

Start To Finish – Show Hogs

Pre-Feeding Period: (June to August)

- Repair pens from previous year
- Disinfect equipment and pens
- Decide which shows to attend
- Update medical supply
- Restock bedding
- Educate yourself and families on medication labels and with-drawl times of all medications and additives
- Quality Counts – Acquire or update certification

Start of Feeding Period: (September – November)

- Order Validation tags
- Encourage 4-H families to develop a good relationship with Veterinarian
- Castrate barrows that haven't been worked
- Vaccinate pigs with recommended vaccines from vet
- Begin a relationship with pigs – treats , brushing, skin and hair treatments
- Deworm – Safeguard only de-wormer that controls whip worms
- Begin to train pigs to show
- Evaluate to determine the proper protein level for each individual pig
- Begin exercise program
- Towards the end of this period weigh pigs to project final weight for expected show
- Validate Major Show pigs
- **Revisit with-drawl times on ALL medications and additives to make sure of proper use and timing**

End of Feeding Period: (December – March)

- Adjust feed to obtain proper condition and bloom
- Continue exercise and training program and increase time of exercising and training
- Deworm – use a product that controls external and internal parasites (Check withdrawal time)
- Determine which additives to begin if any
- Weigh pigs regularly to determine if there needs to be any growth adjustments

Everyday Day Schedule

- Make sure appetite is good and pig is active and alert
- Check water supply for cleanliness and working properly
- Check bedding for cleanliness and dryness
- Check pigs breathing to make sure its normal and no coughing
- Look to see if walking is normal and joints are not swollen
- Brush and manage hair and skin
- Clean pens
- Determine if any feed changes need to be made
- Feed the same time every day