Eastern Michigan State Fair 4-H & FFA Market Swine Record Book

Instructions

1. Your record book is limited to 8 pages front and back. It is not a scrapbook, but rather a business plan and record of knowledge.
2. The record book should not include information from previous year’s projects. It is for this year only.
3. Place your record book in a small binder or folder for protection.
4. Before and after pictures are required. Additional pictures are optional.
5. Please be aware that judges will often ask about rate of gain during showmanship classes. Rate of gain is not included in this record book and will need to be calculated separately. It is calculated by dividing the total gain (ending weight-beginning weight) by the total days on feed.
6. Up to 5 pigs may be tagged and the data entered under Project information. The remaining records will be based on the pigs you enter in the fair.
7. In the Expenses Other Than Feed chart, you will use the following data:
   a. Fair Fees includes $10.00 tagging fee and $10.00 fair entry fee.
   b. Pictures this year will be $7.25 per animal.
   c. Buyer passes are $8.00.
   d. Building maintenance fee is $2.00.
8. The average price per pound at last year’s fair was $4.32.
9. When calculating the projected income for your second hog, you may use either the current market price per pound or the amount you expect to sell the pig for privately.
10. Additions to your record book are optional and may include but are not limited to copies of feed tags, additional pictures, and show records. Do not include ribbons, etc. that you may have won at the shows. Remember, your record book is limited to 8 pages front and back.