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Wyoming 4-H Livestock Projects



The 4-H Swine Project: AN INTRODUCTION

Enjoy the exciting experiences
and educational challenges
of caring for and learning
from another creature



4-H Livestock Projects Offer....

Fun and exciting experiences—the joy of making new friends through club meetings, county fair activities, state fair events, and national programs.

Challenges—the responsibility of caring for an animal and learning about production, management, nutrition, health, grooming, showing, and ethics.

Life skills—the understanding of citizenship, leadership, self-respect, coping, decision making, and caring for others that leads to a positive and productive life.

Competition—the opportunity to exhibit an animal, demonstrate showmanship, display sportsmanship, and produce record books.

Goals for the 4-H Swine Project....

4-H Members can learn about:

- Breeds of Swine
- Correct Nutrition and Care
- Proper Care and Management
- Selection and Production Practices
- Breeding and Feeding Procedures
- Proper Fitting and Grooming Skills
- Showmanship Skills and Techniques
- Ethics and Sportsmanship

Opportunities in the 4-H Swine Project....

4-H Members can:

- Participate in the County Fair
- Participate in the State Fair
- Participate in Progress Shows
- Participate in Breed Association Activities
- Become a member of a Judging Team
- Attend National Events and Activities
- Become a Junior Leader and assist younger members with their projects.

Ownership, Possession, and Financial Estimations for the 4-H Swine Project....

Market Hogs (barrows and gilts)

Purchase cost: \$75 and up with an average cost of about \$175.

Feed for last 60 days: Provide 4 pounds of feed per day, which is about 120 pounds of feed per month.

Sale of market hog: 240-pound animal @ \$1.75 = \$420.

Possession/ownership date: June 1st. Market hogs can be exhibited for one show season.

Breeding Swine (boars and gilts)

Purchase cost: \$125 and up with an average cost of \$250 depending on age, sex, and breed.

Feed for mature animals: Provide about 5 pounds of feed per day, which is about 150 pounds of feed per month. This varies greatly depending on the age, sex, and breed of the animal as well as the length/stage of gestation or lactation of the gilt/sow.

Sale of breeding swine: Breeding swine are not typically sold at the county fair. They are usually retained by the exhibitors for the production of piglets, or they are sold via private treaty sales.

Possession/ownership date: June 1st. It is possible to exhibit breeding swine for more than one show season.