NEW MEXICO 4-H MARKET SWINE PROJECT

Objective: To develop 4-Her’s skills with the selection, feeding, preparation, and showing techniques needed to exhibit market swine at the county, state, or regional shows. Members will also learn enterprise skills such as record keeping, management, and animal welfare.

Materials included with this project are

- New Mexico Greentop Project Guide – 400.B-13 (N-04)
- New Mexico 4-H Market Swine Project Handbook – 100.B-13 (N-02)
- Swine Advancement Levels 300.L-8
- Livestock Record Sheet 300 L-5

What do I do with my swine project materials and information?

- Review the project handbook, record sheet, greentop, and become familiar with the project before purchasing your project animal(s).
- Review the swine and life skills for each level in advancement level handout.
- Attend any swine project workshops, tours, jackpots, or clinics to learn more about your project.
- Be familiar with New Mexico Livestock Board regulations, and review all rules and guidelines for any shows you plan on participating in.
- Participate in achievement days, livestock schools, jackpots, county, state, and regional fairs.
- Complete the record sheet, the advancement level worksheet, and turn in a county record book to your local Extension Agent.
Suggested Learning Activities

- Visit local swine producers, feed stores, packing plants, and livestock auctions.
- Participate in livestock, horse, or meats judging contests.
- Visit grocery store meat markets, veterinarians office, or with livestock inspector.
- Attend local events in which swine will be exhibited.
- Give demonstrations or illustrated talks on various parts of a swine project.
- Conduct a clinic for less experienced members.
- Assist with local achievement days, livestock schools, jackpots, county, state, and regional fairs.
- Perform community service activities by presenting programs to local elementary students, or assisting with a local petting zoo.

Where do I go for more information?

- County Extension Agents or FFA Advisor
- Local Community Producers or Veterinarian
- Local Veterinarian
- Internet and Library

Other projects I can do that are related to the Swine project.

- Citizenship – Develop community members knowledge of livestock by teaching them about your project.
- Public Speaking – Learn to give a speech or illustrated talk about your project.
- Meals Outdoors – Learn to use the outdoor grill.
- Welding- Build panels, feeders, or other needs for your project.
- Woodworking- Everyone needs a show box for livestock projects.
- Photography- Find those “good shots” for your record book.
- Veterinary Science- Learn more about care for your swine projects.

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