

Do you want to show swine at the Washington County Fair but . . .

- . . . are new to this project area?
- . . . don't have any connections to the pork industry?
- . . . are not sure where to get your pigs?
- . . . have financial difficulty buying pigs pre-fair?
- . . . want a different kind of competition?
- . . . want to compete in a pure production model?
- . . . want to show your knowledge in other ways than just in the ring?



SINGLE SOURCE COMMERCIAL CLASS

Youth must register with the Extension Office by March 10. Talk to your friends, neighbors, club members – is this something you want to try?? Let us know! 319-653-4811

1. Participants must sign up by March 10, and pay a non-refundable 'deposit' (\$10 per head).
2. Participants can purchase up to four pigs from the county's single source producer but show a maximum of three. **NEW NEW NEW in 2017 (pending Extension Council approval in February), participants may show other swine projects in the production barrow class only. They are not able to show any pigs in the home raised, purchased, or breeding classes.**
3. Pigs will be vaccinated prior to weigh-in on April 1. The producer will keep them until the first of April when weather is more favorable for smaller pigs. Single Source pig pick up is April 1 at 9 a.m. at the swine barn on the fairgrounds.
4. All pigs will be selected and distributed to youth randomly as they are weighed at pig pick up.
5. Price will be set according to market value the day of weigh-in. Participants will pay the balance after the fair regardless if the animal exhibits at the fair.
6. All class participants will show in the Single Source Commercial Class which will require a scan and fee (approx \$8 each). All scan scores will be averaged together and the average used in the overall scoring.
7. New class participants will be required to attend the Know Your Swine Session on March 13 at 5:45 p.m. at the Extension Office. This class will provide some basic knowledge for a successful start in addition to providing you with the "Your 4-H Market Hog Project" booklet and video resources to assist in your project. Pork Producers and swine superintendents will be present to teach about Early Care and Management, Facilities and Equipment, and Feed. All 4-H'ers are welcome to attend this educational session.
8. Project interview will be scheduled in early July with Pork Producers regarding material from booklet, online videos and the overall learning experience.
9. The final class awards will use a variety of input = Scan data is 45 pts. Show ring is 10 pts. Interview is 45 pts. = 100 pts.



This class could be a great option for those who...

- . . . want 'to try' a new area.
- . . . are 'just getting started' in their 4-H livestock experience.
- . . . want ease in finding pigs for the fair.
- . . . want the production challenge against similar DNA animals.
- . . . want to be connected with pork producers in this county.

Thank you to the class sponsor, Dean & Linda Sieren of Sieren Pork, for providing the pigs for the Single Source Commercial Swine Class.

