

2016 Gallatin County 4-H Market Swine Project Contract

As a 4-H Member in the Swine Project, I agree with the following:

1. **Membership:** I will be enrolled in 4-H and follow all Gallatin County 4-H rules + Gallatin County 4-H Fairbook rules + the following Gallatin County 4-H Swine Project rules and guidelines.
Workshops: I will attend 3 or more 2016 Swine Workshops prior to Fair. In addition, I will attend an Animal Quality Assurance (AQA) workshop once as a Junior (9-13 years old) and once as a Senior (14-19 years old). I understand that the AQA workshop and purchasing animals does NOT count as a workshop. Attending/Entering jackpot shows will count as only one of the required workshops, and members who attend but do not show must turn in a report on what you learned. Jackpot show reporting must be done within one week of attending the event.
2. **Fair Participation:** I understand that I must follow all the requirements for the swine project as outlined in the Fairbook and in this contract in order to be eligible to participate in the Swine Project at the Gallatin County 4-H Fair and to sell my animal at the Market Sale. I understand I must be at the market sale in order to sell my animal (no proxy seller), and I must be with my animal at the auction ring, or I may not sell my animal in the market sale.
3. **Fair Exhibit:** I will complete and exhibit a Swine Option (educational poster or display) at the Fair. There will be educational elements to my display, and I will complete the Option myself.
4. **Ear Tagging:** Market swine must be ear tagged with a Gallatin County 4-H Swine Tag on the tagging date (April 20, 2016), and the animal must be owned and cared for *a minimum of 90 days* before the Fair. Members may tag up to 5 swine each.
5. **Source Verification:** This form must be turned in at tagging or into the 4-H office by the tagging deadline. This is a required form county wide for all species.
6. **Marketing:** I agree to market my animal projects to prospective buyers before the sale.
7. **Vet Check:** Animals may not be unloaded at the Fair without the required vet check first.
8. **Animal Weight Limit:** The minimum weight limit allowed for swine is 220 lbs. Maximum paid weight is 290 lbs.
9. **Record Book and Fair Interview:** I agree to provide an up-to-date record book including animal records at the fair. I will participate in a required Swine Project Interview.
10. **Dress Code:** I agree to follow appropriate dress codes for the fair shows and sale, and abide by the 4-H Dress Code during 4-H events including the fair.
11. **Herdsmanship:** I agree to raise my market animals in accordance with Animal Quality Assurance practices, providing adequate pen capacity, bedding, complete feed requirements, and clean water. At the fair, I will participate daily in barn cleaning duties, in addition to maintaining my pen(s) and feeding and caring for my animals. I will do the work myself. Fees will be assessed to youth with unkempt pens and unfed animals, and pens cleaned beyond check out time at conclusion of the fair.
12. **Respect:** I agree to be respectful toward other project members, Leaders, Junior Leaders, adults, guests, etc. I will help others. I will respect the facilities and pick up after myself. I will respect others' property and not take feed or equipment from others without asking permission first.
13. **Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Swine:** must sell in the Market Livestock Sale.
14. **Buyers' Thank-you's:** I agree to thank my buyer(s) with a thoughtfully written letter at minimum. (Photos of youth with their animal will be at the 4-H Office for this purpose. Youth are encouraged to thank their buyers beyond a thank you card – homemade gifts are nice.)
15. **Carcass Contest:** In order to receive a carcass contest prize, a Member must attend the carcass workshop/presentation after the Fair. (Valid excuses for missing the workshop will be considered by the 4-H Agent and/or Swine Committee *before* the workshop.)
16. **I will have fun and help others have a good time as well!**

This form must be signed and returned to a Swine Committee Member or to the 4-H Office by April 20, 2016.

Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____