



ADAMS COUNTY

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Project Tips - *Breeding Swine*

Important Dates

February 1:

4-H Re-Enrollment Deadline

Spring (March-May):

MQA Training

April 1:

4-H Enrollment Deadline
(New Members)

June 1:

Animal ID due on 4HOnline
Animal Care (Primary Care) Form Due

Mid June:

Animal Record Book Interviews

Late June/Early July:

Fair Entries Close

Early August:

Adams County Fair

September:

Animal Record Books Due
(Friday before Labor Day)

View the 4-H Calendar:

<http://adams4h.org/4-h-events/>

Project Considerations

Difficulty:

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Cost:

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1. What facilities do you have available, do you live in an area that allows you to house hogs?
2. Are you able to care for hogs year round?
3. What is your livestock experience?

Project Timeline



About the Project

	Project Skills	Life Skills
Head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breed a hog to show or sell offspring • Select a female breeding hog based on breed, confirmation etc. • Track animal health, feed costs, breeding etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal Setting • Decision Making • Keeping Records
Heart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give a demonstration on your swine project • Help another member train their animal for show • Vote on 4-H club decisions using parliamentary procedure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Sharing • Cooperation
Hands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage animal nutrition for optimum growth and health • Recognize and serve community needs • Teach the public about animals and agriculture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketable skills • Community service volunteering • Leadership
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise my animal outside regularly • Feed, water, and care for my animal daily • Learn from mistakes or failures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy lifestyle choices • Self-responsibility • Character

Project Requirements

Breeding Swine Project members who intend to exhibit their animals at the Adams County Fair must complete the following to remain eligible for fair entry and exhibition:

1. Enroll in the Breeding Swine Project by enrollment deadline.
2. Attend and complete the Meat Quality Assurance Certification (MQA) annually.
3. Complete and file an Animal Care and Housing Form (Primary Care) on 4HOnline (leased animals and animals not housed at home must turn form in to Extension Office).
4. ID all breeding swine in 4Honline by June 1 deadline
5. Attend Livestock Record Book Interviews and present an up-to-date E-Record Book.
6. Enter fair classes online by entry deadline.
7. Complete and turn in E-Record Book the Friday before Labor Day to the Extension Office.

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Additional Information - Animal Entry in 4hOnline

1. 4-H members are required to enter their animals in the 4hOnline enrollment system. This page will help summarize the information required in this system.
2. All breeding swine project animals must be entered in the 4hOnline system no later than June 1st of the current project year.
3. All 'bold' items are required in 4hOnline and listed below.
4. It is highly recommended that any and all animals with the potential of attending Fair have ID in 4hOnline, if an animal does not have ID, it will not be allowed at Fair.



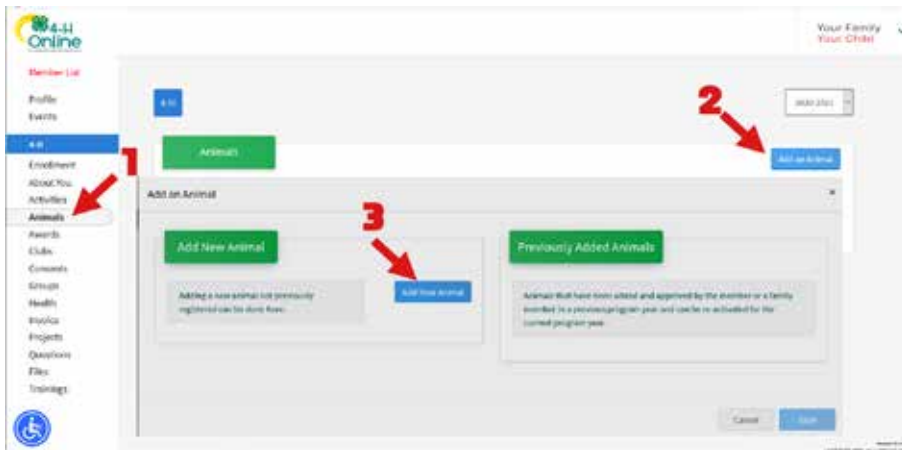
Log in to [4hOnline](#)

Select the 4-H member

1 - Click Animals

2 - Click Add an Animal

3 - Click Add New Animal in the popup window



Required Information:

Tag/Animal ID

Animal Name - Registered Name or 'nickname'

Sex - Male or Female (only females allowed at Fair)

Earnotches - List both ears (ex: R1 L3)

Breed

Birthdate

Optional Information:

Weight

Colors/Markings

Dam/Sire

Picture uploads

Steps for Success:

1. Sign up for 4-H Fourcast Newsletters
2. Attend club meetings & meet your club's swine leader & other swine members
3. Order the swine project manual through your Club Leader to help you learn
4. Download the Livestock E-Recordbook & Sow Supplement
5. Review Fair premium book to understand show rules and classes
6. Attend required and optional club and county workshops to learn
7. Work on Livestock E-Recordbooks regularly.
8. When in doubt, contact the 4-H office with questions

Resources

- *Swine Project Manual - OSU – Swine Resource Handbook for Market & Breeding Projects*
- *Adams County Fair Premium Book - www.adamscountyextension.org*
- *4-H Swine Project Leader/ Swine Superintendent*
- *Adams County Extension Staff*

Stay up to date!

News/Events/Social Media Posts
<http://adams4h.org/4-h-news-events/>

Record Book

Breeding Swine Project Members complete the Livestock & E-Record AND Sow Supplement Available at:

<http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/animals/>

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