

St Joseph County, MI

Swine Skill-a-thon & Interview

Study Guide

Resources for this information are available on the 4-H website using the following items: 4-H Market Hog Project, 4-H Swine Project Snapshot, Swine breeds Snapshot. Also, the Ohio State Swine book and the Swine Learning Lab can be checked out for a few days at the 4-H office. Google is a great resource as well.

Highlighted things you should know are the following:

- Know Swine breed identifications
- Know body parts the Swine
- Know the wholesale & retail cuts of swine
- Know how to read a medication label
- Know tools that are used in the care and industry of raising swine
- Know main ingredients in swine feed
- Know external parasites
- Know internal parasites
- Know diseases
- Know pig ear notches

Some of the following questions that may be asked during the interview process. The answers are from personnel experience with your project and/or from the resources listed in the first paragraph.

What are some of the things that you looked at when choosing your pigs?

What do you like best about these (the) pig?

How much feed are they getting each time you feed them? Do you think that was enough?

What breed is your pig?

Have you wormed your pigs and how often should you worm them?

What are the tags in their ears used for?

Can you tell me what the protein level is in your feed?

What is one thing you learned from this year's project

It is our hope that you will learn more about swine in general in this process. There will be a test on this information as well as a verbal interview. Scores will be tallied, and members will be awarded A, B, or C ribbons. Judges will also pick a Best of Show & Honorable Mention award from the combination of verbal interview and knowledge of the members' swine project.