

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	Drainage
Heat Lamps	Storage
Ventilation	Convenience
Flooring/Shaving Type	Waste Disposal
Wash Area	Fencing
Water	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.

Important Tip!

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

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