

SWINE CLUB
1st Year Member Information Sheet

1. Swine Club meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of every month unless otherwise noted---most are in person but a couple of them will be virtual. We will send out a link via the email you used when you registered your 4-H member.
2. Make sure your 4-H member(s) is registered with Purdue by January 15, 2025.
3. All 4-H barrows and/or gilts MUST be born after December 1, 2024.
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 3, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and the second vaccination date is May 17, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. 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. It is MANDATORY that after the pigs have been tagged, that you enter them into the online system by MAY 15, 2025. If you fail to register the tagged pigs by May 15, 2025, then the 4-H member may not show at the fair.
10. It is also MANDATORY that the tagged pigs are also entered into the Fair Entry System and that deadline will be announced at a later date (usually around the end of June to the first part of July). If you fail to register them in the Fair Entry System, then the 4-H member will be placed in an EXHIBITION ONLY show and will not be eligible for any placings such as Grand Champion, etc.
11. You will be assessed a tagging fee for each barrow and/or gilt that you have tagged and vaccinated and that fee will be invoiced to you thereafter ---- cost is \$7 per pig tagged up to the 5 barrows/5 gilts per 4-H member. After that allotment, the cost will be \$10 per pig tagged and assumed they are State Fair pigs. Your club dues and tagging/vaccination fees will need to be paid prior obtaining your fair passes at the July meeting.
12. 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.

13. When you buy a purebred gilt or barrow, the breeder will give you paperwork. It is your responsibility to make sure that the paperwork has been transferred into your 4-H member(s) name(s) ---some breeders will do this for you and some will not. Please do NOT wait until the week of fair to check on this paperwork.

14. Every 4-H member is required to complete either Quality Assurance Program offered by Purdue; such completion deadline is **JUNE 15, 2025**. If you have not completed your program by JUNE 15, 2025, then the 4-H member will not be allowed to show at the Elkhart County Fair.

15. 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.

16. Weigh in for barrow will be Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 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.

17. 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.

18. 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. Switching of pigs among siblings will only be allowed at weigh-in.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. 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 6:00 p.m.

If you have ANY questions, please contact a leader.

LEADERS:

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2025 SWINE CLUB

TIME LINE

January 14	Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. --- Sheep/Swine Arena
January 15	Deadline for 4-H registration (in.4honline.com)
February 11	Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. --- Virtual (will receive link via email)
March 11	Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. --- Sheep/Swine Arena
April 8	Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. --- Sheep/Swine Arena
May 3	1 st vaccination & tagging ---fairgrounds --- 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. <u>MANDATORY</u>
May 13	Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. --- Virtual (will receive link via email)
May 15	<u>Deadline to enter your tagged pigs on the in.4honline.com website</u>
May 17	2 nd vaccination --- fairgrounds --- 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. <u>MANDATORY</u>
June 10	Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. --- Sheep/Swine Arena
TBA	Deadline to register your pigs in their respective classes--Fair Entry System
July 8	Set up pens – Swine Barn @ 6:00 p.m. – meeting to follow
July 18	4-H Gilt Show
July 21	Work Pork Producers / sign up for shift prior
July 23	4-H Barrow Show
July 25	Auction Day
July 26	Barn clean up
July 29	Achievement banquet

*this timeline is subject to change.