



Oconto County 4-H Swine Project

2015

Swine Resources

Oconto County 4-H Project

<http://oconto.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/>

Oconto County Youth Agriculture Programs

<http://oconto.uwex.edu/agriculture/youth-agriculture-programs/>

Wisconsin 4-H Project Page

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinopro/swine.cfm>

4-H Project Literature

<http://www.4-hmall.org/Category/4-hcurriculum-swine.aspx>

Oconto County Fair

<http://www.ocontocountyfair.org>

Check out the Requirements

<http://oconto.uwex.edu/agriculture/youth-agriculture-programs/>

Welcome to the 4-H Swine Project

The 4-H Swine Project provides youth a fun and hands-on learning experience that develops life skills, as well as teaches valuable information about properly caring for their animals.

Youth participating in livestock projects learn about general care, nutrition, housing, and health of their animals through workshops and activities such as project meetings, Meat Animal Quality Assurance training, and animal judging.

Youth also have the opportunity to develop responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communication skills through active participation in the Swine Project.

Signing Up for a 4-H Swine Project

Youth in the Swine Project enroll in one or more of the following projects. To enroll in 4-H, visit the 4-H On-Line site at <https://www.4honline.com/> If you need help with the online enrollment, check with your club advisor or call the Extension Office for guidance (920-834-6845).

Swine 1 (Grades 3 -5)

Swine 2 (Grades 6 – 8)

Swine 3 (Grades 9-12)

NOTE: Animal Project sign-up is done by grade, not skill level.

Best Place to Get Started?

Plan on attending Fall Project Kickoff (see calendar) to meet your project leader and pick up a January Thaw project challenge. You can access project challenges anytime at <http://oconto.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/project-days/>



Swine Leaders

Please feel free to contact your county-wide 4-H swine leader for more information on your project.

Contact Us

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Looking for out-of county educational experiences*?

Area Animal Science Days

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/animalscience.cfm>

4-H and Youth Conference –For youth in 7th -10th grade

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/youthconf/index.cfm>

State Fair, West Allis, WI

**Funding for 4-H youth may be available from 4-H Leaders Association*

4-H Swine Project Calendar

2015-16

Fall Kickoff

October 10, 2015

Gillett Schools
Gillett

Meet your project leaders and pick up a Swine challenge for January Thaw

January Thaw

January 9, 2016

Washington Middle School
Oconto Falls

Animal ID

TBA (end of April)

Spring Fling

April 30, 2016

Washington Middle School
Oconto Falls

Summer Swine Clinic

TBA

Oconto County Fairgrounds
Gillett



4-H Swine Project

Getting Started with Pigs

2015

Hint:

For a quick start in the Swine Project, attend Fall Project Kickoff, January Thaw, and Spring Fling.

PLANNING

- Set budget for your animals, and find a reputable breeder. Your project leader can give you great advice.

- Location
 - Is there space to exercise my hog?
 - Is water available?
 - Does keeping my hog here comply with county and city ordinances?

- What type of fencing will I use?

- Where will I get my fencing? How much will it cost?

- How will I construct my pen?

- What type of shelter will I provide for my hog? What will it cost?

- What type of bedding will I provide for my hog?

- What will I use a feed trough?

- Where will I get the grain? What is the cost per bag? What types of grain will I need as the hog grows?

- Am I committed to feeding and watering my hog three times a day every day?



Disease Prevention

Biosecurity is a set of practices designed to reduce the risk of spreading disease from sick animals to healthy ones. We recommend adding these practices to your routine:

- Restrict access to your property.
- Keep a designated pair of shoes to wear around your animals, wash clothing after caring for your animals, and use disinfectants correctly.
- Clean and disinfect equipment especially after use at fairs or public locations.
- Keep new animals separate from your herd for 30 days; quarantine returning animals from the rest of your herd after visiting a fair, exhibition or other event.
- Do not share equipment or supplies with others, but if you must, disinfect it first.
- Wash hands before and after handling animals.
- Vaccinate animals regularly to increase protective immunity.
- Accurately identify and maintain current records on all your animals.
- Look for unusual signs in your herd, such as odd behavior; sudden and unexplained deaths; large numbers of sick animals; blisters around an animal's nose, teats, mouth or hooves; difficulty rising and walking; partial to complete drop in milk production; or a large number of dead insects, rodents or wildlife. Contact your veterinarian immediately if any of these occur.



Enrolling in 4-H and Signing up for the Oconto County Fair -- - It's Two Different Things!

When you enroll in 4-H at **4HOnline.com**, you are signing up to be a part of Oconto County 4-H. As part of the enrollment process, most youth choose one or more 4-H PROJECTS. You can do that right on 4-H online, and you can go back and do it now if you didn't before.

If you want to put an EXHIBIT in at the Oconto County Fair, you must be signed up in that corresponding 4-H project (through **4Honline.com**). This project signup must be completed by **APRIL 30TH**.

We share our list of 4-H youth who have signed up for projects with the Oconto County Fair. The Fair is a separate entity and has its own guidelines for exhibitors.

Each youth who is signed up in a PROJECT through 4-H, will receive a FAIR ENTRY FORM. Those Fair Entry Forms will be delivered by a Fair representative to club advisors at the 4-H Leaders Association Meeting on Wednesday, May 14th.

To sign up to take an EXHIBIT to the fair, you must fill out the Fair Entry Form, using the Oconto County Fair premium book. The Fair Entry Forms are due to Stacie Pienta by the fourth Monday in June.

If you are planning on showing your swine at the Oconto County Fair:

- Before April 30th -- Be sure you are signed up in the Swine project through 4-H Online.
- Make plans to attend one of the many Meat Animal Quality Assurance workshops in the county. This is required of all exhibitors to be eligible to sell at the Sale of Champions.
- July: Fair Entries due. You will get them from your 4-H Club Advisor.

Look over the Premium Book for the Fair carefully. Ask your project leader or 4-H Club Advisor for help to make sure you are entering in the correct category.

- August: Watch the Friday Notes for the announcement about the Fair.
- August: Get your show box and your white show clothes ready for the Swine Show.
- Check the Fair Premium Book to find out the date and time of Swine Check-in Day at the Fair.

→ Youth who are selected to sell their animals in the Sale of Champions at the Oconto County Fair must have 3 documented Educational Points, one of which must be MAQA training, and one must be species specific. There are plenty of opportunities to get those points at the 4-H project days (either as a participant or as a youth leader), summer workshops, and other events throughout the county and state.