



# ADAMS COUNTY

## COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

### EXTENSION

## Project Tips - Market Swine

### Important Dates

#### February 1:

4-H Re-Enrollment Deadline

#### Spring (March-May):

MQA Training

#### April 1:

4-H Enrollment Deadline

(New Members)

#### May 1:

Swine Tag-in deadline

Animal ID due on 4HOnline

Animal Care (Primary Care) Form Due

#### Mid June:

Livestock Record Book Interviews

#### Late June/Early July:

Fair Entries Close

#### Early August:

Adams County Fair

#### September:

Livestock Record Books Due

(Friday before Labor Day)

### Project Considerations

Difficulty:

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Cost:

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1. What facilities do you have available, do you live in an area that allows you to house hogs?
2. Are you looking for a shorter length livestock project?
3. What is your livestock experience?

### Project Timeline



### About the Project

	Project Skills	Life Skills
Head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raise a hog to exhibit/sell</li> <li>• Select a market hog based on breed, sex, confirmation etc.</li> <li>• Track animal health, feed costs, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal Setting</li> <li>• Decision Making</li> <li>• Keeping Records</li> </ul>
Heart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give a demonstration on your swine project</li> <li>• Help another member train their animal for show</li> <li>• Vote on 4-H club decisions using parliamentary procedure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Sharing</li> <li>• Cooperation</li> </ul>
Hands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage animal nutrition for optimum meat production and health</li> <li>• Recognize and serve community needs</li> <li>• Teach the public about animals and agriculture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marketable skills</li> <li>• Community service volunteering</li> <li>• Leadership</li> </ul>
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exercise my animal outside regularly</li> <li>• Feed, water, and care for my animal daily</li> <li>• Learn from mistakes or failures.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy lifestyle choices</li> <li>• Self-responsibility</li> <li>• Character</li> </ul>

### Project Requirements

**Market Swine Project members who intend to exhibit their animals at the Adams County Fair must complete the following to remain eligible for fair entry and exhibition:**

1. Enroll in the Market Swine Project by enrollment deadline.
2. Attend and complete the Meat Quality Assurance Certification (MQA) annually.
3. Complete and file an Animal Care and Housing Form (Primary Care) on 4HOnline (leased animals and animals not housed at home must turn form in to Extension Office).
4. Properly tag all market swine by tagging deadline.
5. ID all swine in 4Honline by **May 1** deadline
6. Attend Livestock Record Book Interviews and present an up-to-date E-Record Book.
7. Enter fair classes online by entry deadline.
8. Complete and turn in E-Record Book the Friday before Labor Day to the Extension Office.

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## Additional Information - Animal Entry in 4hOnline

1. 4-H members are required to enter their animals in the 4-H Online enrollment system. This page will help summarize the information required in this system.
2. All swine project animals must be entered in the 4-H Online system no later than May 1st of the current project year.
3. All 'bold' items are required in 4-H Online. 3 images are required for each swine;  
1. Tag & Ear Notch Image 2. Left Side Image 3. Right Side Image.
4. It is highly recommended that any and all animals with the potential of attending Fair have ID in 4HOnline, if an animal does not have ID, it will not be allowed at Fair.



## Log in to 4hOnline

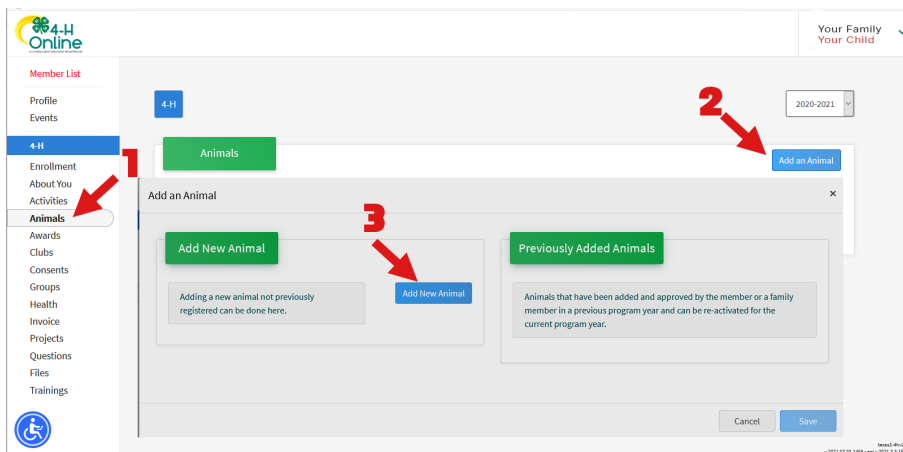
Select the 4-H member

1 - Click Animals

2 - Click Add an Animal

3 - Click Add New Animal in the popup window

*\*\*animals will not carry over from the old version of 4hOnline\*\**



### Required Information:

Tag/Animal ID - This is your Adams County tag number

Animal Name - Registered Name or 'nickname'

Sex - Male or Female

Earnotches - List both ears (ex: R1 L3)

3 Pictures

1. Tag & Ear Notch Image
2. Left Side Image
3. Right Side Image

### Optional Information:

Weight

Breed(s),

Colors/Markings

## Steps for Success:

1. Sign up for 4-H Fourcast Newsletters
2. Attend club meetings & meet your club's swine leader & other swine members
3. Order the swine project manual through your Club Leader to help you learn
4. Download the Livestock E-Recordbook
5. Review Fair premium book to understand show rules and classes
6. Attend required and optional club and county workshops to learn
7. Work on Livestock E-Recordbooks regularly.
8. When in doubt, contact the 4-H office with questions

## Resources

- *Swine Project Manual - OSU – Swine Resource Handbook for Market & Breeding Projects*
- *Adams County Fair Premium Book - [www.adamscountyextension.org](http://www.adamscountyextension.org)*
- *4-H Swine Project Leader/ Swine Superintendent*
- *Adams County Extension Staff*

### Stay up to date!

*News/Events/Social Media Posts*  
[adams.colostate.edu/4h/news.htm](http://adams.colostate.edu/4h/news.htm)

## Record Book

Market Swine Project Members complete the Livestock E-Record Available at:

<http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/animals/>

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