

# Swine

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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project allows the 4-H member to learn about swine. This includes proper selection of the animal, proper care, safety and good showmanship practices. Also, learning about the swine industry and how it works is another part of this project.

1. **Enrollment:** Online entries for the Clinton County 4-H Fair must be received by May 15<sup>th</sup>
  - a. All Swine RFID numbers and ear notches must match online enrollment prior to entering fairgrounds
  - b. 4 RFID tags are provided per member. Additional tags may be purchased.
  - c. All swine must have RFID tags in their ears before entering the fairgrounds.
2. Members must have **original** registration papers (not faxed copy) for all purebred hogs (barrows and gilts) at the Clinton County Fair by close of weigh in order for them to show in a purebred class. Registration requirements are the same as the State Fair.

These rules are as follows:

- Registration paper must be transferred into 4-Hers's name by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration paper will NOT be accepted if still in breeder's name and the 4-Her's name is written or typed in the "transfer to \_\_\_\_" section.
  - Registration papers will NOT be accepted if they are registered in a single name other than 4-Her even if family, farm name only, or a partnership with unrelated persons.
  - Purebred barrows and gilts without proper registration paper will be able to show as a crossbred as long as RFID tag number matches the number and ear notch listed on Indiana 4-H Online. If they do not match the barrow or gilt will not be able to show.
  - Breed associations reserve the right to pull certificates of animals without proper breed characteristics.
  - All purebred gilts must have a minimum of six (6) functional teat sections, where each teat has an opening, on both sides (6/6 underline.) A pin teat does not qualify as a functional or qualifying good teat.
3. A club member can exhibit up to four swine of any gender, with a maximum of three crossbred at the Clinton County 4-H Fair."
  4. NO gilts will be allowed to show in any barrow class.
  5. All pigs to be sold (at auction or going on market truck) must be weighed. In order for an animal to be eligible for auction, the weight limit for all market animals is 220-305 lbs.
  6. All barrows and crossbred gilts must also be weighed. Barrows must weigh 220-305 lbs, and cross gilts must weigh 220-350 lbs. All barrows and crossbred gilts that do not meet weight requirements (see above) can only be shown in showmanship. Test scales will be available.
  7. Purebred gilt classes will be broken by age (months.) Purebred barrow classes will be broken by weight. All crossbred gilts and barrows will be shown by weight.
  8. All pigs must have been farrowed on or after December 1, be ear notched as a method of identification, and be in possession of 4-Her by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
  9. Pigs with bloody or scabby ear notches will not be allowed to show and sell in the auction.
  10. All 4-H swine members must be Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) or Youth Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certified in order to exhibit.
  11. There will be no clipping in the swine barn. Slick clipping or body shaving of 4-H barrows and gilts is prohibited. Animals that are slick clipped or body shaved will not be allowed to exhibit. A minimum of one-half inch of hair on the body of hogs is preferred by the packers that purchase and process these animals. Hogs having less than one-half inch of hair on their body may be condemned by the processor. 4-H members will not receive carcass payment for animals that are condemned.
  12. Any hog possessing testicular tissue or exhibiting boar characteristics which are deemed potentially dangerous may be removed from the show at the superintendent's discretion.

13. In the case that the top two pigs in the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Gilt and Barrow Drives are subject to disqualification, the judge will place 1-5 in the Grand and Reserve Grand Gilt and Barrow Drive.
14. In the Swine barn, there is a limit of 1 fan per animal pen, and each fan has a 2 amp fan motor maximum.
15. Pigs are not to leave the swine barn.

### **POSTER PROJECT**

The Swine project may be completed by Poster at the County Fair but does not advance to State Fair.

Poster exhibits must have the standardized exhibit card in the lower right hand corner with the 4-H member's name, project and club. Allow room on your poster for the exhibit card. The exhibit cards will be available at check-in time at the fair.

1. Posters must be 22" x 28" and DISPLAYED HORIZONTALLY and not vertically.
2. POSTER MUST BE SELF-SUPPORTING (remain standing when leaned at a slight angle). Use heavy cardboard or foam board. For foam board, contact the Extension Office.
3. All posters must be covered with clear plastic (NOT SARAN WRAP). Contact the Extension Office to purchase acetate poster sleeves.
4. All poster type projects must have a title or theme on the poster. Check your manual for specifications. Be sure the poster accurately meets the guidelines and objectives of the activities in the manual.
5. All items must be securely mounted on the poster or display board
6. When designing your poster, you should consider: lines, shapes, textures, colors and placement of items.

### **SWINE SCRAMBLE**

1. Each first year project member in grades 3-5 is eligible to receive one animal through the Scramble program for participating species (sheep, goat, swine). A maximum of 5 per species will be selected based on the applications. Each 4-H member may only receive one animal in his or her 4-H career.
2. Scramble members may not have purchased or raised that species for show previously or during the current year.
3. Scramble animals will be exhibited in a separate scramble class.
4. All Scramble animals must be sold through the livestock auction. If the animal did not meet the required minimum auction weight, the animal will be placed on the market truck without going through auction.
5. The scramble draw will be held at the discretion of the superintendent of each participating species (sheep, goat, swine).
6. Each 4-H member wishing to participate in the Scramble Program must sign up for the species project on his or her on-line enrollment. In addition, a separate application and project requirements must be completed and returned to the Extension Office by the deadline established by the species superintendent.