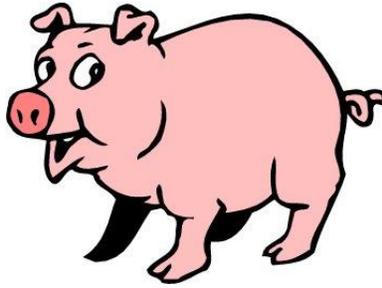


OCEANA COUNTY 4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK
EDUCATIONAL NOTEBOOK/RECORD



LITTLE BUDDY HOG PROJECT- 2024

AGES 5 – 7 YEARS

As a member of the 4-H Market Livestock Little Buddy Hog Project, you are required to submit your records as part of an educational notebook project in order to show your animal at the Oceana County Fair. This notebook must be shown to the Oceana County 4-H Market Livestock Committee's Weighmaster at the time of weigh-in and then entered by you in the Educational Notebook Division of the Oceana County Fair on Entry day.

AGE _____

Remember: The age you enter depends on how old you are on or will be on January 1, 2024.

NUMBER OF YEARS IN PROJECT _____

Use this sheet as the first page of your project record book. Fill it out completely.

Please print or type neatly.

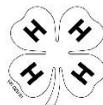
NAME _____

4-H CLUB _____

BREED _____

SWINE'S NAME _____

NAME OF BIG BUDDY _____



JUDGE'S SCORE/COMMENT SHEET

(PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE, PLACE THIS SHEET IN SHEET PROTECTOR OR GLUE TO COVER). This sheet must be kept free for the judge to write their comments.

This sheet should help each 4-H'er understand their ribbon placing.

A. **Specific educational value or worth**

All questions were answered completely

All calculations were correct

Calculations were incorrect

Questions were not answered (missed questions)

B. **Notebook contains all project records**

Notebook contained all project records and were fully completed

Notebook contained additional project related information (research materials etc.)

Project records were incomplete

There was no additional project related information

C. **Accuracy, neatness and general appearance**

Notebook was neat in appearance (typed/hand printed)

Notebook pages were clean and stain free

Notebook pages were in order and complete

Notebook was difficult to read and messy

Notebook had wrinkled and stained pages

Other Comments: _____

LITTLE BUDDY HOG NOTEBOOK

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Please keep your notebook in Table of Contents order.

- 1) GENERAL GUIDELINE INFORMATION
- 2) ABOUT YOUR PIG
- 3) JOURNAL OF CARE
- 4) PROJECT INFORMATION & MARKETING
- 5) SPECIFIC PROJECT KNOWLEDGE
 - a) Marketing
 - b) Parts of the Hog Identification
 - c) Fitting & Showing Your Hog
 - d) Wholesale Cuts
 - e) By-Products Word Search
- 6) YOUR PROJECT
 - a) My 4-H Project
 - b) 4-H Knowledge
- 7) PICTURES OF YOUR PROJECT (1 page)

APPENDIXES (OPTIONAL):

- A. PICTURES OF YOUR PROJECT (additional pictures)
- B. FEED INFORMATION (example: feed labels etc.)
- C. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PROJECT
 - a. Information you found in reference materials
 - b. Information you located off the internet
 - c. Information from your feed store representative
 - d. Any other information

*** Include notes as to why you researched this information and found it Valuable, link it to your project if possible.**

ABOUT YOUR PIG

My Pig's Name is: _____

My Pig's breed is: _____

What color is your Pig? _____

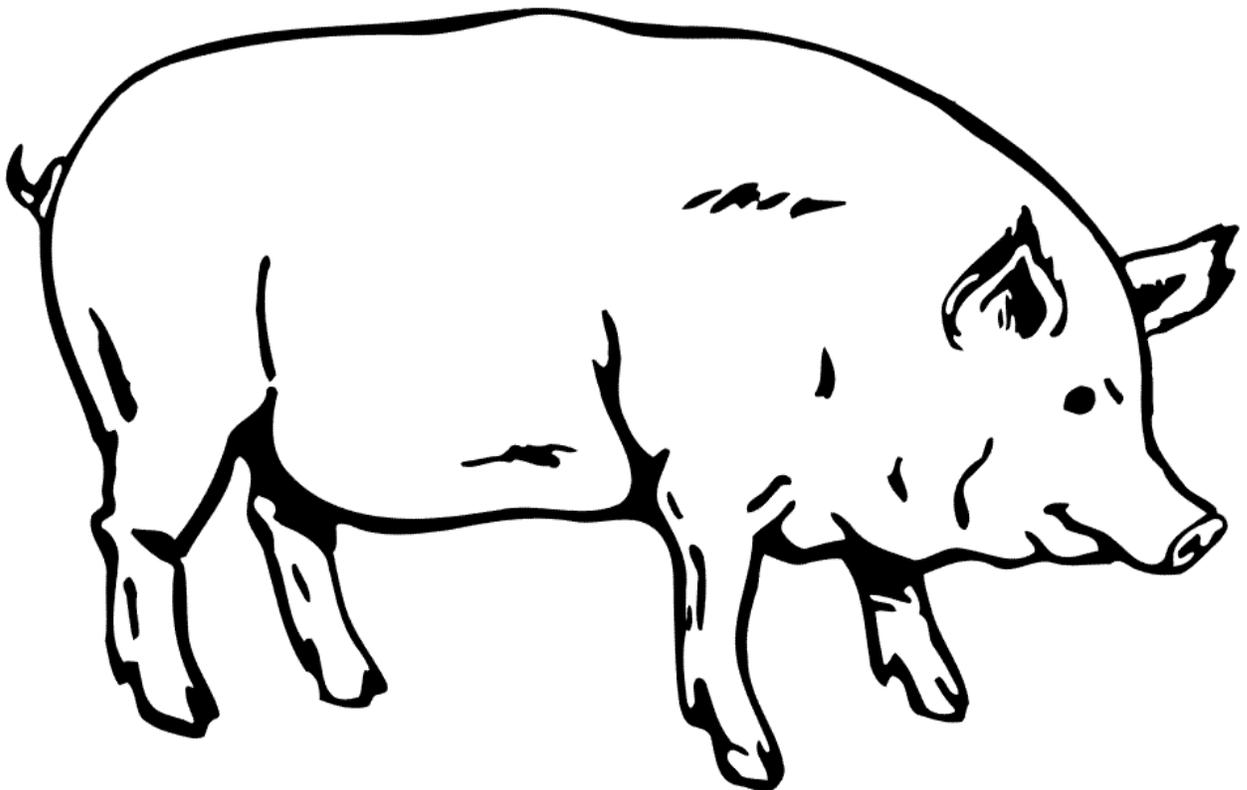
My Pig's favorite things to do is: _____

My Pigs is a (circle one):

Barrow (boy pig)

Gilt (girl pig)

COLOR THIS PIG TO LOOK LIKE YOURS



ANIMAL CARE AND MANAGEMENT- JOURNAL OF CARE

Your project requires regular care and management. It is assumed that you helped walk & feed your animal but what additional things have you done?

Include the following:

- ✓ Feeding and watering practices
- ✓ Grooming (clipping, toenail trimming, washing, etc.)
- ✓ Health practices and medicines (vaccinations, etc.)
- ✓ General Management (cleaning living area, feed pans, etc.)

Daily- Things done once or twice a day
Weekly- Things done once or twice a week
Monthly- Things done once a month
Yearly- Things done one time or occasionally throughout the year

My little buddy helped me with the care and training of our project animal.

Signature of Big Buddy: _____ Date: _____

PROJECT INFORMATION

The start of the project will be the date the 4-Her placed the animal on feed, not any later than May 10th of the current year. The end of the project will be weigh-in day at the Fair.

Project Start Date May 10, 2024 Project End Date _____
Fair Haul In Day

What month was your pig born? _____

Please complete the following chart about your project. Have your big buddy help you.

4-H Tag Number	USDA Tag Number	Breed	Date of Purchase	Price or Value	Estimated Starting Weight	Ending/ Final Weight (FW)	Total Pounds Gained

Note: Total pounds gained = ending weight – starting weight

MARKETING

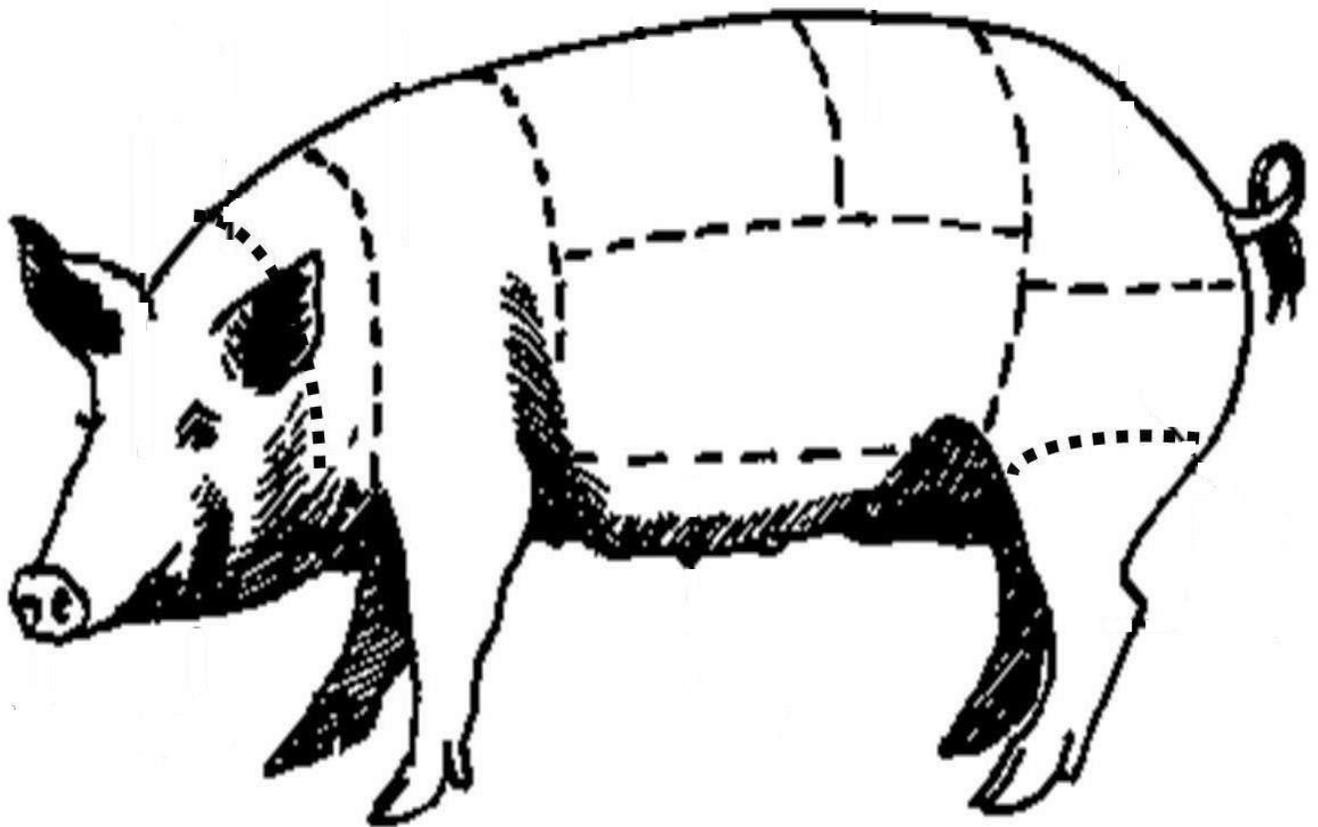
One of the most important parts of any market animal project is marketing. This may include writing letters and talking to prospective buyers. Color in the face, a smiling face is a good action, a frowning face is a bad action. (see the example)

Good Marketing Practice

Poor Marketing Practice

	Send a picture to your potential buyers	
	Send a reminder to attend the auction	
	Let an adult talk to the buyer instead of you talking to them	
	Know the breed of your animal, if asked	
	Only ask family members to be potential buyers	
	Make sure to visit your previous buyers	
	Only thank those who agree to be listed as a potential buyer	

Parts of a pig



Color the parts of the pig:

BACK- PURPLE

HOCK- PURPLE

RUMP- GREEN

BELLY-YELLOW

LOIN- BLUE

SHOULDER- ORANGE

FACE-GREEN

NECK-BLACK

SNOUT- RED

HAM- PINK

RIBS- BROWN

TAIL- YELLOW

FITTING & SHOWING THE MARKET HOG

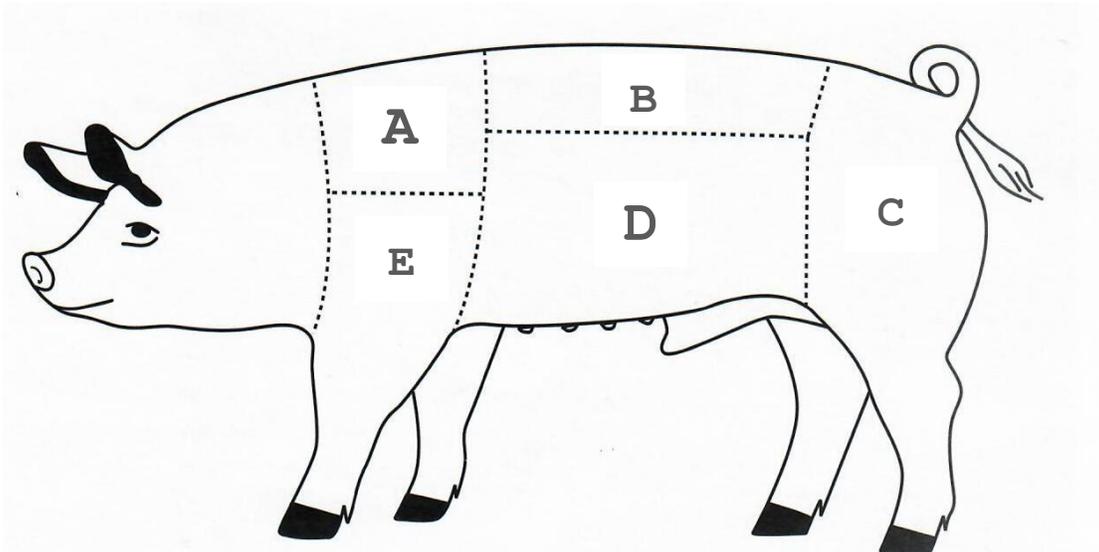
Answer True or False for each statement

Exercise helps to condition the muscles, improves feet and leg soundness, and firms the finish.	T	F
Proper fitting and grooming of your pig can be done in 1 day.	T	F
It is important that your hog has access to water freely during fair.	T	F
When driving your pig, try to excite them to get them moving easier for you.	T	F
Work to get your animal tame enough so that you can put your hands on it freely.	T	F
To drive your animal tap it on the back or rump.	T	F
Clipping hair on the body of your pig is acceptable.	T	F
Be sure your animal is well fed just prior to the show.	T	F
Staying within 15 -20 feet of the judge during the show for the best showing.	T	F
Two areas that you can tap your hog is in the jowl and neck area and the shoulder and front leg region.	T	F
It is ok to allow you hog to run around the show ring during the show.	T	F
It is best to brush your hog daily.	T	F
After you have arrived to fair, it is best to water and rest your pig.	T	F



KNOWING YOUR SWINE -PROJECT KNOWLEDGE

WHOLESALE CUTS



PLACE THE CORRECT LETTER NEXT TO THE WHOLESALE CUT	
CUT	<u>LETTER</u>
BELLY	_____
HAM	_____
BUTT	_____
PICNIC	_____
LOIN	_____

SWINE BY-PRODUCTS WORD SEARCH

Find the swine by-products in the word search

Ages 5-7 find 8 words

A	Z	H	A	N	D	B	A	G	S
N	C	V	B	N	F	M	A	D	R
T	S	C	H	A	L	K	F	G	U
I	G	R	H	J	O	K	Y	L	B
F	L	A	S	N	O	T	T	U	B
R	Q	Y	W	E	R	R	T	E	E
E	S	O	T	Y	W	U	U	I	R
E	R	N	O	P	A	M	P	N	B
Z	E	S	V	S	X	C	X	Z	I
E	L	S	H	O	E	S	K	S	B
J	L	H	G	A	F	D	S	S	R
A	I	P	O	P	I	A	U	P	U
Y	K	T	R	G	L	O	V	E	S
W	D	Q	Z	G	X	C	B	T	H
C	E	M	E	N	T	N	M	F	A
s	E	D	F	G	H	J	K	O	L
Q	W	E	R	T	Y	U	I	O	O
M	A	T	C	H	E	S	P	D	M

Word Bank

Antifreeze
Crayons
Handbags
Rubber

Buttons
Floorwax
Matches
Soap

Brush
Glass
Pet Food
Shoes

Cement
Gloves
Putty
Weed Killer

Chalk
Glue

YOUR PROJECT

Please answer the following questions to be the best of your ability.

1. What did you have the most fun doing with your project?

2. What was the hardest part of your project?

3. Will you do a swine project again? Why or why not?

4-H KNOWLEDGE



The 4-H Pledge- Draw a line to the picture that fills in the blank (see the example)

I pledge...

My _____ to clearer thinking,



HANDS

My _____ to greater loyalty,



HEALTH

My _____ to larger service, and



HEAD

My _____ to better living,



HEART

for my _____,



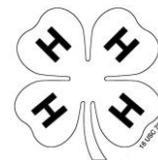
WORLD

my **Community** _____



COUNTRY

my _____,

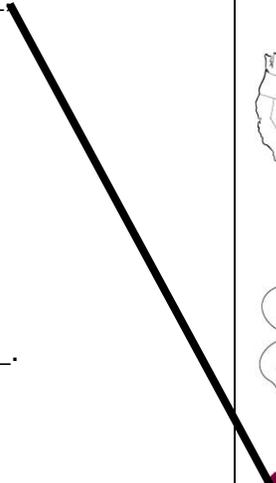


CLUB

and my _____.



COMMUNITY



YOUR PROJECT PICTURES

Please use this page for your project pictures and to tell anything special, that you might want the judge to know, about you and your project animal. The judges like it if you caption your pictures so they know what they are viewing.

CLUB POINTS

MARKET LIVESTOCK ATTENDANCE RECORD- ALL AGES MUST COMPLETE

MEETING NAME	LOCATION	DATE	POINTS	SIGNATURE OF LEADER, SUPERINTENDENT OR MSU STAFF

Please note: This form must be included with your record notebook and turned into the weigh master on entry day of the Fair. You need to accumulate **six (6) Club points** to be considered as completing your project. Non-club points are not required for Ages 5-7 in this project. If you would like to include those in your book please get a non-club point sheet from MSU Extension and include in the back of your notebook.