Merced Golden Valley

2021 County Fair Swine Project

Merced Fair -
June 5th - June 13th

2020 - Virtual Success

Merced Virtual Show - Shelter in Showdown

Supreme Champion
Champion Yorkshire
Reserve Champion Yorkshire
Champion AOB

2019 Fairs were a SUCCESS

Chowchilla - Champion Novice Showman
Reserve Supreme Champion Registered Breeding Gilt
Reserve Champion Duroc
Reserve Champion All Other Breed

Merced - Reserve Champion Purebred Breeding Gilt
Champion All Other Breeds
Champion Light Cross
Reserve Champion Yorkshire

State Fair - Reserve Champion Landrace Barrow
Outstanding Swine Exhibitor
Showmanship Champion

Market Hog Project Budget:

Cost of hog: $350.00

Feed*: $325.00

Show Supplies: $25.00

Entry Fee: $20.00

Estimated Total: $720.00

*- dependent on the amount of feed your pig may eat or supplements needed (average is 12 bags of feed)

Estimated Receipts:

Sale of Hog (250 lbs.x $3.25/lb)*

= $812.50

* Based on averages and could vary

Important Dates and Checklist

Student must be declared “eligible” and must turn in the following paperwork and $200 deposit by **JAN 8th**!

- ❑ Parent and Student SIGNED “Golden Valley FFA Swine Exhibitor Rules” Form
- ❑ Parent and Student “Golden Valley FFA Official Contract” General Specie Form you got today.
- ❑ 1 Page Printed Transcripts of the students grades from the Fall Semester
- ❑ Deposit of $200 if purchasing your pig through GV FFA

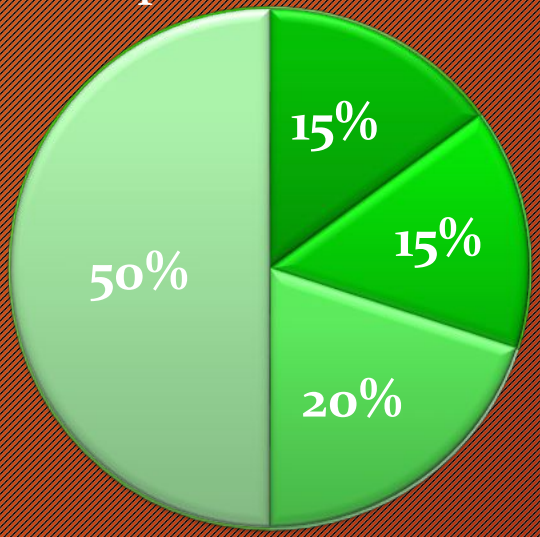
The remainder of the money for the pig is due Feb 1st. $150 Remaining!

Goal Setting…

- Do you set goals?
  - Make the Sale
  - Top 10 in Showmanship
  - Top 5 in Class
  - Top 3 in Class
  - Division Champion
  - Supreme Champion

Elements for Success

- 50% Genetics
- 20% Nutritional Management
- 15% Fitting/Grooming
- 15% Showmanship



How to Set up a Show Pig Pen

Pen Size:

You need to make sure you have enough room for your pig to move around and be comfortable, but an excessively large pen will allow your pig to potentially injure themselves. We suggest pens should be 10'x6' and at least 3' tall. The sides can be made from pig panels, plywood or another similar material. The key is to make sure there aren't gaps where you pig an escape or injure themselves.

Bedding:

Comfortable and absorbent bedding are key. White pine shavings work well because they are absorbent and provide the appropriate cushion on a concrete floor. There should be enough shavings that your pig is not walking on bare concrete. However, leaving the space in front of the feeder bare will help keep your pig's toes even.

Feeder Placement:

As your pig grows, you are going to need to adjust the height of your feeder so your pig can eat comfortably. To ensure the feeder is always the right height, we like to use hanging clip on feeders. Also, by placing them at the front of the pen, you can easily reach over the panels to feed your pig. A good rule of thumb is the bottom of the feeder should be just below your pig's chest

Water:

Fresh water is the most important nutrient for your pig, so it must be accessible at all times. There are lots of options in terms of the water you selection. The most important fact is that the water is clean and available at all times. Just like your feeder, it is best if you can place the water close to the front of the pen, away from where your pig sleeps so that area stays dry.

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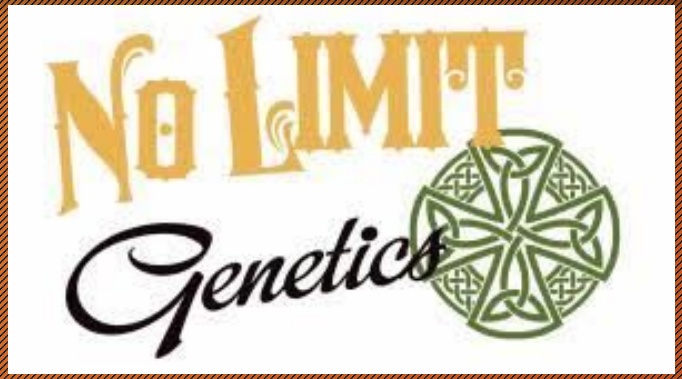
Getting/Selecting your Hog



Suggested Feed

Showtime Combat Battleground 18% - Mash

Atwater Feed

Stanislaus Farm Supply

Conlin's Feed

Guidelines for Feeding

- Hand-feeding:
  - Animals receive measured amounts of feed 2-3 x (or more) daily
  - Most Common
- Self-feeding:
  - Free choice
    - Animal has unlimited access to feed
    - Suggested for minerals and salt

Six Essentials for Pigs

- Fresh Feed
- Clean Environment
- Correct Temperature
- Water
- Shade
- Warmth/ Bedding

Health Management

- Health management and proper nutrition makes for a healthy animal.
- Consult your veterinarian and advisor for advice about a health management plan for your project.
- Disease prevention –

  vaccinations,de-worm

  Monthly - rotating Ivermectin and Safeguard

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Good Luck, Work Hard, and Have Fun