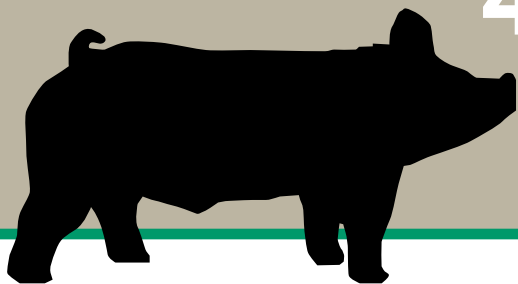


4-H SWINE PROJECT



WHAT IS THE SWINE PROJECT?

The swine project teaches fundamental production methods of the swine industry. The swine project allows youth to explore the areas of animal husbandry, livestock selection and evaluation, health management and meat science. Swine projects include market hogs (terminal meat production), 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- 4-H livestock club leader
- Hosting and assisting with clinics
- Hosting and assisting with shows
- Pork quality assurance training

RESOURCES

National 4-H Curricula:
Swine – Helper's Guide
Swine 1 – The Incredible Pig
Swine 2 – Putting the Oink in Pig
Swine 3 – Going Whole Hog
www.n4hccs.org

National Pork Board
www.pork.org

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PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

- Swine exhibition
- Swine premier exhibitor
- Agricultural demonstration speeches
- State Fair Livestock Quiz Bowl
- Livestock judging
- Meat ID & evaluation

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Swine breeder
- Veterinarian
- Feed sales/ nutritionist
- Pharmaceutical sales
- Equipment manufacturing & sales
- Research scientist
- Reproductive consultant & technician
- USDA grader/inspector
- Animal welfare specialist

LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPED THROUGH 4-H SWINE PROJECT

HEAD

Managing
Goal setting
Keeping records
Wise use of resources

HEAD

Thinking
Critical thinking
Decision making
Problem solving
Learning to learn
Service learning

HEART

Caring
Empathy
Nurturing
Relationship building

HEART

Relating
Communication
Cooperation
Social skills

HANDS

Giving
Community service
Volunteering
Leadership
Responsibility

HANDS

Working
Marketable skills
Self-motivation

HEALTH

Living
Healthy lifestyle choices
Stress management
Disease prevention
Personal safety

HEALTH

Being
Self esteem
Self-responsibility
Character
Managing feelings
Self-discipline