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4-H SWINE PROJECT Livestock Projects

Swine Project

Breeding Swine



Market Swine



Why Swine?

The swine project teaches participants proper methods of selecting, raising, breeding and marketing swine. Either market or breeding animals can be raised.

Resources

- Swine Resource Handbook
 - It is recommended that one book per family is used.
- Livestock e-Record
- Breeding Swine Record Supplement
- Livestock e-Record Guide
- Meat Quality Assurance

Tips

- Swine require 8-12ft per animal
- They need a pen or a shelter from the weather
- Swine for fairs are usually born between January 1st and March 1st
- Good nutrition is critical for the success of the project. Visit with your Extension Agent and your local feed store for feeding help.
- Clean water daily is essential for market swine
- Deworming is necessary to promote swine growth and health. Visit with your veterinarian for a deworming plan.

Starting Out Beginner	Learning More Intermediate	Exploring Depth Advanced
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about swine • How to produce a safe, wholesome product • Identify the parts of a pig • Different types of feed • Evaluating swine • Learn about nutritional requirements for swine • Learn about a pig's digestive system • Identifying common swine diseases • Learn how to keep records • Learn how to assume responsibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate technology's impact on swine production • Exhibit animal on tour, achievement day or at a fair • Purchase, feed and care for animals • Evaluate project with leader • Learn about goal setting • Gain knowledge of sound management practices • Develop sportsmanship • Develop public speaking skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to deal with current issues relating to raising swine • Gain leadership skills by helping others learn about swine • Explore career opportunities in the swine industry • Build lifelong friendship