

SWINE CLUB

1st Year Member Information Sheet

1. Swine Club meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of every month unless otherwise noted.
2. Make sure your 4-H member(s) is registered with Purdue.
3. All 4-H barrows and/or gilts MUST be born after January 1 of the showing year.
4. Club dues are \$15 per 4-H member.
5. Most pig sales occur during March and April. However, because of partiality, we cannot recommend or advertise any auctions as a 4-H Club. We would recommend that you talk to older 4-H members or parents for suggestions.
6. Each member may tag up to 5 barrows and 5 gilts for the Elkhart County Fair. Tagging and vaccinations is MANDATORY---the first tagging/vaccination date is Saturday, May 6, 2023, and the second vaccination date is May 20, 2023. You will need to bring your pigs to the fairgrounds at the allotted times. If you are not able to bring them yourself, then you will need to make arrangements for someone else to bring them for you.
7. You will need to obtain a premise ID and will need to bring that with you to the first tagging/vaccination date. If you do not have a premise ID, you may obtain one through the BOAH website.
8. Siblings, half-siblings, and/or step siblings may share pigs but not cousins or friends who may house their pigs in your barn.
9. You will be assessed a \$6 fee for each barrow and/or gilt that you bring to the fairgrounds to be tagged and vaccinated and that fee will be invoiced to you thereafter. Your club dues and tagging/vaccination fees will need to be paid prior obtaining your fair passes at the July meeting.
10. You are allowed to bring 2 barrows to the fair for showing. The 2 barrows will be penned together in the same pen so make sure that they have been penned together prior to bringing them to the fair.
11. Every 4-H member is required to complete either YQCA or the Quality Assurance Program offered by Purdue; such completion deadline is May 15, 2023. If you have not completed your program by May 15, 2023, then the 4-H member will not be allowed to show at the Elkhart County Fair.
12. Spacing in the barn is limited and large tack boxes are very hard to accommodate into your allotted space so we would recommend using smaller tack. We also recommend not bringing large quantities of fees as, again, space is limited.
13. Weigh in for barrow will be Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. If you have other livestock animals (beef, sheep, etc.) you may bring in your pigs on Sunday. However, if you do not have other livestock, then you will need to bring in your pigs on Friday or Saturday.

14. You will unload your barrows and weigh them in at that time. The pigs need to be clean and their ear tags clean and visible. If they are clean, you may be asked to wash them before you can weigh them. If your pigs are underweight (under 220 lbs.), you will have an opportunity to bring them up to weight. Re-weighs will be on Sunday only and at the designated time.
15. At the time you weigh in your pigs, it is required that parent or guardianship be present with the 4-H member and that all necessary paperwork (purebred papers, etc.) is in your possession at that time.
16. Gilts will be weighed in on Friday only. When showing 4-H gilts and/or barrows, the 4-H member will be required to show in their Swine club t-shirt that will be provided to them. Gilts will go home after the show on Friday night.
17. The 4-H Barrow show is on Wednesday starting at 8:00 a.m. with showmanship first. All members are to report to the show arena at 7:45 a.m. for announcements and preparation for the show.
18. You will be provided a Swine club t-shirt and the member will need to wear it for 2 years. When ordering your t-shirt, please keep in mind that your child may have some growing spurts in the 2-year time period.
19. You may sell 1 barrow through the auction. If you have 2 barrows, we will automatically enter your heaviest barrow to run through the auction and the other barrow will be sold at market price. If you decide you do not want to sell your barrow through the auction on Friday and/or you want to take the smaller barrow home or sell it yourself, you MUST sign the barrow(s) out on the TAKE HOME sheets that located in the Swine Office during the fair and this will need to be done before Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

If you have ANY questions, please contact a leader.

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2023 SWINE CLUB

TIME LINE

January 10	Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. --- Mennonite/Showalter (ECCC)
January 15	Deadline for 4-H registration (in.4honline.com)
February 14	Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. --- Mennonite/Showalter (ECCC)
March 14	Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. --- Home & Family Arts
April 11	Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. --- Sheep/Swine Arena
May 6	1 st vaccination & tagging ---fairgrounds --- 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
May 9	Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. --- Building E
May 15	Deadline to enter your tagged pigs on the in.4honline.com website
May 20	2 nd vaccination --- fairgrounds --- 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
June 13	Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. --- Sheep/Swine Arena
TBA	Deadline to register your pigs in their respective classes--Fair Entry System
July 11	Set up pens – Swine Barn @ 6:00 p.m. – meeting to follow
July 21	4-H Gilt Show
July 26	4-H Barrow Show
July 28	Auction Day
July 29	Barn clean up
August 1	Achievement banquet