



Project Tips - Market Swine

Important Dates

February 1:

4-H Re-Enrollment Deadline

Spring (March-May):

MQA Training

April 1:

Animal Care (Primary Care) Form Due

4-H Enrollment Deadline
(New Members)

May 1:

Swine Tag-in deadline

Animal ID due on 4HOnline

Mid June:

Livestock Record Book Interviews

Late June/Early July:

Fair Entries Close

Early August:

Adams County Fair

September:

Livestock Record Books Due
(Friday before Labor Day)

Project Considerations

Difficulty:

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Cost:

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1. What facilities do you have available, do you live in an area that allows you to house hogs?
2. Are you looking for a shorter length livestock project?
3. What is your livestock experience?

Project Timeline



About the Project

This project is designed for those members who want to learn more about the swine industry by directly caring for a pig. Members will accomplish the following learning experiences:

Learn about raising pigs - Learn to accept responsibility by having an animal to care for regularly - Learn the principles of animal nutrition and how to balance rations to feed your animals - Learn to care for, train and handle animals safely - Learn how to take care of equipment - Learn how to select meat-type pigs - Learn how to protect the health of swine and proper feeding methods - Learn how to show your animal - Learn the principles of livestock judging through participation in county judging program - Exhibit animal on tour, achievement day, or at a fair - Explore the career opportunities in the pork industry

Project Requirements

Market Swine Project members who intend to exhibit their animals at the Adams County Fair must complete the following to remain eligible for fair entry and exhibition:

1. Enroll in the Market Swine Project by enrollment deadline.
2. Attend and complete the Meat Quality Assurance Certification (MQA) annually.
3. Complete and file an Animal Care and Housing Form (Primary Care) on 4HOnline (leased animals and animals not housed at home must turn form in to Extension Office).
4. Properly tag all market swine by tagging deadline.
5. ID all swine in 4Honline by **May 1** deadline
6. Attend Livestock Record Book Interviews and present an up-to-date E-Record Book.
7. Enter fair classes online by entry deadline.
8. Complete and turn in E-Record Book the Friday before Labor Day to the Extension Office.

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Additional Information - Animal Entry in 4hOnline

1. 4-H members are required to enter their animals in the 4-H Online enrollment system. This page will help summarize the information required in this system.
2. All swine project animals must be entered in the 4-H Online system no later than May 1st of the current project year.
3. All 'bold' items are required in 4-H Online. 3 images are required for each swine;
1. Tag & Ear Notch Image 2. Left Side Image 3. Right Side Image.
4. It is highly recommended that any and all animals with the potential of attending Fair have ID in 4HOnline, if an animal does not have ID, it will not be allowed at Fair.



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Tag: identifier

Animal Tag ID

Beginning Weight: #.00-#.99

Beginning Weight Date: mm/dd/yy

Ear:

Ear notch:
Enter information and list information on Right Ear tag, if applicable

Breed:

Colors And Markings:
List any characteristics OR Other Breed Name

Sex:

Animal Name:
(optional)

Animal Uploads

Swine Market - Left Side Image
(Image/PDF files)

Swine Market - Right Side Image
(Image/PDF files)

Resources

- *Swine Project Manual - MA3100 – Swine Resource Handbook for Market & Breeding Projects -order through Club Leader*
- *Adams County Fair Premium Book - www.adamscountyextension.org*
- *4-H Swine Project Leader*
- *Adams County Extension Staff*

Stay up to date!
News/Events/Social Media Posts
adams.colostate.edu/4h/news.htm

Record Book

Swine Project Members complete the Livestock E-Record. Available at:

<http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/projects/e-records/>

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Required Information:

Tag/Animal ID - This is your Adams County tag number

Animal Name - Registered Name or 'nickname'

Sex - Male or Female

Earnotches - List both ears (ex: R1 L3)

3 Pictures

1. Tag & Ear Notch Image
2. Left Side Image
3. Right Side Image

Optional Information:

Weight

Breed(s),

Colors/Markings