**2017 Market Swine Information**

**Project Requirements**

1 Market swine project that should be around 6-7 months old at show. A market swine that will classify as one of the following breeds:

Berkshire Yorkshire Chester White

OPB’s (Other Pure Breeds) Duroc Dark Crosses

Hampshire Other Cross Breed Spot / Poland

1 Entry for the Nueces County Livestock Show

You must validate your project on Tuesday, November 7th, 2018 4:00pm – 6:00pm at our Ag Barn. If you miss that date, a second validation will be on Saturday, November 18th, 2017 8:00am – 9:00am at the RMBRF in Robstown.

**Items that will need to be purchased**

* 1 Mkt Swine
* Pig Whip or Pig Stick
* Brush
* 1 Feed trough (if an extra is needed towards the end).
* 1 Spray Bottle
* Cleaning / Grooming supplies like shampoo and conditioners etc…
* 1 set of blades (If you plan to use the chapter clippers) I will let you know which ones to purchase. You won’t need them right away.

**Feeding and Care**

* At first start gradually but build up to letting the pig eat as much as it wants during the early growing stage. Eventually you will be on a measured amount each day.
* Clean water available at all times (either from the water nipple in the pen or you can use your own pig waterer.
* Weigh your pig weekly and keep a weight log so we can track daily gains and weight for show.
* Wind blocks and sun shades can be installed as long as they don’t rise about the height of the pipe panels in your pen. Heat lamps are allowed. One per outlet.
* More info to come from Pig clinics we will have at the barn.

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**Cost:**

Average cost is around $400-$600 per pig. (estimate) It can go up from there.

Feed Recommendation: Purina Honors, Lindners, Mooreman’s, or any other show quality feed you can find available to you. The important thing is to stay consistent with a feed that is fresh, and available. Don’t run out of feed. Don’t switch feeds over and over. Find out who feeds what you feed so you can help each other out of a bind from time to time.

**Helpful website:**

[**http://ncjls.org/**](http://ncjls.org/) **Nueces County Junior Livestock Show**