



## Project Title: Swine

### Description:

Allows youth to learn life skills and grow in project knowledge while raising pigs for breeding or market.

### State Fair Entries:

Open. Visit [www.indianastatefair.com](http://www.indianastatefair.com) for information. Exhibitor's Corner opens in the spring. If there is any chance you will exhibit at the Indiana State Fair (ISF), be sure to check the appropriate box in the animal's 4-H Online enrollment page. Checking this box does NOT enter you for the ISF, but it will carry the animal's information into the ISF entry system.

### Exhibit Guidelines:

Division	Project Book
Beginner (grades 3 - 5)	BU-8065
Intermediate (grades 6 - 8)	BU-8066
Advanced (grades 9 - 12)	BU-8067

**2025 4-H Swine Check-In- Wednesday, July 16, 6-10 am**

**2025 4-H Swine Show- Saturday, July 10, 10 am**

1. Swine must be owned and in the care of the 4-H member by May 15. Swine must be born on or after December 1 of the prior exhibition year (for 2025, pigs must be born on or after December 1, 2024).
2. All purebred swine (gilts and barrows), must show appropriate breed characteristics, *must carry registration papers*, and must be in the name of the 4-H member or an approved partnership.
3. All 4-H swine (gilts and barrows) must be enrolled on 4-H Online by May 15. Pigs being entered for the Indiana State Fair must have an 840-RFID tag number matched to an ear notch entered into 4-H Online by May 15. Tags are available to purchase in the Purdue Extension Office. County Only animals are also encouraged to purchase 840-RFID tags prior to the County Fair. Identification requirements can be found on page 3 of these guidelines. Animals entered in the Indiana State Fair must have the 840-RFID tag inserted in the proper animal's ear prior to coming to the County Fair; Tipton County volunteers will NOT be inserting tags into State Fair animals at the County Fair.
4. Animals entered in 4-H Online are considered co-enrolled among 4-H members on the same Family Profile. You only need to enter an animal on one family member's profile to be eligible for each member of that family to be able to exhibit that animal. The exhibitor for each animal will be declared when checking in at the fair, and that exhibitor is the only exhibitor that should be showing it unless they have more than one in a class and a substitute showman is needed. *(Example: John and Jane Doe are siblings and are enrolled on the same family profile. All animals, including pig 80123, are entered under John's 4-H Online member profile. At fair check-in 80123 can be put in Jane's name. At that fair, Jane is the only one that can show 80123 in breed class (unless she has more than one animal in class), showmanship, and auction. John*

*can't use 80123 in showmanship but Jane show it in breed class just because it is also in John's name.)*

5. All commercial gilts and all barrows will be identified at weigh-in and weights will be used in class determination.
6. Pens will be assigned by the Swine superintendent on the designated penning and stalling date, based on requests made in FairEntry prior to July 1. Applicable pen fees will be paid when you are assigned pens. No animals will leave the 4-H Fair Grounds without prior consent from the 4-H Council until specified release time. Violators (owner: see rule 1) will be barred from exhibiting the 4-H project for 1 year.
7. The maximum class **size** shall be 10 animals. Animals will be placed through 10th place.
8. Barrows and Commercial Gilts weighing under 200 pounds will not be eligible to sell on the out truck.
9. All barrows under 220 pounds will show as underweight barrows and classes will be divided by weight. Barrows under 220 pounds will not show for champion.
10. All barrows over 290 pounds will show as overweight barrows and classes will be divided by weight. Barrows over 290 pounds will not show for champion.
11. Purebred barrows between 220 and 290 pounds will show by weight with 2 weight classes: light weight and heavy weight. (See rules 8, 9, 10) Divisions of weight classes will be at the discretion of the swine superintendent after all animals have been weighed.
12. Commercial barrows will show by weight and only barrows from 220-290 pounds. (See rules 8, 9, 10) Classes will be divided by light weight and heavy weight and will be determined by the superintendent after all animals have been weighed.
13. *Class break-downs will be at the discretion of the swine superintendent and a committee. Animals will be placed in a class that will match it appropriately to the weight of the animals it will be competing against.*
14. Registered gilt classes will be divided into December, January, February, and March by breed. All purebreds must have ear notches in both ears, and registration papers.
15. Crossbred and commercial gilts will be listed according to weight and divided into approximately even classes with not more than 10 in a class. An exhibitor may have two gilts placed in the same class depending upon the weight and class divisions. Crossbred gilts weighing over 350 pounds won't be eligible for champion.
16. All 4-H livestock sale barrows must weigh 220 or more pounds to sell and will sell at weigh-in weights. Barrows 290 or over will sell at the 290 weight.
17. There will be no re-weighing of barrows. The first weight is final.
18. All animals exhibited in showmanship must also be exhibited in class by the same exhibitor.
19. A rules committee, consisting of the 4-H Swine Committee, may act upon any decision of the above rules or any other regulation that may be necessary, subject to final approval by 4-H Council.

20. Record sheets are no longer required, but completing the learning activities in the project book is highly encouraged and recommended to enhance the learning experience in this project. If you do not exhibit an animal but would still like to complete the project, you may complete the record sheet and turn it in prior to the first day of the 4-H Fair. You may also complete an educational exhibit (see #23 below).
22. All animal exhibitors (beef, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, swine) are required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) OR Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (4-HQLC) each year. YQCA can be completed online at <https://yqcaprogram.org> for \$12. YQCA is recommended if you plan to show at any open or large national shows. Indiana 4-H is no longer affiliated with YQCA- any questions need to be referred to YQCA. 4-HQLC will be offered in-person a few times before the fair. Register through 4-H Online. Either training will be accepted at any Indiana 4-H Show.
23. An exhibitor may choose to exhibit an educational swine poster or notebook. Please see the guidelines for Animal Education. There will be one Animal Education- Swine entry eligible for the Indiana State Fair.

**Indiana State Fair Identification Requirements:** (County Fair Identification requirements are the same except County Only animals do NOT need to submit a DNA Hair Sample. If there is any chance you might exhibit at the State Fair, submit a DNA Hair Samples by May 15. Collection envelopes are available in the Purdue Extension Office):

	For State Fair	Max # to Enroll	Deadline
All Swine (barrows and gilts)	840-RFID tag AND ear notch AND DNA Hair Sample	15 gilts 15 barrows	May 15