

SWINE

Sonoma County 4-H

Name: _____ Date: _____

Guidelines for Project Proficiency Award
Intermediate:

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

LEARN

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| 1. Principles in swine judging - Important points to consider when selecting breeding gilts, boars and market animals. | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Know the difference of registered or grade animals, and the advantages of each. | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Explain approved farrowing practices:
- How to set up a farrowing pen.
- How to tell when a gilt is in heat - describe the different signs.
- Know the day of the heat cycle.
- Know the age to breed a gilt and start using a boar. | _____ | _____ |
| 4. How to remove needle teeth - why?
- Know the reasons for giving iron shots.
- Observe how to castrate.
- Know how to read an ear notch. | _____ | _____ |
| 5. Know the symptoms of these swine diseases and be aware of treatment/vaccination:
Erysipilas, Atrophic Rhinitis, Brucellosis, Pneumonia, Leptospirosis. | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Learn about composition of feeds. | _____ | _____ |
| 7. Develop an understanding of markets and their operations. | _____ | _____ |
| 8. Know the different wholesale and retail cuts of pork. Expected percentage of yield of cuts and carcass. | _____ | _____ |
| 9. Know the proper procedure for processing a hog. | _____ | _____ |
| 10. Approved farrowing practices. | _____ | _____ |

ACTIVITIES

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| 1. Keep project records, production and breeding records on your breeding animals. | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Take part in livestock judging. | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Tour a purebred and/or commercial swine farm and learn how they feed, house and breed their animals. | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Tour an auction yard and observe their sales. | _____ | _____ |
| 5. Attend swine shows and sales. | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Complete application for registration, transfer papers and breeding certificates for Swine Registry. | _____ | _____ |
| 7. Give a demonstration. | _____ | _____ |
| 8. Give leadership in your project - help another member. | _____ | _____ |

Project Leader's Signature of Completion: _____

Date: _____

Club Leader's Signature of Completion: _____

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