



Senior Exhibitor

High School Exhibitors 9th-12th grade

2025

Market Swine

Record Book



**2025 PASCO COUNTY FAIR
MARKET SWINE RECORD BOOK
INTERMEDIATE EXHIBITORS (6TH-8TH GRADES)
SENIOR EXHIBITORS (9TH-12TH GRADES)**

Ethics Certification Number: _____ (Valid three years 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 mandatory for any youth showing a PCF hog market animal.
- Keeping your records current will allow you to track your progress.
- Set goals for your project and observe how your hard work has paid off.
- Write neatly and clearly; it must be handwritten in black or blue ink. Maintain consistency throughout your record book.
- Including pictures is mandatory for this record book. Take photos of you and your swine at the following stages:
 - Beginning of your project: When you first start your pig project, before ear tagging day.
 - Middle of your project: Around December-January.
 - End of your project: By February, before record book submission day.

This will help you track your animal's growth over time. Be sure to include yourself in the photos, and aim to create a visual story of your progress throughout the project.

- Buyer letters are required for this record book. They should be handwritten and follow the provided letter format.

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



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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)**

Monthly Feed Record

Include all grains, supplements, and products your hog is consuming/eating.

Month	Type of feed	Pounds of feed	Cost of feed
September			
October			
November			
December			
January			
February			
Total cost of feed			

Please take note on any withdrawal times for any product your hog consumes.

Total Cost of Feed \$_____ (Box 2)

EXPENSES

Type of Expense	September	October	November	December	January	February	TOTALS
Housing/Pen Cost							
Vet Fees							
Bedding							
Fair Fees							
Pictures							
Club/Chapter Fees							
Show Supplies							
Marketing of Animal***							
Other Expenses**							
TOTALS							

***Marketing of Animals- postage, pictures, letters, cards, any item promoting your hog, etc.

** Other Expenses- buyer's basket, soap, hoses, anything that does not fit in other categories.

Total Cost of Expenses \$_____ (Box 3)

MARKET SWINE PROJECT WEIGHT RECORD

1. Complete all fields in this chart using calculations listed in the chart.

Tag #	Ending Weight	Starting Weight	Total Pounds Gained	Total Days on Feed	Average Daily Gain	Total Pounds of Feed	Feed Efficiency Conversion
	A	B	$(A-B) = C$	D	$(C \div D)$	E	$(E \div C)$

2. Using the above chart to calculate: C _____ divided by D _____ = _____ (Average Daily Gain) What is the definition of Average Daily Gain?

Why is it important to know the Average Daily Gain of your pig?

3) Use the above chart to calculate: E _____ divided by C _____ = _____ (Feed Efficiency) What is the definition of feed efficiency?

4) Using the above chart and Total Feed Costs (box 2) Calculate:

Total Feed Cost (Box 2) _____ divided by C _____ = _____ (Cost of Feed per pound of Gain)

5) What is a Balanced Ration?

6) Is it a benefit to know my feed per pound of gain?

If so, how would it help?

Profit and Loss Summary

Selling my Swine at Market Price \$ 0.50 per pound

Purchase price (Box 1)	\$
Feed Costs (Box 2)	\$
Other Expenses (Box 3)	\$
Total Expenses (Add Box 1, 2 and 3)	\$
Total Income (Market Value of \$0.50 per pound multiplied by the final weight of your hog)	\$
Total Expenses (As listed above add box 1, 2, 3)	\$
Total Net Profit (or) Loss (Total Income minus Total Expense = Total profit / loss)	\$

If this is a loss, the total should be shown as a negative number.

Is this a Net Profit or Loss? _____ Why: _____

Selling My Swine in the PCF Hog Sale at \$ 3.00 per pound

Purchase Price (Box 1)	\$
Feed Costs (Box 2)	\$
Other Expenses (Box 3) T	\$
otal Expenses (add Box 1, 2 and 3) T	\$
otal Income (PCF Hog Sale at \$3.00 per pound multiplied by the final weight of your hog)	\$
Total Expenses (As listed above add box 1, 2 and 3)	\$
Total Net Profit or Loss (Total Income minus Total Expense = Total Profit / Loss)	\$

If this is a loss, total should be shown as a negative number.

Is this a net profit/loss? _____ Why: _____

What would be something you can do to earn more profit with your market swine?

Swine Project Photographs

Taking pictures of yourself with your hog at the beginning, middle, and end of your project will showcase your animal's growth and development. Your photos should narrate the story of your project from start to finish. Additionally, include photos that illustrate how you cared for your swine and prepared it for showing at the Pasco County Fair. These could depict safety practices, grooming, or general care. Each photo should have a caption describing the event and the period it was taken.

Each photo should have a caption describing the event you are photographing with the period of time it was taken. For example: this photo was taken in October when I bought my pig, or at tag in day in December. Include some safety practices you use.

Be sure to include captions that explain your pictures. Beginning Picture (October), Midway (December), and Ending Picture (February).

Project Photos should include a minimum of 4 pictures and a maximum of 8 pictures.

KEEP THIS PAGE BLANK

Use Additional pages as needed for your photographs,
placed behind this cover - instructional page.

Photos that are loose and not attached to a page or secured in
your record book binder/folder will not be accepted.

Your record book will be considered incomplete.

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.

6) 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, using proper punctuation and sentence structure. Describe your swine project and achievements to your Buyer. Mention the Hog Buyer's Dinner and if you need invitations, please contact the Hog Committee at swine@pascocountyfair.com (invitations are \$20 for 2 people, which includes entrance to the fair). Please include the Bidders Guide in your envelope or deliver it by hand (available on the Pasco County Fair website). You may also include the fair brochure; you can pick one up at the fair office.

General Guidelines

1. All record books are to be handwritten by the exhibitor. No typing allowed. Buyer's letters should be handwritten.
2. This record book should be completed in ink. Use either black or blue ink, but be consistent. Erasable pens work well.
3. 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 photos of you wearing the same clothing with your pig fully grown ready for fair.
4. If you have two pigs, keep a record book that you will turn in, for one pig only.
5. Keep records as your swine project progresses. Record everything you do along the way, in a "working copy". Then re-write or transfer your information to a Record Book copy that you will submit to the Hog committee on Sunday, February 9, 2025 for judging.

Page 1	Exhibitors Information: Exhibitor signs at end of the project (February 9, 2025)
Page 2	Project Agreement: This is an agreement form which must be signed by exhibitor, parent (or) guardian 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	Monthly Feed Record: Add the totals for each month that you spent on feed in the last column and put total cost of feed in Box 2.
Page 5	Expenses Other Than Feed: Keep a list of all the fees, supplies and equipment you obtained throughout your entire 2024-2025 swine project. Add the total expenses for each month together and place in Box 3.
Page 6	Market Swine Project Weight Record: Calculate the weight of gain by subtracting the starting weight from the final weight, place in Box C. Days on feed will be the day you start your swine project on feed until the day you turn in your record book, place in Box D. 2) Divide (C) by (D) to get daily weight gain. 3) Divide (E) by (C) to get feed efficiency conversion. 4) To calculate, take the feed cost from Box 2 on page 4 and divide it by (C) to get the feed per pound of gain. Answer questions in complete sentences.
Page 7	Profit and Loss Summary: Add Purchase Price (Box 1), Feed Cost (Box 2) and Other expenses (Box 3) for your Total Expenses. Total Income: (Market Value @ \$0.54) & (Pasco County Hog Sale Price @ \$3.00). Final weight multiplied by the market value per pound and Final weight multiplied by the PC Hog Sale amount per pound to get Total Income. Subtract Total Expenses from Total Income to get Net Profit (or) Loss. A Loss should always be shown as a negative. (- in front of the loss amount.)
Page 8	Project Story: Write at least 150 words describing your project from beginning to end. Include difficulties, achievements and goals that you had throughout the project.
Page 9	Swine Project Photographs: Provide FOUR at a minimum, and up to eight pictures as a maximum showing the beginning, middle and end of your project. Include yourself in the photos. 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. Letters: Copies of completed business letters addressed to four (4 at a minimum) different buyers must be presented with your record book. At the time of record book turn-in (February 9, 2025 by 4:00 pm). 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 can be handwritten or typed; however, a survey of the hog buyers showed they prefer legible handwritten Buyer's Letters over typed letters.

Record Book Turn- in is FEBRUARY 9, 2025 in Higgins Hall from 2:00 pm till 4:00 pm.

2025 SWINE SKILLS TEST

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

The Swine Skills Test will be based on knowledge acquired from the 2025 the Florida State Fair Swine Skillathon resource available on the Pasco County Fair website. *If you want to be eligible for overall exhibitor, you must take this test.* The test will be given to each of the following age groups: Elementary, Middle and High School.

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