



Junior Exhibitor

Elementary Exhibitors

2025

Market Swine

Record Book



**2025 PASCO COUNTY FAIR
MARKET SWINE RECORD BOOK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (JUNIOR) EXHIBITORS**

Ethics Certification Number: _____ (Valid 3 yrs from class date)

Name: _____ Age (as of 09/01/2024): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Name of Club/Chapter: _____

School/Home School: _____

Record Started: ____/____/____ Record Ended: 02/09/2025
(The day you turn your record book in)

- Record Books are required for any youth exhibiting a PCF market swine projects.
- By keeping records up to date you will be able to see how much progress you have made.
- Set goals for your project and see how your hard work to accomplish them has paid off.
- Write neatly and clearly. **MUST BE HANDWRITTEN!** Be consistent throughout your record book.
- Pictures are a requirement for this record book. Take pictures of you and your swine together at:
 1. Beginning of your project- This is when you first START your pig project. This would be prior to ear tagging day.
 2. Middle of your project- This would be in December-January.
 3. End of your project- This would be in February by record book turn in day. This is a great way to see how your animal has grown. Remember to include yourself in the photos. Your photos need to create a story of your progress through the project.
- Buyers letters are a requirement for this record book. Letters should be handwritten. Follow the letter format provided.

You may get additional information on the swine project from the following sources:
2024-2025 Pasco County Fair Hog Committee Rules & Registration Packet website:
www.pascocountyfair.com
Swine Resource Book

I hereby certify that as the exhibitor of this project, I have personally kept records on this project and have personally completed this record book. (Signed at the end of the project, February 9, 2025)

Exhibitor's Signature

Date

YOUTH ANIMAL PROJECT AGREEMENT TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR PROJECT



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The exhibitor is responsible for caring for their animal. This includes feeding, deworming, providing fresh clean water, ensuring a suitable pen, washing, and showing the animal. This project serves as an educational tool for learning skills needed in the livestock industry and helps the exhibitor experience both success and failure as valuable learning experiences. Additionally, the exhibitor must maintain accurate records for their project animal.

I ACCEPT THESE RESPONSIBILITIES

Signature of exhibitor

Date (beginning of project)

The Parents (or) Guardian are responsible for providing financial help if needed, along with assistance and encouragement while the youth is raising this animal.

I ACCEPT THESE RESPONSIBILITIES

Signature of parent or guardian

Date (beginning of project)

DRUG STATEMENT

I hereby certify that any drug, antibiotic, or biological substance administered by me, or any other person, will be done so in strict compliance with the manufacturer's label requirements. (Sign and date at the beginning of the project)

Signature of exhibitor

Date

Signature of parent or guardian

Date

This youth is an active member of the _____ club/chapter.

Leader/Chapter Signature

Ending Date



PURPOSE

The purpose of a market swine project is to achieve the following:

- To understand the animal industry by purchasing, caring for and keeping records on one or more market swine animals.
- To identify the quality of swine and use efficient methods of production and marketing.
- To understand the business aspects and economics of the swine project.
- To develop integrity, sportsmanship, ethics, showmanship, and cooperation.
- To develop leadership abilities and build character and be responsible.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The start of the project will be the day you begin preparing, feeding or purchase your pig.
The end of the project will be the record book turn in date, February 9, 2025.

PIG #1

BEGINNING WEIGHT: _____

DATE: ____/____/____

HALFWAY WEIGHT: _____

DATE: ____/____/____

END WEIGHT: _____

DATE: ____/____/____

ANIMAL'S NAME _____

PASCO COUNTY FAIR 2025 TAG NUMBER: _____

SEX _____

BREED _____

PURCHASE PRICE \$ _____ **(BOX 1)**

EXPENSES

Type of Expense	September	October	November	December	January	February	TOTALS
Feed							
Vet Fees							
Bedding							
Fair Fees							
Pictures							
Club Fees							
Show Supplies							
Marketing of Animal***							
Other Expenses**							
TOTALS							

*** MARKETING OF ANIMAL – POSTAGE, STATIONARY, CARDS, LETTERS, PHOTOGRAPHS, ETC.

** OTHER EXPENSES – HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, SOAP, BUYER'S BASKET, ETC.

TOTAL COST OF ALL EXPENSES: _____ (BOX 2)

Profit and Loss Summary

Selling my swine at market price \$.50 per pound

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|---|----------|
| 1. Purchase Price (box 1) | \$ _____ |
| 2. Expenses (box 2) | \$ _____ |
| 3. Total expenses (add box 1 & box 2) | \$ _____ |
| 4. Total income (market value of \$.50 x final weight of hog) | \$ _____ |
| 5. Total net profit/loss | \$ _____ |

(subtract line 4 from line 3; a loss will be a negative number)

Is this a Net profit or loss? _____ Why?

Selling my swine at the Pasco County Hog Sale at \$3.00 per pound

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|--|----------|
| 6. Purchase Price (box 1) | \$ _____ |
| 7. Expenses (box 2) | \$ _____ |
| 8. Total expenses (add box 1 & box 2) | \$ _____ |
| 9. Total income (market value of \$3.00 x final weight of hog) | \$ _____ |
| 10. Total net profit/loss | \$ _____ |

(subtract line 9 from line 8; a loss will be a negative number)

Is this a Net profit or loss? _____ Why?

What do you think you could do to earn more profit?

What would you change, if anything, from what you learned this year?

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS
Please refer to the Junior Swine Resource Book on the
Pasco County Fair website for your answers.
(Answer in complete sentences)

1. Many buyers prefer what type of letters?

2. How many letters do you need to write for your hog project?

3. What are the 8 things you should include in your letters?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____
- 8) _____

4. Define the following terms:

A. Barrow: _____

B. Gilt: _____

C. Average daily weight: _____

D. Conformation: _____

5. What are the six pillars of character and ethical behavior? (list and define)

1. _____ - _____
2. _____ - _____
3. _____ - _____
4. _____ - _____
5. _____ - _____
6. _____ - _____

6. Which months are you supposed to worm your hogs to prevent parasites?

7. How often should you be weighing your hog to determine daily gain?

PROJECT STORY

Write a story about your project from beginning to end. Explain any difficulties and achievements that you had throughout the project. Include three goals you had for this year and if you were able to achieve those goals.
Use another sheet if needed.

SWINE PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS

Taking pictures of “You and Your swine together” at the beginning, middle and at the end of your project, will show how your animal has grown and developed. Your photos should tell a story of your project from beginning to end. Additionally, photos can be included to show how you cared for your swine and how you prepared it for showing at our Pasco County Fair. Photos can show a safety practice, grooming your pig, or how your swine is cared for. Each photo should have a caption describing the event you are photographing with the period of time it is taken.

For example: This photo was taken in October when I bought my pig and brought him home. I named him Mr. Pig. Project Photos should include a minimum of 4 pictures and a maximum of 8 pictures. Be sure to include captions that explain the pictures. Beginning picture (October), Midway (December) and Ending Picture (February).

Write a Minimum of FOUR (4) Individual Buyers' Letters
Insert ONLY a "COPY" of each Letter

Mail the original to your buyer, make a copy and place the copy in your record book

FORMAT TO USE FOR YOUR BUYER'S LETTER

- (1) My Name, Hog Exhibitor
123 Main Street
Any Town, FL. 33525
- (2) Date
- (3) Buyer's Name (Mr. and/or Mrs. _____)
Company Address
City, State, Zip
- 4) Dear _____,
- 5) Body of your letter to your Buyer. Also include date and time of show and sale.
- 5) Sincerely,
- 7) My Signature

*Format for writing your Buyers Letter, should ALWAYS include:

- (1) Heading
- (2) Date of Letter
- (3) Buyer's name and address
- (4) Salutation (Dear Mr. and/or Mrs. Buyer)
- (5) Body of Letter (*include show and sale dates and times)
- (6) Closing (Sincerely / Regards)
- (7) Exhibitor's Signature

Please write your letter neatly and with proper punctuation and sentence structure. Tell your Buyer about your swine project and you or your accomplishment. Mention the Hog Buyer's Dinner. If you need invitations email the Hog Committee at swine@pascocountyfair.com (invitations are \$20.00 each and admit 2 people into the fair as well as the dinner). You should include the Bidders guide in your envelope or hand delivery (available on the Pasco County Fair website. You can also include the fair brochure. Pick one up at the fair office.

Guidelines for Completing Elementary School (Junior) Exhibitors Hog Record Book For Pasco County Fair

General Guidelines

1. All record books are to be handwritten by the exhibitor. No typing allowed.
2. A record book completed in ink is preferred to pencil. Use either black or blue ink but be consistent. Erasable pens work well.
3. Keep records as your project progresses. Record everything you do along the way, in a “working copy” of your record book. Take photos of your hog from the beginning, middle and at the end of project. Include yourself in photos. Don’t wait until the week before the fair to put everything together. ***We do not want to see photographs of you wearing the same clothing with a fully grown pig ready for the fair.***
4. **If you have two pigs, keep a record book that you will turn in, for one pig only.**

Page by Page Guidelines

- Page 1 Exhibitors Information: Signed by exhibitor at end of project. Feb. 9, 2025
- Page 2 Project Agreement: This is an agreement form which must be signed by exhibitor and parent and advisor or leader. Please read this form carefully. Note: These are to be signed at the beginning of the project. Leader (or) Advisors Signature is to be obtained when you BEGIN your record book. This is when the exhibitor starts their pig project.
- Page 3 Project Information: Purchase price of animal in Box 1.
- Page 4 Expenses: Keep a record of costs of FEED, supplies, etc. that you obtain throughout your entire project. Add the expenses for each month together and place in Box 2.
- Page 5 Profit and Loss Summary: Add Purchase Price (Box 1) on page 3, Expenses (Box 2) on page 4 for total expenses. Total Income: (Market Value is \$0.50) & (Pasco County Hog Sale Price @ \$3.00)
Final weight multiplied by the market value (and/or) Final Weight multiplied by the PCF Hog Sale amount to get the total income. Subtract Total Expenses from Total Income to get Net Profit or Loss. A loss should always be shown with a minus –in front of the amount.
- Page 6-7 Questions: Answer in complete sentences.
- Page 8 Project Story: Write a story from the beginning of your project to the end of your project. Be sure to include goals that you set for yourself during the project. Also include any difficulties and achievements that you have had during your project.
- Page 9 My Swine Project Photographs: Four to eight pictures showing the beginning, middle and end of your project. Include yourself in some of the photos. Show how you cared for your project. Be sure to include captions that explain the pictures and the time they are taken. Give examples of what you’re doing, learning or show safety practices.
- Page 10 Letters - Copies of completed business letters addressed to four (4) different buyers must be presented with the record book. AT THE TIME OF RECORD BOOK TURN IN ON FEBRUARY 9, 2024, BY 4:00pm. Mail the original to a potential buyer and include a copy of your letter in the record book. The committee strongly encourages exhibitors to contact NEW prospective buyers. Buyer’s letters should be handwritten!

2025 Swine Skills Test

The Swine Skills Test will be after weigh-in on February 20,2025.

The Swine Skills Test will be based on knowledge acquired from the 2024 the Florida State Fair Swine Skillathon resource available on the Pasco County Fair website.

CHECK LIST

_____ Academic Report (see Proof of Eligibility)

_____ Record Book pages 1 – 8

_____ A minimum of 4 pictures and a maximum of 8 pictures, referenced on page 9

_____ A Copy of Each of the 4 Buyer's letters, referenced on page 10