

## Important Dates 2024

- 4/1 Enrollment Deadline
- **Tag Information:** Tagging day will be by May 4<sup>th</sup>
- Attend **ONE Quality Assurance training** (all animals exhibiting at the fair must attend one of these sessions)
  - 3/12 6:30-7:30pm at Fairgrounds
  - 3/16 9:00-10:00am at Fairgrounds
  - 4/13 9:00-10:00am at Fairgrounds
  - 4/21 5:00-6:00pm at Fairgrounds
- Enroll in Fair Show Classes via Blue Ribbon from May 1<sup>st</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Livestock **Judging** and **Skill-a-thon** (July 13<sup>th</sup> 8am- noon)
- **Fair Move in** on 7/14<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm
- **Fair Weigh-in** will be off the trailer during move-in
- **Show at the Ottawa County Fair- July 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**
- **Livestock Sale** on 7/19
- **Barn Meeting** –

**Remember to thank your buyer(s) after the sale!**

## Swine Committee Contacts



### Questions about your Hog Project?

Contact a member of the Ottawa County 4-H Swine Department

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# Species Guide for First Year Projects



## Swine



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## Considering a Market Hog Project?

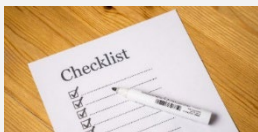
The following are project requirements and guidelines for Ottawa County 4-H Market Hog Projects.

### Members must:

- ☐ Enroll in 4-H by the April 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline
- ☐ Tag-in animal(s) – must be brought to tagging day on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the fairgrounds (times TBD)
- ☐ Attend Quality Assurance training
- ☐ Complete registration for fair exhibits Blue Ribbon online (register between 5/1-6/1)
- ☐ Complete a Project Book and attend Livestock Judging and Skill-a-thon (July)
- ☐ Bring Hog to fair at scheduled weigh in time.

### Recommended Items

- Swine Resource Book



## Resources for Market Hog Projects

### Ottawa County 4-H Handbook on

#### OSU Website –

<https://ottawa.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-handbook-0>

### Ottawa County Fair Handbook on

#### OSU Website

<https://ottawa.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/ottawa-county-fair>

### Swine Resource Handbook –

available for purchase at the OSU Extension office. This book contains essential information for project evaluation.

## Equipment & Cost Considerations

- Costs of pigs can vary and start around \$125.
- Cost of feeds can vary, and pigs can eat on average 2 to 6+ pounds of feed a day (depending on their age).
- Pigs grow best when they have at least a three-sided shelter to provide them with protection from sun, wind, and rain. Shavings and straw should be used for bedding, especially in early spring when temperatures are cold.
- A clean continuous water supply is needed.
- Pigs should be wormed 2-3 times during the project.

## Exhibiting a Market Hog Project

### Items needed for the fair:

- Show box that locks to keep your supplies in
- Feeder, feed tub or pan
- Show cane or whip
- Brushes
- Spray bottle
- Shampoo
- Shavings
- Floor mats are optional but recommended as the floor in the Livestock Building is slippery.

**Dress code:** Tie shoes or boots (no open toed shoes) long pants and plain, short sleeve or long-sleeved shirts.

**\*Pigs must have a minimum weight of 200 pounds. Pigs under 200lbs at the official weigh-in will be sent home or given the option to stay and show in showmanship class. They will not go thru the sale.**

The Ottawa County Fair Book lists all exhibition rules & requirements.

### Additional Information

- Both barrows and gilts may be used.