

# Swine

**Manual:** 4-H 134R Swine Resource Handbook

**Record Sheets:** (Complete and put in your Green Record Book) Montgomery

County Livestock Record Sheet  
4-H 528 General Record Sheet for Poster Exhibit

**Exhibit** Enter livestock or  
**Options:** Display an educational poster about swine, OR Interactive  
Demonstration

## **Swine health requirements:**

### **SEE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES.**

1. Brucellosis Testing  
Swine from Indiana do not need a brucellosis test. Swine from outside the state do not need a brucellosis test as long as the state of origin is classified brucellosis free by the United States Department of Agriculture.
2. Pseudorabies Testing  
Swine from Indiana do not need a pseudorabies test.  
Swine from outside the state do not need a pseudorabies test as long as the state of origin is classified pseudorabies free by the United States Department of Agriculture.

For more information on swine health requirements, call the Indiana Board of Animal Health at (317)554-2396.

## **Swine Identification:**

- Official ear tag
- Ear notch, if the ear notch has been recorded in the book of record of a purebred registry association
- Tattoo, if the tattoo is registered with a swine registry association

## General Rules

All swine must have standard ear notches for breeding and exhibitions AND be entered in 4-H Online by May 15. If there are fresh ear notches found in any of the swine exhibitor's pig's ears, then they will not be able to show at the Montgomery County 4-H Fair nor the Indiana State Fair. In addition to the ear notches, DNA hair samples will be required for all swine to be eligible for the Indianan State Fair. Collection envelopes will be supplied this spring. DNA hair samples will be due in the county office by May 15 for any barrow/gilt that the 4-H member wants to be eligible for the state fair. It is the 4-H member's responsibility to collect an adequate sample and turn into the county.

No two (2) animals of the same breed from the same family may have the same ear notches UNLESS the superintendent is contacted by May 15.

For the Montgomery County 4-H Fair, if there is an identification error with what is entered into 4-H Online, there will be an opportunity to file a grievance within 24 hours of the incident to the 4-H Grievance Committee. See the Grievance/Appeal Guidelines for County for more details about this process.

1. The exhibitor may show a maximum of six (6) animals of any breed not to exceed four (4) animals of one sex.
2. All animals must be farrowed on or after December 1 of the year prior to the year of the show.
3. Swine must be kept penned during the Beef Show.
4. Altering of a pig's natural color (black to white, white to black, red to black, sandy to white, etc) will result in disqualification for that animal. Any further action will be decided by the 4-H Grievance Committee.
5. All purebred gilts and barrows must turn in a copy of purebred registration papers with pen assignment postcards to the Extension office. See Livestock Ownership and Registration Requirements for acceptable formats of registration names. Failure to turn in copies of purebred registration papers will result in those animals being shown in the crossbred divisions. Purebred gilts will be shown by age, but classes will not be split by month. Purebred barrows will be shown by weight. There must be more than three (3) pigs in a breed to have multiple classes of that breed.
6. Crossbred barrows and gilts will be divided into light and dark divisions that will be further divided by weight into classes and will compete against one another for a singular Crossbred Champion. Classification verification will be conducted by the Swine Superintendent and committee. The guidelines for each division are as follows:
  - a. Light Cross – A pig with white and/or blue only.
  - b. Dark Cross – All other colors, (black, red, and sandy), excluding solid white or blue.