

Lake Creek FFA Swine Clinic

Costs of raising a swine project

- Pigs cost at minimum \$500 (up to as much as you are willing to spend)
- Average cost of a decent pig is around \$750
- Feed: around \$500 throughout the feeding period
- Consumables-- Brushes, show sticks, feed pans, watering device, show clothes, meds, oil, shampoo, etc. Around \$200
- Any unforeseen medical costs COULD happen

Pen setup

- Pen should be at least 5ftx10ft.
- Heat lamp needed during 60 degrees or cooler weather-keep warm for fat
- Concrete best (lots of shavings) dirt- they will need baths more often to prevent staining, keep shavings on dirt.
- Keep out of the sun, need shade/shelter at all times (unless walking or sunbathing-black pigs only)
- Keep wind/rain off of the pigs (tarps, boards, tin, etc. will be good to use)
- Must have plenty of fresh water at all times
- Feed pan needs to hang on fence

Feed

- Everyone has their preferred brands- I like Linders
- Other good ones can be Mooremans, Sunglo, & Show Rite
- Do your research on the feeds you want to use, a lot of them have recommended feeding schedules on their website
- You will need additives for feed as you go (these should also be on their websites)

Health of your pig

- Take time everyday to observe your pig, you will notice if they aren't feeling well, not themselves and we can fix problems faster!
- Watch eating habits, how they breath, etc. Let me know ASAP if you notice they are going off feed for more than two feedings or they are having trouble breathing!
- Every week (esp once they get over 150lb) you should be checking their feet for cracks, etc.
- If they get loose stool get some Scour Halt (red liquid) and use as directed
- If they get red, itchy bumps on their skin get some Prolate/Lintox if that doesn't work within a day or two then we can give a shot of Dex and Ivomec
- Use safeguard dewormer MONTHLY (set a day to do it every month)

Weigh your pig weekly so you can determine the rate of gain and to track their weight for show time.