St. Clair County

Market Swine Record Book

Name: ________________________________ Date of Birth: __________

4-H club: __________________________ Club Leader: _______________________

Age as of (1/1/2024): ___________ Years in Swine Project: ___________

Exhibitor Signature: ________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian or Leader Signature: __________________________________

12 & Under _______ 13 & Up _______

(please choose only one)
**PLEASE READ**

**Why complete a record book:**

This record book is not meant to be a chore. It is another way for you to learn more about your project. Here are some points as to why 4-H expects you to complete a 4-H record book for your project.

**Swine record book guidelines:**

- One record book can be completed for all of your swine project animal(s). 1 record book per exhibitor
- Record books are due by **July 1st**. Books can be submitted by mail or digitally uploaded. Digital copies can be sent to: **secmiswine@gmail.com**
  Record books can be sent to the St. Clair County 4-H office.

**General Information:**

- Discovery day is **The first Saturday in May @ 8am- 11am: May 4th**
  - Please bring your registration papers filled out correctly and legibly.
  - You will receive 1 bag per exhibitor with your assigned fair tags.
  - Pigs must be tagged and photos of your tagged swine sent in through email within 10 days (**May 14th, 2024**).

- Fair set up day is **Friday before fair @ 6pm.**
  - Please join us for setting up the swine barns.

- Weigh-in day is **Tuesday of fair.**
  - Pigs should arrive clean, no mud, no feces, no stains.
  - Wood shavings should be in your trailer

Prior to unloading, swine will be checked for cleanliness. Proper bedding is necessary to keep animals clean and free from injury during transport. If your pigs are not presentable you may be asked to pull your trailer forward, clean your animal(s) and return when completed OR be allowed to unload, weigh in and be instructed to take them directly to the wash bay where you will clean your animal(s) before proceeding to your assigned pen.

**THIS IS YOUR PROJECT. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ANIMALS. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PIGS IN THE WASH BAYS UNATTENDED.**
Swine Show: Wednesday of fair 2:00pm in the show arena

Livestock Auction: Thursday of fair in show arena

2024 SALE ORDER: SWINE, veal, goats, rabbits, poultry, sheep, and beef.

Swine Show Rules and regulations:

★ No powders or oil-based products are to be used on hogs
★ Hogs should be cleaned prior to show. Wash racks will be closed during the Swine Show.
★ The barns will be closed to the public during the Swine Show.
★ ONLY exhibitors, volunteers and parents are permitted in the barn while the show is in progress.
★ If an exhibitor has two entries in the same class, the second entry must be shown by another 4-H exhibitor of 4-H age. (market class)
★ Exhibitors must be in the barn and ready to go when their name or class is called for the show.

I acknowledge that I have completed my 2024 St. Clair County 4 h record book.

4-her signature: ________________________________________________

Guardian/leader signature: ________________________________________
All About My Swine Project:
*If you have one pig please only complete one section*

Name of my animal: ________________________  Fair Tag #: ________
Breed: ____________________  Color: ____________________  D.O.B. if available: ________
D.O.P.(Date of purchase): __________________

Please Check One:  Please Check One:
Purchased _____  Raised _____  Barrow _____  Gilt _____

Beginning weight: ______  Date weighed: ______  Method of weighing: ________________

Name of my animal: ________________________  Fair Tag #: ________
Breed: ____________________  Color: ____________________  D.O.B. if available: ________
D.O.P.(Date of purchase): __________________

Please Check One:  Please Check One:
Purchased _____  Raised _____  Barrow _____  Gilt _____

Beginning weight: ______  Date weighed: ______  Method of weighing: ________________
My 4-H Market Swine Experiences: (12 & under)

The best part of my project was:
________________________________________
________________________________________
________________________________________
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My biggest challenge this year was:
_______________________________________
_______________________________________
_______________________________________
_______________________________________

What is the best advice you’ve gotten from another exhibitor? (Optional)
_______________________________________
_______________________________________
_______________________________________
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Diet and Training:

How often did you work with your project animal(s)?

__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
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What kind of food did you decide to feed your project animals and why?

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How was your feeding schedule set up? (ex. How often did you feed your animals?)

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Your pigs are being shown, please highlight the areas that you should touch with a driving tool to help move your pig.

If you have to give your pig a shot, where should the shot be administered?
Please mark with an x.
Training!

How did you train your pig for the fair? How much time did you spend with your project animals?

______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

Where should you be when showing your pig? Mark your location with a X

______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

How far away should your pig be from the judge?
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

What should you try to do when showing your pig?
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

Breeds, Characteristics and Showmanship (13 & up)

Name 4 breeds of swine:

1. ____________________________ 2. ____________________________
3. ____________________________ 4. ____________________________

Name 5 pork by-products: (13 & up)

1. ____________________________
2. ____________________________
3. ____________________________
4. ____________________________
5. ____________________________

Please Name The Cuts Of The Pig

A. ___________ F. ___________ K. ___________ P. ___________
B. ___________ G. ___________ L. ___________ Q. ___________
C. ___________ H. ___________ M. ___________
D. ___________ I. ___________ N. ___________
E. ___________ J. ___________ O. ___________

How did you market your pigs? (Please attach your buyers letter if you would like)
Swine Anatomy Section:

*1-10: 12 & under *
* 1- 26: 13 & up *

Body Parts of a Pig

Is this pig a Barrow or a Gilt? Circle one.

Barrow

Gilt
Record Keeping: (This is for your own use)

**Weight Tracker:** A good weight for your swine project is between 230lbs. And 300lbs. During this time you should have a way of weighing your pigs before the fair to make sure they are not getting underfed or over fed. We hope that this helps to create better fair weights.

- If your club does not have a livestock scale, you can find weight tape from tractor supply.
- We hope to see some evidence of your project growing.
- Please differentiate from each weight date.

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Expense record log: (this is for your own use.)

Sometimes you may be asked how much it costs to raise a pig for the fair. Please list what you and/or your parents spent during the project for feed, new supplies, and equipment. Use this chart to track your spending and calculate your profit for the year.

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TOTAL: ______________________
**Tack Inventory**  
(this is for your own use!)

Here is an opportunity for you to write down **ALL** of the items you'll need for fair and show.

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