



# Swine Project

## Objectives

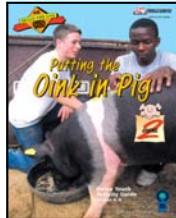
4-H'ers will learn to:

- develop positive attitudes and skills relating to working with adults.
- demonstrate the ability to judge and select quality animals.
- adopt the best management practices for animal care.
- adopt safe and ethical management practices for animal welfare.

## Project Manuals & Other Resources

### Swine (Ages 8-18)

Naming breeds, learning body parts, that's just the beginning! You will face many exiting challenges as you enjoy learning about swine. You will learn how to prepare a swine for show, design a swine operation, discover swine careers plus many more activities in this "Pigtastic" series.



### Swine 1 (Ages 8-13)

- SW 1 A The Incredible Pig
- SW 1 B Swine Project Book 1
- SW 1 R Swine Record Book 1

### Swine 2 (Ages 8-18)

- SW 2 A Putting the Oink in Pig
- SW 2 B Swine Project Book 2
- SW 2 R Swine Record Book 1

### Swine 3 (Ages 11-18)

- SW 3 A Going Whole Hog
- SW 3 B Swine Project Book 2
- SW 3 R Swine Record Book 2

### Swine Helpers

- SW H Helper's Guide

## Supporting Events & Activities

### Competitive Contests:

#### County, District, State or National Levels

##### Demonstration and Illustrated Talks

Part of the "Animal Industry" division, this area includes all presentations related to beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, layer, broilers, turkeys, rabbits, meat goats, dairy goats, quail, duck, geese and ratite.

### Agricultural Judging Event

This event provides 4-H'ers with an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge in the following agricultural matters: Beef, Sheep, Poultry, Swine, Corn (Shelled), Soybeans, Oats, and Hay. **Please see the back of this brochure for additional requirements and information.**

### Hog-n-Ham Program

Youth participating in this program will gain knowledge about pork production, processing, and utilization through hands-on experiences, which include selection, feeding and management, record keeping, slaughtering, processing, and curing. 4-H'ers get to share their knowledge and develop oral communication skills through conducting a demonstration or illustrated talk. Youth purchase hogs and feed them for three months and then harvest them in Gainesville. After harvesting and processing the meat, participants explore a retail project, complete a record book, and give a project demonstration.

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### Public Speaking

Designed to give members of 4-H experience in the preparation and delivery of a 4-H related speech, this contest requires 4-H'ers to recognize, organize, and present information on a given topic. For further information and requirements, visit <http://florida4h.org/events>.

### Photo Exhibit

The General Photo Exhibit Contest provides a showcase for 4-H member's photographic accomplishments with the intent of increasing public awareness and understanding of the 4-H program. For more information and requirements, please visit <http://florida4h.org/events>.

### Poster Art Program

The Poster Art Program gives 4-H members an opportunity to use the visual medium of poster art to promote public understanding and support of the 4-H program. For more information/requirements, please visit <http://florida4h.org/events>.

## Award & Recognition Opportunities

### Ribbons and Awards for Competitive Events

Blue, Red, and White ribbons are awarded based on quality of performance during a competitive event using a standard scoring system. In addition to ribbons, youth may receive additional recognition for excellence, such as trophies, at the district, state and national levels.

### 4-H Project Reports

Certificates, pins and other county determined awards are available to youth who complete their project records annually at the county level. The project report forms are available for each age group (Junior, Intermediate, Senior). For copies of these materials, please visit our website <http://florida4h.org>.

### 4-H Portfolios

Senior 4-H'ers (ages 14 and up) are eligible to complete and submit a 4-H Portfolio of their 4-H experiences and activities. Youth in these project areas may compete in one of the following categories:

- **Animal Sciences** - (predominantly focused on experiences in animal science category)
- **Citizenship** - (if activities have been significantly focused on community and helping others)
- **Achievement** - (if 4-H activities include a broad spectrum of 4-H projects)
- **Leadership** - (if 4-H experiences have centered on leadership provided to other youth or teaching and leading project activities)

The award for 4-H Portfolio is a partially expense paid trip to National 4-H Congress.

### College Scholarships

Graduating Seniors in 4-H are eligible to compete for a variety of educational scholarships.

*Contact your local 4-H office for these and other supporting project events, activities and award opportunities.*

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**When:** Spring/Summer  
**Where:** University of Florida Campus,  
Animal Science Building

### Participation Criteria:

- 4 H members must have reached 12 years of age by September 1 of the current program year. Agents should evaluate the maturity level of 4 H members and use discretion in approving enrollment.
- Participation procedures will be sent to counties by the Animal Science Department in December.
- Participants must attend the workshop in January (see event calendar) as a pre-requisite.

### Participation Procedures and Quotas:

Participation is limited to a maximum of 40 members, and the number of participants each county is able to send depends on the number of counties enrolling in the program each year.

### Awards:

All participants receive blue, red and white ribbons based on scores accumulated. Additional awards may be given on a year to year basis.

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**When:** Final Saturday of the Fair  
**Where:** North Florida Fair, Tallahassee

### Participation Criteria:

- Junior 4-H'ers must be 8-10 years old as of September 1 of the current program year.
- Intermediate 4-H'ers must be 11-13 years old as of September 1 of the current program year.
- Senior 4-H'ers must be 14-18 years old as of September 1 of the current program year.

### Participation Procedures and Quotas:

- 4 teams per county (Jr., Int., Sr., or combination thereof). A team consists of 3-4 members.
- Counties may also enter individuals who will be eligible for individual awards.

### Awards:

Cash awards for Jr., Int. and Sr. Divisions are listed in the North Florida Fair catalog.