

4-H SWINE/HOG PROJECT

What is the Swine/Hog Project?

The swine/hog project teaches fundamental production methods of the swine/hog industry. The swine/hog project allows youth to explore the areas of animal husbandry, livestock selection and evaluation, health management and meat science. Swine projects included market hogs (terminal meat production), swine breeding registered breeding swine (purebred breeding production) and commercial gilts (crossbred/breeding production).

OBJECTIVES:

- Develop life skills essential for becoming a skilled, productive and responsible citizen.
- Cultivate skills and interests that can assist in future career preparation.
- Develop quality leadership skills that promote positive youth development.
- Learn to value and apply ethical, industry-accepted practices and research findings in specific project areas.

RESOURCES:

4-H Swine Resource Book
Ohio 4-H
<https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/livestock/livestock-resources>
National Pork Board
www.pork.org

PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

- 4-H Project Completion Award
- OSU Swine Day
- 4-H State Fair Events (Skillathon, Record Book Judging Contest)
- State Meat/Carcass Contest
- Swine/Hog Jr Fair Exhibition

CAREER READINESS

- Swine/Hog Breeder
- Veterinarian
- Feed sales/nutritionist
- Pharmaceutical Sales
- Equipment Manufacturing & Sales
- Research Scientist
- Reproductive consultant & Technician
- USDA grader/inspector
- Animal welfare specialist

4-H Project Books

139 4-H Market Hog Project & Record Book
140 4-H Swine Breeding Project & Record Book

LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPED THROUGH 4-H SWINE PROJECT

HEAD

Managing
Goal Setting
Record Keeping
Resource Usage
Critical Thinking
Decision Making
Problem Solving
Service Learning

HEART

Caring
Empathy
Nurturing
Relationship Building
Communication
Cooperation
Social Skills

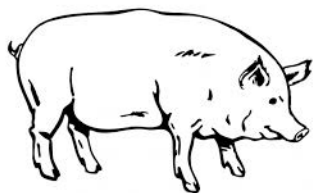
HANDS

Community Service
Volunteering
Leadership
Responsibility
Marketable skills
Self Motivation

HEALTH

Healthy Living Choices
Stress Management
Disease Prevention
Personal Safety
Self Esteem
Self-responsibility
Character Building
Managing Feelings
Self-Discipline





4-H SWINE/HOG PROJECT QUICK GUIDE FOR PROJECT SELECTION

	139 MARKET HOG	140 SWINE BREEDING
Type of Project	Short term Swine/Hog Project	Long term Swine/Hog Project
Purpose of Project	Animal raised for consumers	Animal raised for breeding production
Level of Cost of Project	Moderate cost livestock project	Moderate cost livestock project
Breeds	Any Breed or combination of crossbreeding qualify (gilts and barrows only)	Any Breed or combination of crossbreeding qualify
Quality Assurance	Quality Assurance Required	Quality Assurance Required
Exhibition	Exhibits at the Junior Fair	Not available to Exhibit at County Fair
	Shown by weight	n/a

LEVELS FOR ACTIVITIES (book) Jr Fair Exhibition has different levels	
Beginner	Grades 3-5
Intermediate	Grades 6-8
Advanced	Grades 9 and up

4-H Project Record Books
Obtain and Complete Project Book each year for either project taken. If taking project multiple years, keep a 3 ring binder and add each years project book to the binder.

NOTE: 4-H youth members that are exhibiting their project at the Columbiana County Junior Fair **MUST** adhere to and follow the rules set forth in the current years Junior Fair Premium book. The above information is just a guide and in no way reflects the rules that are in the Columbiana County Junior Fair premium book.