

SWINE

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).

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State Fair Entries: Check with the IN State Fair for sign up deadlines without penalties.

(web: www.indianastatefair.com)

Exhibit requirement options for all levels

- One or more animals fed and cared for by member
- Read and complete county determined number of activities
- Swine animal enrollment completed and submitted via 4-HOnline prior to the designated due date of May 15. NO Late Enrollments will be accepted.

Project Requirements and Guidelines

YOCA Requirement

To exhibit **beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits**, 4-H members must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. For more information about in-person trainings in your county, please contact your County Extension Office. More information about YQCA is available at <http://yqca.org/>.

NOTE: NO FANS ALLOWED. THE SWINE COMMITTEE WILL PROVIDE VENTILATION FOR BARN.

1. Entry and tag fees will be collected for all exhibited animals. This money is due on set-up day. Fees must be paid to the 4-H Swine Committee. The Extension Office CANNOT accept this entry money. Entry fees are used for swine barn improvements and the other miscellaneous swine show items.
2. All swine must be tagged with an RFID tag. This tag and a DNA envelope must be obtained from the Extension Office prior to May 15th. Each tag obtained from the office will require a \$3.00 tag fee. The RFID number must be entered on your 4HOnline Animal Registration. In addition, the envelope with the DNA hair sample must be returned to the Extension Office by May 15.
3. Health Requirements: The Swine Committee members reserve the right to question or deny swine if they present a communicable disease.
4. Record Books must be completed, checked or turned in at the time animals are entered at the fair to be eligible to show.
5. All Swine must be identified by the universal system of ear notching by the enrollment deadline. Ear notches must have been recorded via the 4Honline profile animal enrollment by May 15 to be considered enrolled.
6. 4-H members are allowed to enroll a maximum of 15 barrows and 10 gilts.
7. Swine must be farrowed on or after January 1st of the current year.
8. Only one entry may be shown by a 4-H member in each class throughout the entire show.
9. All swine will be weighed, as they are unloaded upon entry at the Fair. This weight will be the official selling weight and show weight. Swine must weigh at least 190 pounds to be exhibited at the Parke County Fair.

10. Beginning Swine Members are 4-H'ers who are in grades 3-7 of the current 4-H year and enrolled in the 4-H Swine project for the first time. These members are only eligible for beginning barrow and beginning gilt classes and may show two barrows and one gilt.
11. Beginning Barrows will be divided into two nearly equal weight classes; lightweight and heavyweight. Members showing two barrows will have one barrow placed in each class.
12. Beginning Gilts will have all breeds together in one class. However, if the number of gilts merit more than one class, this matter will be settled by the swine committee at the Fair. Only one gilt may be shown by a beginning member.
13. Advanced Barrows - only one barrow per breed may be shown by each member above Division I.
14. Advanced Gilts
 - a). Only one (1) gilt per breed may be shown by each member above Division I.
 - b). Gilt classes to be offered by breed and weight.
15. Advanced Barrow and Gilt Registration Requirements: All purebred gilts and barrows must be registered and 4-H'ers must present papers to the Swine Committee at the Fair. If a member doesn't receive their registration papers, it is their responsibility to contact the breeder of said animal and also the breed registry to secure a positive confirmation of said animal's registration. Such confirmation of registration will be acceptable at the Fair.
16. Each 4-H member shall own his/her own exhibit. Ownership must be in effect on or before the county enrollment deadline and continue through the State Fair 4-H show. Llamas, Alpacas, Horses, Ponies and Dairy are the only animals eligible to lease their animals. 4-H animals purchased, sold or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair shall not be eligible to show at the State Fair. 4-H animals exhibited after the animal enrollment deadline (April 1 for steers and May 15 for all other animals) at any show by anyone other than the person listed on the Indiana 4-H animal enrollment form will not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the county or Indiana State Fair. The term/condition does not apply to siblings and parents, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing state fair eligibility. This policy applies to all 4-H animal projects. For animal projects without enrollment forms, the person who enters them in the county or Indiana State Fair 4-H show is the equivalent of the enroller of the animals.
17. 4-H animal projects that require registration papers in 4-H breeding classes will NOT be accepted which are registered in a father's name only, farm name only, or partnerships with unrelated persons (such as "Smith View", "Smith Oak", "John Doe & William Smith", "Long Oak & William Smith", etc.). Acceptable registrations are (1) in the 4-H member's name, (2) John Smith & Sons, (3) John Smith, Sons & Daughters, (4) John Smith & Family (family includes sons, daughters, and legal guardian youth only), (5) Mark Smith (brother) & Mary Smith (sister), (6) Family Corporations, where the 4-H members' name appears as a holder of stock in the corporation, and proof of same must be supplied on or before the enrollment date, (7) Family Partnership where the 4-H'ers father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent, and/or legal guardian is also in the family partnership and the 4-H'ers name appears on the legal, notarized partnership. A copy of the written document must be completed and turned in to the Extension Office prior to May 15th.
18. The Parke County swine project offers Parke County Bred and Raised classes for Advanced Registered Barrow and Gilt classes. Purebred registration papers must be presented during the check-in of the fair to be eligible for these classes. In addition, the animal exhibit must be raised and farrowed in Parke County and be from a gilt or sow that was also bred in Parke County. These classes are being offered to encourage animals being raised in Parke County. Banners will be awarded to the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion animals.
19. **HAIR LENGTH FOR SWINE EXHIBITION:**
Effective for the Parke County Fair. There will NOT be a hair length requirement for swine exhibition at the Parke County Fair. However, to sell swine at the Parke County Fair, swine must have at least ½ inch

of hair on the day of the sale. A minimum of one-half inch of hair length on the body is required and preferred by the packers that purchase and process your animals and those having less than one-half inch of hair (in length) on their body may be condemned by the processor. 4-H'ers will not receive carcass payment for animals that are condemned.

20. Refer to the Parke County 4-H Program Policies for 4-H Animal Grooming Guidelines.

21. 4-H Members may co-enroll animals with family siblings.

22. Showmanship Classes:

- a)) There will be no limit on the number of times that a 4-H'er may show and win in showmanship.
- b) Showmanship winners from previous years must move up to the next division.
- c) There will be four divisions in showmanship by age: age is to be determined upon the date of the show.

The age divisions are:

1. Beginner - ages 9, 10 & 11
2. Junior - ages 12, 13
3. Intermediate - ages 14, 15
4. Advanced - ages 16, 17, 18 & 19

- d) The Swine Master Showman entry shall be the winner of a runoff of the age division winners.
- e) If the number of entries in any one swine showmanship class is a great deal more than another, it will be settled by the Swine Committee.
- f) There will no substitutions of showmanship animals during any class. There will be a 10-minute break between the advanced showmanship class and the master showmanship class.

23. 4-H SWINE SHOW ORDER:

- a) Beginning Barrow Lightweight
- b) Beginning Barrow Heavyweight
- c) Champion Beginning Barrow
- d) Advanced Barrows
- e) Grand Champion Barrow
- f) Beginning Gilt
- g) Advanced Gilt
- h) Champion Gilt
- i) Showmanship – (Beginner, Junior, Intermediate, Advanced) Refer to the Parke County Extension Office Website for a list of classes and breeds.

24. Crossbred Classes may be broken into divisions.

4-H SWINE POSTER EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT

Note: Posters will be judged with all other project posters/exhibits on the Friday before the Fair. All animal posters that do not have state fair poster options will be judged as one category.

To promote educational displays by 4-H members that enjoy developing a poster exhibit, the following classes shall be offered.

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 website links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended that 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.

Classes:

- Level 1 (Grades 3 - 5 in January of current year)
- Level 2 (Grades 6 - 8 in January of current year)
- Level 3 (Grades 9 - 12 in January of current year)

Exhibit suggestions:

Use a 22" x 28" poster board with a stiff backing and a clear protective covering. Posters must be displayed horizontally. A poster label secured from your leader should be attached to the lower right-hand corner of the poster exhibit. Exhibit suggestions are listed in your manual. Posters will be judged with all other project posters/exhibits.

