



# 2025-2026 Market Hog Record Book

## For 4-H'ers Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

County 4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_

Date Project Started \_\_\_\_\_ Date Project Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Member Statement: I hereby certify that I have personally kept records on this project and have personally completed the record book.

4-H Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Record Approval: The 4-H member has completed this record to a satisfactory level.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

4-H/Extension Leader's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### **Instructions for Using this Record Book**

This record is designed to be the place for you to keep records on your animal projects. Read through the book carefully and complete all sections requested (for example, project planning, feed and health care purchases, supplies and tools, results from shows, and a financial summary). Do not leave any sections blank unless they do not relate to your project animal. It is important that you do your own work, but ask your 4-H leader, Extension Agent, Ag Education advisor, parents, or other volunteers for help when you do not understand something.

1. Read through this book and familiarize yourself with the kinds of records you will need and where information should be recorded. Discuss the book with your parent and/or club/chapter leader.
2. Complete essential information when you first start your project, such as the cover page and the project planning page. Share your goals with your project leader.
3. Keep your records up to date. Record information as it occurs. Consider setting aside specific times during the project when you will work on your record book. It is suggested that you print a working copy to hand write in and then type in the pdf towards the end of the project.
4. Include at least one photograph of you with your project animal, but do not include more than two pages of photos.
5. Write a project story that captures what happened during your project. Discuss your goals, your activities, your challenges, and your accomplishments. Project stories must be at least five sentences; more experienced 4-H/FFA members' stories should be more in depth.

### **Instructions for Submitting the 2025-2026 Pre-Club Market Hog Record Books**

This record book is for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade participants. (Grade as of September 1, 2025) The record books will be evaluated by a committee of 4-H and FFA Jr. Livestock supporters. The top five Record Books will be recognized at the beginning of the Market Hog Show. Additional awards may be awarded to selected placings once donor funds have been confirmed.

1. All entries must be from bona-fide 4-H or FFA members for the current year. All market hogs that a record book has been completed for must be entered in the 2026 State Market Hog Show.
2. Record keeping is from the date of purchase until no later than January 31.
3. All Market Hog Record Books must be submitted online by ag teacher/agent by close of business Monday February 2. The form to submit will be sent to Extension and FFA leaders.
4. The record book is complete. No additional pages are allowed.
5. All signatures must be obtained on the first page of the record book.
6. All work must be done by the submitting 4-H/FFA member. Plagiarism is not allowed. Record Books that appear to be plagiarized or not on grade level will be penalized.

## Project Planning

Set at least three goals for yourself in this livestock project this year.

1. What do you want to learn?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What do you hope to accomplish?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What new activities do you want to try?

Please tell us about your project animal(s) (check all that apply).

- ☐ I purchased my project animal.
- ☐ My project animal was born on my family farm.
- ☐ I lease my project animal.
- ☐ I house/board my project animals at another location other than my residence.

How did you decide which animal to show?

## Project Inventory: (Records for up to 3 pigs)

Pig's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ear Tag/Tattoo # \_\_\_\_\_

Breeders Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

A. Beginning Date and Weight \_\_\_\_\_ *(when animal entered your care)*

B. Ending Date and Weight \_\_\_\_\_ *(when you completed record book)*

C. Total Weight Gain (B minus A) \_\_\_\_\_ Total Days of Feed \_\_\_\_\_

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## Animal Care and Management

I keep my pig(s) in a \_\_\_\_\_ pasture / \_\_\_\_\_ barn / \_\_\_\_\_ pen.

Describe where your animal lives.

I feed my pig(s). (What kind of feed do you give your animal?)

Keeping records of what drugs and health products you administer to your project is important. Your parents and/or leader should keep a log of what is given to your animal. As you get older you will keep a record of this in your book.

What are practices that you do to make sure your pig stays healthy?

Three tools I use to groom my pig are: (Name any tools you use to take care of your project animal.)

1.) \_\_\_\_\_

2.) \_\_\_\_\_

3.) \_\_\_\_\_

What did you do to train your pig to get ready to show?

List the things that you carry to the show or pack in your showbox?

## Swine 101

*(Do some research to learn more about pigs and select the best answer. Here are some ideas: look in the State Show Rule book, interview your 4-H/FFA leader or breeder, ask your parents, check out a book about pigs from the library.)*

What kind of digestion do pigs have? \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Hind Gut Fermenter
- b) Carnivore
- c) Ruminant
- d) Monogastric

Which one of these is NOT a breed of pig? \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Yorkshire
- b) Meishan
- c) Nubian
- d) Chester White

\_\_\_\_\_ True      or      \_\_\_\_\_ False      Pigs can't sweat, so keeping them cool is important.

What do you call a young female pig? \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Doe
- b) Gilt
- c) Litter
- d) Barrow

Internal parasites can be harmful to pigs. What would you use to treat/protect your pig from parasites? \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Antibiotics
- b) Toothpaste
- c) Gatorade
- d) Dewormers

To show your market pig, what 2 forms of identification are required? \_\_\_\_\_

- a) EID and neck chain
- b) Freeze brand and tattoo
- c) State ear tag and ear notch
- d) Nose print and hot brand

\_\_\_\_\_ True      or      \_\_\_\_\_ False      Sows can have multiple litters of pigs in a year.

How many pigs can you bring to show at the State Market Hog Show? \_\_\_\_\_

- a) 5
- b) As many as you want
- c) 2
- d) 10

## Project Story

This is your chance to tell us all about your project. We suggest writing your story and then typing it into the form. The outline below is just a suggestion and includes questions to get you thinking.

- I. Introduction:
  - a. What type, breed, weight, etc., of pig you obtained and why you chose a market hog as your project?
  - b. Why did you choose the pig you did – cost, breed, breeder, past successes, etc.?
  - c. In choosing your pig, did you conduct any background research? If so, explain.
- II. Body:
  - a. Briefly describe what your daily care consisted of – feeding routine, exercise, etc.
  - b. What was your most significant experience? What did you learn about yourself and/or your project? Was there anything that surprised you about this project?
  - c. What has been your favorite part about showing pigs?
- III. Summary:
  - a. Will you be showing a pig next year? Why or why not?
  - b. What are some things that you learned from raising your pig?
  - c. Is there anything that you would do differently next year?

## **Project Story cont'd**



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## **Supporting Materials**

We want to see you and your project(s)! Captions are helpful so that we know what's happening.



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