

# SWINE

## Sonoma County 4-H

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Guidelines for Project Proficiency Award

#### Beginner:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Leader's</u>
<u>Completed</u>	<u>Initials</u>

#### **LEARN**

1. Principles in selecting and buying feeder pigs. Know market weights and the age an animal should be. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Learn and be able to describe desirable conformation in a market hog. \_\_\_\_\_
3. To feed, fit, and exhibit market pigs:
  - Different types of feeding (self-hand). Advantages and disadvantages of each. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Types of feeds: starter, grower & finisher, & their appropriate use in feeding market animals. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Use in feeding market animals. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Know how many pounds a day an average hog should gain. \_\_\_\_\_
  - How to train for show and showmanship techniques. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Parts of the pig and terms swine producers use:
  - Barrow, gilt, boar, sow, farrow, castrate, needle teeth, wasty, weaner, ham, parturition, shote or shoat. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Housing and equipment needs.
  - The importance of worming and a good brand of wormer to use. \_\_\_\_\_
  - How to care for your pigs when weather is hot or cold. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Efficient management practices.
  - The importance of worming and a good brand of wormer to use. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Know good preventive measures in swine health care. \_\_\_\_\_
  - How to control lice and mange mites. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Identify six breeds of swine and their characteristics. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Gestation period of a gilt or sow. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Approved farrowing practices. \_\_\_\_\_
10. How to maintain accurate project records. \_\_\_\_\_
11. How to fill out a fair entry form. \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Activities**

1. Plan the project. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Feed and manage one or more pigs for exhibition and/or slaughter. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Keep records on cost and labor involved in caring for animals. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Balance a swine ration. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Visit a purebred breeder's farm. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Exhibit project animal -participate in showmanship. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Tour retail meat market to study pork cuts. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Attend swine shows. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Give a demonstration on some phase of swine production at the project or club level. \_\_\_\_\_

Project Leader's Signature of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Leader's Signature of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_