**WHAT IS THE SWINE PROJECT?**
The swine project teaches participants proper methods of selecting, feeding, raising, breeding and marketing swine. Either market or breeding animals can be raised.

**OBJECTIVES**
- Attain a broad knowledge of the 4-H project and related activities as to the way they improve family and community life.
- Acquire life skills through project participation essential for becoming an active, skilled, productive and responsible citizen.
- Adopt and apply the latest practices and research findings in the project area to everyday project experiences and work.
- Develop an understanding from 4-H project training and experiences which can assist you in the future for choosing and preparing for a job.
- Develop leadership skills that promote positive youth development.

**PRINTED RESOURCES**
- National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):
  - Swine - Group Activity Helper's Guide
  - Swine 1 - The Incredible Pig
  - Swine 2 - Putting the Oink in Pig
  - Swine 3 - Going Whole Hog
- Texas A&M Publications (http://animalscience.tamu.edu):
  - Baby Pig Basics
  - Carcass Quality - Why Is It Important
  - Diarrheal Disease in Show Swine
  - Elimination of the Porcine Stress Gene: What the Show Pig Industry Needs to Know
  - From the Ground Up: Importance of Structural Soundness
  - From Pen to Place: Carcass Composition of Market Hogs
  - Keeping Show Gilts As Replacements
  - Paylean Use in Show Pigs
  - Preventing Drug Residues in Livestock
  - Preventing Lameness in Show Pigs
  - Providing a Safe, Wholesome Product: Administration of Medications to Ensure Safety & Quality
  - Starting Them Off Right! Getting Your New Show Pigs on the Right Track
  - The Facts About Paylean - Ratopamine for Swine
  - The Frequency of the Porcine Stress Gene in Texas Show Pigs
- Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

**LIFE SKILLS TARGETED IN THE SWINE PROJECT**
- Head - Managing
  - Keeping Records
- Head - Thinking
  - Service Learning
  - Critical Thinking
  - Problem Solving
  - Decision Making
  - Learning to Learn
- Heart - Relating
  - Communication
  - Cooperation
  - Social Skills
  - Conflict Resolution
- Hands - Giving
  - Community Service Volunteering
  - Leadership
  - Responsible citizenship
  - Contributions to group Effort
- Hands - Working
  - Marketable Skills
  - Teamwork
  - Self-motivation
- Health - Being
  - Self-esteem
  - Self-responsibility
  - Character
  - Managing Feelings
  - Self-discipline
- Health - Living
  - Stress Management
- Personal Safety

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**
- Breeding supply consulting
- Artificial insemination service
- Supply dealer
- Processing plant owner
- Branding service
- Fertilizer dealer
- Auctioneer
- USDA grader
- Show manager
- Livestock barn operator/order buyer
- Feed lot owner/manager
- Breed association representative
- Equipment manufacturing and sales
- Feed sales/nutritionist.

**WEB RESOURCES**
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**RECORDBOOK**
- CATEGORY: Swine

**PROJECT EXPERIENCES**
- Texas Pork Producers Association Pork Leadership Camp
- Texas A&M Pig Camp
- Texas Pork Quality Assurance Program
- Swine Skill-A-Thon
- Invitational Swine Quiz Bowl

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**
- Livestock Mentor Program (Swine)
- Texas 4-H Volunteer Conference (Livestock Track)

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