TExAS 4-H SWINE PROJECT
LET'S GET STARTED!

Selection
Several factors such as age, weight, frame size, and breed type play a role in selecting a market barrow or breeding gilt. Ask your Country Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher which project may be best for you.

Average Cost of Swine Project
- Purchase Price: $524.74
- Feed Cost: $518.57
- Supplies: $160.84
- Vet Cost: $89.08
- Fees: $84.07
- Miscellaneous: $120.36
Total Cost: $1,497.66 (per 1 head)

Feeding
Feed a grower ration until your pig weighs 110 to 125 lbs. This should be followed by a finishing ration, with less protein, until the animal is sold. Make a plan with an ideal finishing weight in mind. Remember a market barrow and breeding gilt require different feeding strategies.

Facility Preparation
- Electricity
- Heat Lamps
- Ventilation
- Flooring/Shaving Type
- Wash Area
- Water
- Drainage
- Storage
- Convenience
- Waste Disposal
- Fencing
- Feed Troughs

Health Care
When you make the decision to purchase a swine project, you should establish relationship with your veterinarian and develop a biosecurity plan for your new pigs. With proper preventative measures in place, special attention should be paid to your animal's normal everyday behavior.

Project Length
- Market Barrows: Approximately 5 Months
- Breeding Gilts: Approximately 5-11 Months

What should you do everyday with your project?
Rinse, Brush, Walk! The more you handle your project the easier it becomes to handle.

Fun Fact: Pigs have 15,000 taste buds! Humans have 9,000.

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Important Tip!
Know in advance which shows are terminal and plan accordingly. This may mean you will need more than one animal.