



# Swine

Please refer to Purdue Extension Indiana Website: [www.extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages) for exhibit guidelines and <https://www.in.gov/boah/> for exhibition requirements.

## Project Introduction

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The educational 4-H swine program and related activities (such as workshops and tours) provide youth with a fun and hands-on learning experience which develops both swine subject skills (such as nutrition, housing, and health care) and life skills (such as responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communications) under the direction of caring adults.

Animals **DO NOT** have to be a winner at the County Fair to show at the State Fair. Visit the Indiana State Fair website for more information.

## Exhibit Guidelines

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***Project guidelines for completion:*** All swine project members must answer a 10 question worksheet and complete information in Recordbook before swine check in. The questions are available from the 4-H office or on Extension website.

LEVELS:       **SWINE 1** for 4-H members grade 3, 4, 5 as of January 1 of current year  
                  **SWINE 2** for 4-H members grade 6, 7, 8 as of January 1 of current year  
                  **SWINE 3** for 4-H members grade 9, 10, 11, 12 as of January 1 of current year

### Exhibit options, may do one or more:

- Exhibit animal(s)
- Poster
- Action Demonstration

In addition to or an alternative to exhibiting an animal a 4-H member may exhibit a poster on a topic covered in their manual and/or present an Action Demonstration.

At the time of enrollment, all swine must be individually identified by proper ear notches. 4-H member must have swine enrolled **at v2.4honline.com** by **May 15<sup>th</sup>** of each year. Animals will be checked by Livestock Committee on designated date. After May 15<sup>th</sup> all animals must be in or under the 4-H member's care.

**WEIGHT:** Recommended weights are 200 – 280 pounds. IDEAL weights are 230 – 275 pounds.

**CLASSES:** BREEDING GILTS - will be shown by age breakdown. Classes will be determined at the Fair. These do not sell.

MARKET HOG CLASS – will be shown by weight – not breed. Classes will be determined at the Fair.

SOWS with litter.

### **SHOWMANSHIP**

- A. ROOKIE** – First time showman, regardless of age.
- B. JUNIOR** – Grade 4 – 8 as of January 1 of current year.
- C. SENIOR** – Grade 9 - 12 as of January 1 of current year.

All Livestock Exhibitors shall be responsible for the cleanliness of their stalls and pens during the exhibit and upon removal of their exhibit from the Fair. Exhibitors are required to use shavings in stalls and pens. Waterers will be provided, only feeders or feed pans will be allowed in pens (no tubs, etc.)

Only 4-H member with animal and designated ringman, superintendent, and judge will be allowed in show ring during the show.

All swine entries shall be groomed by the 4-H member. Assistance, if needed, shall be only by a parent, members of the immediate family, or any other Floyd County 4-H member and/or leader.

**Swine will not be released from Fairgrounds before Sunday morning.** Animals sold in Auction will become the property of the buyer; however, the 4-H members will be expected to maintain and deliver animal upon buyer's request.

If a 4-H member cannot be present to show his/her animal or has more than one animal per class, a substitute 4-H member may show an animal. The substitute must be a Floyd County 4-H member and approved by the Livestock Committee.

Barn rules, which are posted in each barn, will be ENFORCED.

**Swine are required to be washed in the wash rack area only. Not in their pens.**

Any 4-H member who is interested in the livestock project and does not have the facility to keep an animal on their property, has permission to house the animal on another

property. In addition, a liability agreement between the 4-H member and the property owner **MUST** exist.

The policies will be mandatory, failure to follow will not prevent a 4-H member from showing, but they will be ineligible to receive a placing in their class and to auction their animal at the fair.

**Any exceptions to the above rules will be decided upon by the Livestock Committee. Decisions of the Livestock Committee are FINAL.**

**NO FOR SALE SIGNS ON PENS OR IN BARN.**

**IN ALL CLASSES, ANY ANIMALS SHOWN IN SHOWMANSHIP MUST BE THE MEMBER'S OWN PROJECT.**

**No smoking in or around barns at any time.**

### **AUCTION**

1. **Auction** - A non-refundable auction fee of \$25.00 and form must be paid for each animal placed in the auction. (limit 3 animals). One indoor project must be submitted at project check in to participate in auction. Make check payable to the **Floyd County 4-H Corporation Board, Inc.** and mail to P.O. Box 6805, New Albany, IN 47151 by May 15. No fees or forms will be accepted after livestock check-in.
2. ONCE AN ANIMAL IS ON THE SALE BILL, IT MUST SELL. Exception to be made by Livestock Committee or animal not meeting weight guidelines.
3. **PICTURES** - A picture of the 4-H member and their poultry animal will be taken for Auction purposes on a date and time to be announced during the Fair. **DRESS CODE** - 4-H T-SHIRT or nice show shirt & SHOW BLUE JEANS. No tank tops, flip flops, or open shoes will be allowed in the show ring. [These pictures are mounted on signs to be given to buyers at the auction to display at](#) their business.
4. Animals sold in auction will become property of the buyer, however, the 4-H member will be expected to maintain and deliver animal upon buyer's request at the close of the livestock barns.
5. **No Auction checks will be distributed until barns and fairgrounds are cleaned and closed up on Sunday.**
6. 4-H member give a thank you note to their buyer to trade for check.

**ALL STALLS MUST BE CLEANED BEFORE THE ANIMALS  
LEAVE THE FAIRGROUNDS.**