, please read the attached statement from the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Note for AgFest 2024 – AgFest will be required to audit and review all breeders who sell to AgFest exhibitors to be ensure they are compliant in order for the exhibitors to be eligible to sell their market hog at auction (depending upon the Supreme Court ruling on this issue in June 2023).

SWINE CERTIFICATION FOR ANIMAL CONFINEMENT MINIMUM STANDARDS

BREEDER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

I, _____ (Breeder Name) certifies that our commercial breeding pig (dam of the show pig) was kept in compliance with the Animals Confinement minimum standards.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

PRINTED NAME; _____

SOLD TO:

EXHIBITOR NAME: _____

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF PIG: _____

AMOUNT PAID: _____

EXHIBITORS USING THIS AS YOUR BILL OF SALE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

CLUB/CHAPTER: _____

EXHIBITOR ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____