

## SWINE - 2022

Categories	-	Beginner (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), Advanced (Grades 9 & above)
Manual	-	Swine Resource Handbook, 134R
Record Sheet	-	Boone County Livestock Record Sheet or No Exhibit Record Sheet
Exhibit	-	Grade

All POSTER exhibits must have a hard backing; such as foam board, plywood, plasterboard, etc., and all posters must have a see-through plastic covering and be displayed horizontally. The thickness of the poster backing should not exceed 5/16 inch. (22"x28"). If these guidelines are not followed, the exhibit will be judged then dropped one ribbon grade. Leave the area in the lower right hand corner of posters 3" high by 3" wide for a label. Labels will be provided by the Extension Office. The 4-H member's name and club should be permanently marked on the back side of each poster. 4-H members must cite all sources where information was obtained.

All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.

If an animal is being shown the Manual/Quiz/Alternate Activity & Record Sheet specific to their species will be due according to animal check in guidelines.

**Poster Exhibit Options:** Members may exhibit a Swine Project Poster. The poster must comply with General Guidelines #8. Subject of the poster can be any aspect of the Swine Project. The following classes will be offered: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced.

**Exhibit Guidelines:** To be eligible to exhibit at the county fair, each member will be required to successfully complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). Each member will be required to complete educational activities approved by the project leader and Extension Educator. These activities must be turned in with the project exhibit at project check-in.

**Swine Identification:** All pigs must be officially identified online through 4-HOnline by May 15. All pigs entered online will need to include ear notch and an 840 RFID tag. The 840 RFID tags will be available through the Purdue Extension Office for 4-H pigs. Taggers will need to be purchased by the 4-H member.

### General Guidelines

1. Showing classes will be provided for both purebred and crossbreds.
2. All pigs to be shown must have been farrowed after January 1, of the current year and owned and cared for since May 15.
3. All pigs must be ear notched by May 15. Ear notches will show litter identification in the right ear and individual pig identification in the left ear.
4. All swine must be officially identified by May 15 at 11:59pm through 4-HOnline Animal ID (<https://v2.4honline.com/#!/user/sign-in>). You will need to provide the following information for each animal: Breed, Sex, ear notch and 840 RFID tag number.
5. A member may show any combination of barrows and gilts to a max of 6 total.
6. Four plaques will be given for top herdsman.
7. Showmanship will be divided into grade groups as follows: grades 3, 4 & 5 within the calendar year will be in beginner class; grades 6,7 & 8 within the calendar year will be in the intermediate class; and grades 9 and above within the calendar year will be in the advanced class.
8. Trophies will be awarded to any champion winner as determined by the judge.
9. Pen Assignment Policy – Pens will be pre-assigned according to the pen assignment sheets received from the 4-Her. Please remember that there are larger pens in the barn that hold a maximum of 3 pigs and a minimum of 2 pigs. The smaller pens are designed to hold 2 pigs maximum and 1 pig minimum. If after check-in the swine project leader finds pens with less than the minimum number of pigs, that family group will not be pre-assigned pens the following year and will receive their pen assignments at check-in that year. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the 4-Her to contact the swine leaders with any changes in the number of pigs coming to the fair. If contacted ahead of time, the swine leaders will accommodate those changes. Please understand that this policy is an attempt to make the pen assignments as fair as possible.
10. The project leader may disqualify any 4-H member from showing or receiving herdsman trophies:
  - A. By not receiving the completed records sheet which is to be submitted to the project leader or designated person on/or before the leaders designated time.
  - B. Any animal with the wrong ear notches or improper identification; any animal that is showing unhealed ear notches.

- C. Improper or failure to have the animal properly list on 4-Home.
11. Any exhibitor that has been disqualified for reasons such as mis-notched ears, wrong breed, 4-H online mistakes, etc., may show in an exhibition only market class. This class would be participation only and the animal would not qualify for any other banners or be able to participate in the Grand Drive or auction. Each exhibitor would receive a participation ribbon. Each animal is still available to show in the open swine show.
  12. 4-H members and parents must remain behind the aisle gates located behind the holding pens. Only the 4-H member or substitute showman is allowed in the holding pen before their class enters the show ring.

#### **Barrows**

1. All barrows will be shown by declared weight with a fifteen pound weigh back. The top two in each class will be reweighed by project leaders to verify the declared weight is accurate.
2. All purebred barrows will be required to have registration papers at time of registration paper check time, just prior to weigh-in. Papers presented at check-in must meet the **guidelines** as stated in the "Ownership and Registration Requirements" in the current Indiana State Fair 4-H/FFA Premium Book. (application will NOT be accepted) If acceptable registration paper is not shown, the barrow must be shown in cross bred class.
3. All barrows and crossbred gilts will be weighed to determine weight class.

#### **Gilts**

1. All purebred gilts will be required to have registration papers at time of registration paper check time, just prior to weigh-in. Papers presented at check-in must meet the **guidelines** as stated in the "Ownership and Registration Requirements" in the current Indiana State Fair 4-H/FFA Premium Book. (application will NOT be accepted) If acceptable registration paper is not shown, the gilt must be weighed and shown in crossbred class.
  2. Only purebred gilts to be appraised (marketed by Boone County 4-H) need to be weighed and tagged. The only acceptable appraisal weight is during the official weigh-in time.
  3. Classes will be provided for purebred gilts as follows:
    - January gilts
    - February gilts
    - March gilts
  4. All crossbred gilts will be shown by declared weight with a fifteen pound weigh back. The top two in each class will be reweighed by project leaders to verify the declared weight is accurate.
  5. All champion gilts will return to the ring for Grand Champion gilt drive.
- NOTE:** All crossbred barrows and gilts are eligible to show at the State Fair.

#### **Declared Weight Guidelines:**

1. Declared Weight Tickets are due by 3pm on Sunday of the Fair.
2. Scales will be available for members to weigh their animals on prior to the time Declared Weight Tickets are due.
3. Pigs not meeting the declared weight guidelines will be moved to the bottom of the class.

