

# Common Terminology

**Barrow-** a

castrated male pig

**Gilt-** a female pig

**Market Animal-**

livestock raised &  
bred for food  
consumption

## Project Opportunities

- Market swine project
- Breeding gilt
- Livestock judging

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## Dates:

9/19 Major Show Swine Tags Due

9/19 BCYLS Only Swine Tags Due

11/21 Major Show Swine Validation

12/9-11 Southern Classic

12/12 BCYLS Only Swine Validation

3/21-26 Brazos County Youth

Livestock Show



# Introduction to Swine





## Facilities

- Pens should be big enough to allow your pig to move around comfortably.
- The area should be covered with comfortable flooring shavings on top of the dirt is ideal, try to avoid concrete.
- Good storage for feed & supplies
- An area designated for exercising your pig.
- The facility should also have access to running water & electricity.

## Raising Show Pigs

### Project Duration-

- Market swine projects last about 5 months.

### Time Commitments-

- Exhibitors should anticipate spending around 1-2 hours daily with their pigs feeding them, practicing their showmanship, & exercising the pig(s).
- Additional time should be set aside to become familiar with their project initially.
- Allow 1-2 additional hours a few days prior to a show for washing, preparation, & packing.

## Basic Supplies

- Pig show stick
- Pump/compression sprayer
- Small rice root brush/pig brush
- Automatic water system
- Feed trough
- Access to a trailer (with a ramp)

## Consider

- What is your target show?
- What breed should you show?
- Do you want a Gilt or Barrow
- Project timeline
- Conflicting activities & responsibilities.
- Cost (est. \$1,500 total)