

EXPO 2010 SWINE SUPER SQUEAL!

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2010 EXPO Swine Superintendents

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These two young ladies are at the top of their game!
They are here to educate and guide YOU towards having an Awesome EXPO Experience!

Welcome Members, Leaders and Supportive Families!
EXPO is a place where 4-H and FFA Members~ along with their Families, Leaders and Advisors ~ work cooperatively to showcase everything that's good and positive about our awesome Youth Programs!

As superintendents we will strive to communicate thoroughly with you. Please do your part to also communicate with us! ASK QUESTIONS early and help solve problems immediately! Get your information first hand! We can't help you if we do know what you need!

MANDATORY!

~Youth Livestock Quality Assurance ~ aka YLOA~

ALL 4-H and FFA Members, and their Leaders are Required to Obtain and Keep Current their YLOA certification! Your certification must be renewed every 3 years. Currently the only Certification Workshop Scheduled for Yavapai County is Saturday, November 7th. 8:30am-12pm You must complete the 3 hour training!

You must Pre-Register along with a fee of \$10

BEFORE YOU BRING YOUR PIGS HOME!!!

NOW is the time to prepare your pig's new home! Please consult your leaders if you are not sure what type of housing and pen requirements you need. Keep in mind that the weather is getting colder and your pig(s) will need a way to keep warm. Using heat lamps is OPTIONAL. If you provide a shelter that allows your pig to get out of the wind and rain and lots of straw they will stay warm without the use of a heat lamp. IF you use a heat lamp you must use EXTREME CAUTION on where you place it and that it is secure and high enough that you don't burn your pigs' skin and that your pigs can't reach it and pull it down... We don't want you to burn your barn down!

Make sure your pen will keep your pig IN and unwanted dogs or coyotes OUT!

Check your existing pens for and sharp objects that could cut your pig... this includes wires sticking out and sharp sides of tin, etc.! If you need help or have questions... please ask your leaders and advisors!!! Or your teen supers!!

You MUST provide fresh water daily! Make sure you break or remove the ice so your animals can get a drink! Check watering nipples as they can also freeze.

Buy a Feed that has at least 18% protein! Feeding at least twice a day is recommended! Feeding time is the optimal time for you to assess your pig's health. Early detection of health issues is critical! Keep in mind that your pig, which is your "Product", demands careful handling at all times. You can review

Good Production Practices at the Youth Pork Quality Assurance Website:

http://www.pork.org/Producers/YouthPQAPlus/YPQA_GPPs.pdf

PURCHASING YOUR PIGS! And PAPER WORK!!! ☺

* You must purchase your pig from a Seller that has a Premise Identification Number (aka PIN). All Pigs MUST have ear notches! Out-of-state pigs MUST have health inspection papers. ALL Bill of Sales MUST have YOUR individual pig's information on them.

*Paperwork MUST INCLUDE the PIN and SELLERS INFORMATION as well as the BREED, SEX, EAR NOTCH NUMBERS of the specific pig YOU are purchasing.

*You must get an Arizona Livestock Inspection, to make an appointment call 800-294-0305. You must provide the inspector with the proper paperwork or they will not give you the inspection papers you need. *Without ALL this proper paperwork you WILL NOT show at EXPO. *Consult this year's Premium Book for all Swine Requirements at: <http://www.4hffaexpo.org/>

*Your Entry and ALL Paperwork for EXPO is due
JANUARY 9th, 2010 to the Extension Office!!

Please find your EXPO Entry Forms, W-9s, Code of Conduct Forms at:

<http://www.4hffaexpo.org/forms.htm>

"HOW DO YOU PICK A PIG ANYWAY?"

Learn ahead of time about SWINE! Look for healthy animals!!

Look for bright eyes and a curly tail (or an upright stump of a tail!)

DO NOT choose the little runt that is just SO cute! Your job is to raise a quality product for your buyer and if you don't weigh at least 210 pounds you WILL NOT Sell your Animal through the EXPO Auction.

Learn about good conformation. Look for LENGTH, WIDTH, DEPTH and STUCTURAL CORRECTNESS! You are the judge! Get informed!

Minimum Weight for Market Swine to sell at the EXPO Auction is 210 pounds! Maximum Buyer Pay Weight will be 270 pounds.

Please Consult your leaders or email Angela for more information!!

Start contacting BUYERS NOW!! These people need to know the EXPO Dates, they need to know you're selling an animal... and they need to Plan ahead!

Remember your "Complete to Date" Record Books are due to your Leaders on or before April 1st 2009 ~ PLEASE Consult and Communicate with your LEADERS!!

Watch for more information from your EXPO Swine Supers!
We're looking forward to the Best EXPO Ever!

Have a Blessed Holiday Season~
Stay Safe and Healthy!

And Remember...

"Attitude is a little thing that makes a **BIG** difference!"