

So, You Want to Raise a Show Hog...

PURCHASING YOUR PROJECT

If you are going to raise it at the school barn you must get approval from the species supervisor prior to bringing in any animals. Species supervisors will want to make sure the hog you purchase comes from a breeder who taken appropriate health precautions so that it does not put any animals at risk when entering the barn.

WE CAN HELP PURCHASE YOUR HOG FOR YOU

If you don't feel comfortable that you know where to find quality hogs or what a quality hog looks like, we can get them for you or help you pick one out at a breeders. You will go with the species supervisor and pay for the hog. We will assist you in finding the best animal we can for you within your budget. Remember that there is no guarantee with any livestock. Species supervisors will not help purchase a hog for you until payment has been received for all the FFA dues and SAE fees.

COMMON BREEDS OF SWINE PROJECTS

Berkshire: shows in opb category. Black with white points, erect ears.

Poland China: Similar to Berkshire in quality, slightly better. Black with white points and face, droopy ears.

Landrace: Lower in popularity in the opb division hog. Solid white, very long body and very long droopy ears.

Spot: One of the more successful in opb division. Black, white and grey spots droopy ears.

Chester: One of the more successful in opb division. Solid white with droopy ears.

Duroc: Show in own breed and very popular with larger class sizes. Solid red with droopy ears.

York: Similar to Duroc in class size and quality. Solid white with erect ears.

Hampshire: Very popular, second most likely hog to win grand champion behind the crosses. Black with white belt and erect ears.

Crossbred: Largest classes, most competitive and most often selected grand champion. Can be any color and ear set.

ESTIMATED COST

Approximate cost of hogs for the County show:

Trying to make the sale \$300 - \$400

Trying to win a class \$400 - \$600

Trying to win a breed or the show \$600 - \$1000

Feed: Each student is responsible for purchasing feed for their project. Depending on supplements needed you can budget somewhere in the neighborhood of \$350 to \$450 or more per animal.

FFA Dues: \$25

Validation Tags: \$20 per animal

Entry fees and stock show supplies: \$ Vary per show entered

SAE Fee: \$100 per hog (due before animal is allowed into the facility)

THINGS YOU WILL NEED

- Feed and feeder/pan—\$20
- Feed measuring/mixing container - \$10
- Container to keep feed & supplements in
- Water with self-dispenser
- Medications & administration equipment
- Hose & Sprayer—\$15+
- Bush(es) - One for oil & one dry—\$10
- Towels—\$10
- Hair care supplies—\$15+
 - Shampoo
 - Waterless Shampoo
 - Skin Conditioners
 - Oils & Hair Conditioners
- Spray Bottle—\$20
- Heat Lamp & Extension Cord—\$30
- Show Whip—\$15—\$30
- Zip Ties—\$6
- Wire Cutters—\$10
- Locks for lockers—\$10

Prices are approximate. Items can be purchased from D&D, Tractor Supply, Feed Stores, Co-ops, & Sullivan Supply

TIMELINE

Late September—October : Purchase animals and bring them to barn

October: Order validation tags

November: Validate

January: Guadalupe County Livestock Show

February: San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo & San Antonio Livestock Show

March: Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, Star of Texas (Austin), Rio Grande Valley Livestock

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