



Allen FFA Swine Project Info



I. Purchase

- \$500-\$700, we can easily spend much more if you desire. Like many other industries, prices have increased. Competitive show pig prices vary, one of the sales I attended in 2021 was an average of \$1400.
- Payment can be made in cash, or a check with payee blank (because there are multiple breeders at the sales so the seller of the pig could be 1 or 10 people. In the memo line put your max price to pay. I will bring you a receipt from the breeder with the pig upon delivery.
- You will be responsible for preparing the pen and having feed ready before the pig arrives at the barn. The pig will be housed at the Pig barn at the Allen ISD Agriculture Science Project Center. Located at 740 Ingram Ln. Lucas, TX 75002 The feed you will buy will be told to you prior to that day.

II. Fees

- \$20 validation tag (required to show at county & major show) (Due: TBA)
- \$30-\$60 jackpot show entry fees (Dates will be scheduled once dates are confirmed) (Due: Each show varies—either at time of show or a couple weeks prior)
- \$25 county entry fee (Due: Livestock Entry Meeting, date TBA)
- \$30-40 per major show entry fee (Due: Livestock Entry Meeting, Date TBA)
 - Parking and extra gate passes are additional \$15-\$20
- \$50-\$100- Vet bills if needed (castration, sickness, health cert, etc.)

III. Housing

- Students and parents will have to sign a barn contract. (Signature pages located in FFA Handbook)
- Project Center: 740 Ingram Lane Lucas, TX 75002
- Pen cleaned daily & Wheelbarrow emptied daily; waste disposed of in dumpsters
- Sand Will Be provided, you will furnish your own pine shavings for the pigs
- Heat lamp in the winter (secured properly and out of reach of animal)
- Group barn cleaning is scheduled by the teacher.
- Chores will be done on a daily basis with duties divided amongst all students with animals in that barn. The parents are also encouraged to help monitor that the barn chores are getting done. We ask for parental visibility so that the pig barn does not become the gathering spot.

IV. Feed

- Available at: D&L Farm and Home, McKinney TX, (972) 562-9995 OR Farmersville Grain & Hardware, Farmersville TX, 972-784-7261
(We feed Mormans "ADM", Linders, or Purina Show feeds)
- I will tell you when to change up the feed and how much to feed.
- 50 pound sack—\$25 - \$30
- Animals will be hand fed (so you know exactly how much they are eating each feeding. You will need a feed measuring cup- *available upon request at feed store*)
- When Instructed - Morning & Evening (7 AM & 7 PM best) (can exchange responsibilities)
- You or a parent must care for the animal twice a day every day (includes weekends and holidays) If you go out of town it is your responsibility to find someone to care for your pig.
- Please inform me if you will be out of town.
- The type of feed will change as the animal grows.

V. Supplies

- Storage container (Metal Barrel with a locking lid) (hold all supplies/equipment),
- Feed
- Feed Measuring cup
- Feeder (clip on - will hang on the fence)
- Brush (1 for every day use and 1 for shows)
- Heat lamp and Fan
- Towels
- Shampoo (NO DISH SOAP)
- Skin conditioner (Show Pig Lotion, etc...Avon skin so soft, Mane and Tail horse conditioner)
- Water bucket for shows (8 Qt)
- Supplements: Dewormer, B12, Electrolytes, etc.

VI. Time Required

- Twice a day feedings
- Exercise (walking daily)
- Bathing
- Cleaning

VII. Shows

- Jackpot Shows—Not required, but highly recommended for student and animal growth and development as a showman.
- Allen FFA local show- free and good practice
- County Show - SECOND WEEK OF JANUARY Myers Park in McKinney (2 DAY EVENT)
If the animal is selected to "make the sale" (top 1/3 of the class) will sale on Saturday. The Alumni buyers syndicate will bid on you and your animal at the premium auction- you do not get rid of animal, money is donation to you. Must be vested with the Allen FFA alumni through fundraising efforts in order to benefit at that auction.
- Major Show Options: Ft Worth Livestock Show, San Antonio Livestock Show, San Angelo Livestock Show, Houston Livestock Show (Terminal show- does not come home; goes to market)

VIII. Transportation

- Anytime animal leaves project center transportation will be provided by the teacher using an AISD truck and trailer, unless hauling in your own trailer. Please let me know if you are leaving with your animal for Vet reasons, show etc..
- Parents are required to attend the Major Livestock shows. The student will stay in a hotel room with their parent and travel with their parent.

IX. Reimbursements

- Jackpot shows-Basically only for learning experience. On occasion a student could win entry fee back, ribbon, or possibly a belt buckle
- County show-If selected to "make sale" students could possibly earn \$300-\$1000 based upon place in sale and amount raised by your student and yourself at the Allen FFA Alumni Functions.
- Major show - If animal makes sale, \$500 and up. If animal does not make sale, market price value.

** If your pig did not attend a major terminal show, you will need to make arrangements to sell the pig and haul off yourself.

** All swine projects are REQUIRED to be out of the barn at the conclusion of Spring break

**When you bring in new animals please be courteous to everyone and quarantine the animal in a trailer or quarantine pen for a week prior to introduction into the barn to avoid the spread of diseases.

X. **If you are interested in showing a pig please let me know ASAP. I will begin buying pigs August 19th.**

XI. **Contact Info:** Remind 101: text @ahspig to 81010 ; Kari Wells kari.wells@allenisd.org