

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 Indiana State Fair for sign up. (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

YQCA Requirement

To exhibit **beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits**, 4-H members must be certified through either the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program or the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care is taught in person in Parke County. YQCA can be completed online at yqcaprogram.org. For more information about in-person trainings in your county, please contact your County Extension Office.

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

1. Entry 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. Youth intending to show animal at the Indiana State Fair must also submit a DNA sample to the Extension Office. This tag and a DNA envelope must be obtained from the Extension Office and DNA sample returned 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.
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. Crossbred gilts may weigh no more than 335 pounds at check-in to be exhibited at the Parke County Fair.

11. 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. Beginning swine members may show a total of 3 pigs. This can be two barrows and one gilt, or one barrow and two gilts.
12. Beginning Barrows and Gilts will be divided into two nearly equal weight classes; lightweight and heavyweight. Members showing two barrows, or two gilts will have one animal placed in each class.
13. Beginning Barrows and Gilts will have all breeds together in one class. Beginning classes will not be shown by breed, they will be shown as crossbreds with classes determined by weight. If the number of animals in a weight class merit more than one class, this matter will be settled by the swine committee at the Fair.
14. Advanced Barrows
 - a). Only one (1) barrow per breed may be shown by each member above Division I.
 - b). Purebred barrow classes to be offered by breed and weight. Crossbred barrows to be offered by weight.
15. Advanced Gilts
 - a). Only one (1) gilt per breed may be shown by each member above Division I.
 - b). Purebred gilt classes to be offered by breed and date of birth. Crossbred gilts to be offered by weight.
16. 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.
17. 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 (May 15) 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.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. **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.

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

22. 4-H Members may co-enroll animals with family siblings.

23. Showmanship Classes:

a) There will be no limit on the number of times that a 4-H'er may show and win in showmanship. However previous Master Showman winners are not eligible to participate in future Master Showmanship competitions.

b) Showmanship winners from previous years must move up to the next division.

c) Showmanship classes will be broken down into 3 categories based on the grade you were enrolled in as of Jan 1.

The categories are:

1. Junior: 3rd grade – 5th grade
2. Intermediate: 6th grade – 8th grade
3. Senior: 9th grade – 12th grade

d) The Swine Master Showman entry shall be the winner of a runoff of the 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 be no substitutions of showmanship animals during showmanship. There will be a 10-minute break between the advanced showmanship class and the master showmanship class.

g) Animal shown in showmanship must be shown by the 4-H exhibitor in class.

24. 4-H SWINE SHOW ORDER:

a) Showmanship – (Senior, Intermediate, Junior) Refer to the Parke County Extension Office Website for a list of classes and breeds.

b) Beginning Gilts Lightweight

c) Beginning Gilts Heavyweight

d) Champion Beginning Gilts

e) Advanced Gilts

f) Grand Champion Gilts

g) Beginning Barrows Lightweight

h) Beginning Barrows Heavyweight

i) Champion Beginning Barrows

j) Advanced Barrows

k) Grand Champion Barrows

25. Crossbred Classes may be broken into divisions.

4-H SWINE POSTER EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT

See "*Animal Education*" project requirements. Animal Education projects should be checked in with all other static exhibits at the appointed time and will be displayed in the 4-H Building.

Note: All animal posters that do not have state fair poster options will be judged by specie.