**Mendocino County 4-H Youth Development Program**

**Level II Swine Proficiency**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***To obtain Level II Swine Proficiency, complete 80% of the following items***.

Date Completed/

Project Leader Initials:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_1. Name and describe the characteristics of six (6) breeds of swine. Why is each breed commonly raised?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Identify two (2) to three (3) cuts of meat for each of the following section of the swine: shoulder, loin, side, leg.

State the types of cooking method(s) used for each section.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Describe the importance of the following components in a hog’s diet: proteins, carbohydrates, fats, water, vitamins, and minerals. Explain the feed tag on a bag of feed.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Describe what an ear notch looks like and its purpose. Read the notches on a live animal or diagram

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Name one (1) internal and one (1) external parasite found in swine, and describe the methods of treatment.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Tour a purebred and/or commercial swine farm and learn how they feed, house, and breed their animals. Give a report to your project or club on what was learned.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Attend a swine show or sale other than your county fair.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Name eight (8) products, other than meat, that are obtained from pigs

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 9. Keep an account of expenses for feed, equipment, and materials. At the end of the year calculate a profit or loss

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 10. Explain at least two (2) courtesies expected for animal husbandry where you board your pig or while sharing pens at the fair.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Create an educational poster or booth depicting some aspect of you swine project and display it outside your project and club (fair or 4-H Week)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 12. Give a presentation related to the swine project.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 13. Participate in a community service or project leaning activity with your swine project or as an individual.

**Completion of Level II Swine Proficiency**

The member has successfully completed 80%(10 of 13) of the above items.

Member’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Project Leader’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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