

White County 4-H
Swine Educational Activities
Grade 4

Project Year _____

4-H'er Name _____ Club _____

Activity #1

The Incredible Pig! Use Chapter 2 in the Swine Resource Handbook to answer the following questions.

1. T F The pig was among the first animals to be domesticated, probably as early as 7000 B.C.
2. T F Pigs were first introduced to North America in 1539
3. T F Hogs were finished on soybeans in the late 1600's.
4. T F From the late 1880's to the late 1940's Americans demanded lard from swine creating a need for fatter hogs.
5. T F Pork was an important part of soldiers' rations in World War I and II.
6. T F After the Civil War, Indianapolis became the world's largest pork packing center.
7. T F Pigs were introduced to the Eastern United States in the late 1500s
8. T F The 1950's saw pork producers developing a leaner type hog that would meet increasing consumer demands for leaner meat products.
9. T F Today's hogs are generally 50% leaner than they were in the 1960's
10. T F Pork producers have set a goal of making pork the meat of choice in the 21st century.

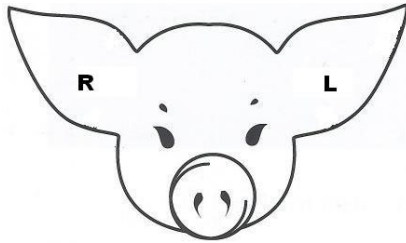
Characteristics You Should Look For. Use pages 3-8 to 3-14 in your Swine Resource Handbook to answer the following questions.

1. Which of the following is a characteristic you should consider in a show pig?
 - A. Muscle
 - B. Color
 - C. Its name
 - D. How curly its tail is
2. T F A small framed and short sided pig will grow and reach a heavier market weight faster.
3. T F The ideal muscle pattern in a meat hog is long, thick and smooth.
4. It takes _____ times the amount of feed to produce a pound of fat versus a pound of lean.
 - A. One
 - B. Up to five
 - C. Two and one half
 - D. a bunch
5. T F Structural soundness and durability are important for profitable pork production.
6. Body capacity is important for:
 - A. maintaining health
 - B. intake of feed
 - C. adequate reproductive volume
 - D. lots of meat
 - E. A, B, and C
7. T F Balance is the proportion of body parts.
8. PSS is short for:
 - A. Pigs Sometimes Sweat
 - B. Porcine Stress Syndrome
 - C. Pig Stress Syndrome
 - D. Porcine Social Security
9. T F No fat is desired in market hogs.
10. T F Muscling in the ham and loin region should be tight and round.

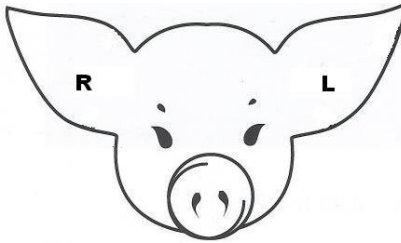
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Activity #3

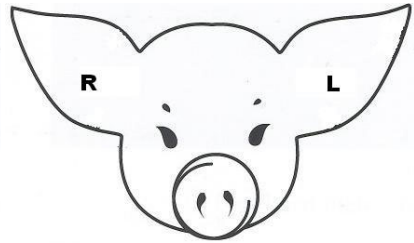
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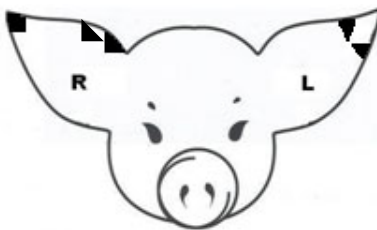


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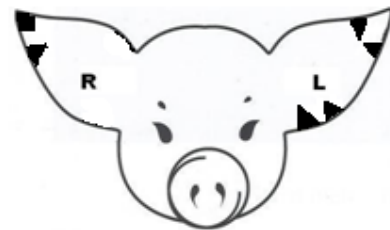
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