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

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

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

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.

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.