



Montana Symbol of Excellence



Niche and speciality markets have created a demand for hogs of different weights and characteristics. The show industry also has standards that may differ from the commercial industry. The standards for the SOE program are targeted toward commercial markets available for MT hogs. These include a light hog market as well as a heavy hog market. Rather than create a separate set of SOE standards for each, the range allowed for some traits has been made relatively wide. After considerable discussion at this year's review of the standards it was decided not to make any changes. Areas of greatest discussion included carcass weight, loin muscle area, and backfat thickness. Belly quality (thickness and depth) was also discussed since bacon has become a very high valued pork product.

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MONTANA SYMBOL OF EXCELLENCE STANDARDS

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2016 soe Standards		
Measurement	Minimum	Maximum
Hot Carcass Wt	160	220
Carcass Length*	30.00	
USDA Muscling Score*	2	3
Loin Muscle Area	6.50	10.00
10th Rib Back Fat	0.40	0.80
NPPC Fat Free Lean Lb	90.00	
NPPC Fat Free Lean	52.50	
NPPC Marbling Score	2	5
NPPC Color Score	3	5
NPPC Firmness Score	2	3
NPPC Wetness Score	2	3
Live Abnormalities		
Carcass Abnormalities		