

## **Medina Valley Agriculture Science**

### **Swine Feeder Guidelines**

**Purpose** – The purpose of a swine production feeding program is to allow students to develop responsibility, leadership skills, and gain hands-on knowledge and application of the swine production industry. All feeders should have fun, experience success and pride in their accomplishments and remember this is an educational experience.

**MVISD Rules & Regulations** – Each student must have a signed copy of the Medina Valley Agriculture Science Department Consent Form and Permission Form, Medina Valley FFA Facilities Agreement, (if housing livestock at the Agriculture Science Complex), and signed agreement of Swine Feeder Guidelines on file with the teacher in charge of swine projects. Otherwise the project will not be fed with the Medina Valley FFA.

**NEW Purchase / Paper Guidelines** – Students will be responsible for purchase of projects with the breeder, **purchase of feed** from the feed store and all supplies not associated with barn fees. There will be a meeting to discuss participating in swine projects, parents must attend and sign in. Parents must fully understand the guidelines before signing and turning them back in. Students whose parents did not attend the meeting must meet with the supervising teacher before any paper work will be handed out. **Students must pay Barn Fee and Validation Fees, and turn in all signed paperwork (Swine Guidelines, Complex Guidelines, Fees Waiver) prior to entering the barn. This will be strictly adhered to.**

**Projected Prices of Project** – The cost for a swine project will be \$400.00 and up for the purchase of the pig and approximately \$400.00 and up for feed. The cost of feed may change slightly up or down as we progress toward the show. The facility use will be \$50.00 for the first pig and \$50.00 for each thereafter. **All swine projects must be approved by the teacher in charge of the swine projects.** Two ways the animal may be bought: 1. the agriculture teacher with you to help you select and purchase the animal. 2. You may purchase the animal directly with prior notification to the agriculture teacher. The selection and purchase of the project is a cooperative effort. No Exceptions.

#### Cost Breakdown:

Swine	\$ 400.00 and up
County Entry	\$ 25.00 per entry
County Validation	\$ 17.00 per pig
Barn Fee	\$ 50.00 per pig
Feed	\$ 600.00 and up
Supplies	\$ 150.00 and up

**Medina County Entries will be handed out when available. The entries will be due TBD.**

**Major Shows:** If you are planning on showing in any major shows, then additional funds for feed and entries will be needed. **Students must pay the Barn Fee and Validation Fees, and turn in all signed paperwork (Swine Guidelines, Facilities Agreement) prior to entering the barn.**

The total above is up to the Medina County Junior Livestock Show on a per pig basis. When the show is over the student will have until the following Friday to remove their animal project from the facility. **If not the animal will taken to market the next available date of sale.** It will not be the responsibility of the agriculture teacher to sell the pig or make agreements with breeders.

**All shows require the swine to be validated (ear tag identity, hair DNA sample). These are the tags you purchase. The Medina County Validation date is set for November 12<sup>th</sup> at Medina Valley Ag Science Complex from 8-10 am and November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Hondo Ag Complex from 1-3 pm validation. This will require parental or guardian attendance and signatures. If the parent or guardian is not present for signatures animals will not be validated!!**

**\*\*If there is any project taken to a veterinarian or seen by a veterinarian in the barn the owner of the project assumes all costs associated with the visit.**

**Feeding Guidelines** – All hogs must be fed on a regular schedule to get the maximum potential out of your project. The student must provide feed for the project. **It will be the responsibility of the individual feeder to feed the pig every morning and every afternoon. You must be there until the animal finishes their feed. All feed bowls should be cleaned after each feeding and taken away from the animal when finished to prevent disease and is part of training for show.** It will be the responsibility of the feeder to provide his or her own transportation to and from the barn. It is understood that some students will have other commitments after school and will have to care for the pig later. This should be taken care of before 9:00 pm. The gate is locked with a combination lock. If you are involved in an extracurricular activity such as athletics, band, ect., plan and feed before the activity or be responsible and get someone to help.

#### **Hours for Feeding**

1. Each project must be cared for in a proper manner according to the instructions of the supervising teacher, but outside regular school hours. **The gate to the complex must be closed upon entering or leaving the facility.** Access parameters to the facilities are as follows:

School Days: 5:00 am – 8:30 am and 4:15pm – 9:00 pm

Non-school Days: 5:00 am – 9:00 pm

**\*\*\*It is your responsibility to be out of the ASC facility before 9:00 pm. Students will be written up if found within the facility outside these set parameters.\*\*\***

**\*Students may not tend to their animals during school hours only before and after school.**

**\*Individual and Group work assignments will be assigned to work in the barn only!!!!**

**\*There will be assignments posted in the barn. You must fulfill those duties every day.**

**Every Wednesday** after school we will weigh all swine in the barn. This will be documented and posted in the barn the following day. We will decide what and how much to feed for the week after the weigh. Remember you want your pig to be the best it can be and you will assist me in making it that way. It is extremely important you are there to weigh your pig each week. We will record all vaccinations, feed, weights, and gains in the master swine book. You will have access to these records for your record books in the classroom.

#### **Daily Care for Swine Project:**

**(Be early and stay longer give yourself time to adequately spend time doing the project correctly)**

#### **Mornings:**

- 1. Get your pig up (walk around to check for signs of sickness, ailment, get their motor running and yours)**
- 2. Feed the pig (Don't dump feed and leave make sure they eat)**
- 3. While they are eating brush your pig**
- 4. When the pig is finished eating it is an excellent idea to clean the feed bowl**

#### **Evenings:**

- 1. Get your pig up (walk around to check for signs of sickness, ailment, get their motor running)**
- 2. Feed your pig**
- 3. While they are eating brush your pig**
- 4. When the pig is finished eating it is a good idea to clean the feed bowl**
- 5. Optional (wash and dry your pig at the wash rack)**
- 6. Apply a hair care product**
- 7. Exercise your pig daily when exercise area is available.**
- 8. Do not exercise your pig up and down the alley of the swine barn**

**Disease Control – Each pen must be cleaned and raked level everyday, that includes the outside of the pen on both ends.** Use a scraper to remove any sand or manure from under the fence below the water nipple, this will allow for the water to drain out of the pen. You need to clean out the feed bowl every feeding. All manure should be removed; wheelbarrows dumped in manure dump, wheelbarrows, tools rinsed and cleaned then put in their correct places. Check the pigs daily for scours (loose feces), limping, or coughing. Report any change of eating habits immediately. The teacher will treat all swine for illnesses. **Vaccinations will only be given by the agriculture teacher unless instructed otherwise.**

**Equipment** – Each student should have the following available, the student is responsible to acquire these items:

**FEED**, swine feeder (big one 14" or 18" ) per pig with clips, Feed scoop, Feed Bucket, Feed Barrel, Heat Lamp (winter), Hog Brush (soft bristle), Hog Stick, Rubber boots or old shoes, Soap & Towel to wash pigs, skin conditioner, supplements (as needed), Shavings for pen & show, water spray bottle.

**Provided Supplies with Barn Fee:** - Each student will have available to them with the barn fee the following items: Basic health supplies, medicine, and clippers.

**Each Feeder may have ONE Show Supply Box that will have to be secured inside their assigned pen.**

**IF LOCKS ARE TO BE USED ON FEED BARREL OR SHOW SUPPLY BOX THE AG TEACHER WILL BE PROVIDED A KEY OR WRITTEN COMBINATION TO THE LOCK(S).**

**Exercise** – Each feeder will be consulted on the proper amount of exercise their hog will need. We will have a clinic on the correct way to properly drive and show the animals. **DO NOT TAKE THE HOGS OUT OF THE BARN FOR ANY REASON UNTIL THE EXERCISE AREA IS DEFINED!**

**Breeds** – The following breeds will have a separate class at the Medina County Junior Livestock Show. Duroc, Hampshire, White OPB, Yorkshire, and Crossbred.

Weight limit for Medina County will be min 190 lbs – 280 max.

At the County Show 85% of the pigs will make the sale.

**\*\*\*Attention!!!\*\*\***

**All breeding gilts must be state validated during the Medina County Validation Process November 12<sup>th</sup>, (MV) or November 13<sup>th</sup>, (Hondo) & registered by the breeder by December 1<sup>st</sup>. No “Family” Validation will be allowed**

#### **Parents**

- A) Parents it is strongly suggested to participate in the Booster Club Activities.  
(Scholarships, Bump Checks, Student Support)
- B) Students will be responsible for all personal travel to and from the project center, and all livestock shows.
- C) Student will be required to participate in the chapter fundraiser along with attending FFA meetings.

#### **Teacher**

- A) The Agriculture teacher will help select, locate, or approve all swine projects.
- B) The Agriculture teacher will coordinate all activities.
- C) The Agriculture teacher will supervise projects and activities.

**Summary** – Everything you need to know will be presented as needed. If you have any questions or feel I have left anything out please feel free to ask or let me know.

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Website: MV FFA [www.mvhs.fffanow.org](http://www.mvhs.fffanow.org)

Medina County Junior Livestock Show [www.mcjls.org](http://www.mcjls.org)

San Antonio Livestock Exposition [www.sarodeo.com](http://www.sarodeo.com)

San Angelo Stock Show [www.sanangelorodeo.com](http://www.sanangelorodeo.com)

Star of Texas Fair Austin [www.rodeoaustin.com](http://www.rodeoaustin.com)

Houston Livestock Show [www.rodeohouston.com](http://www.rodeohouston.com)

**Remind101:** 81010 @mvpigs please sign up

## **Feed Stores / Supplies / Breeders**

### **Feed / Supply Stores**

Lyssy & Eckle	830-426-3351	Mumme's	830-426-3313
St. Hedwig Feed	210-667-1346	Jupe Feed	210-255-2083
Ful-O-Pep Feed	210-648-0141	Lubianski Feed	830-393-6577

### **Brands of Feed (Not Limited To)**

Moormans	Linders	NB COOP Mix	Ralgro
Wildmans Mix	Show Rite	Purina	Acco

**Breeders (Not Limited To)**

Frankowiak	210-336-9428	Heffernan	830-570-7540
Taylor LT3	210-373-5603	Koltermann	210-844-7484
Real	210-827-7351	Rode	830-456-6176
Wildman	210-661-2043	Kelso	830-305-2617

**Basic Feed Steps**

Prestarter / Starter - Pigs weighing 25 to 75 lbs

Grower / Dewormer – Pigs Weighing 25 to 75 lbs

Developer / Finisher – 75lbs to show weight

Supplements – as needed

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# Medina Valley FFA

## Swine Feeders Guidelines

Information for Swine Feeders will be transmitted through the Remind and Group Me App.

If you are not getting messages from Mr. Davis, please get with him to make sure you are set up correctly. This is vital for meeting reminders, entries, shows, ect.

**\*\*\*This page must be signed so that parents and student have received guidelines to raising swine.**

I understand all the guidelines and hereby agree to ask or inquire if I do not understand or have any questions.

Parent's Name Print \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name Print \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_



## **Important**

**\*\*\*\*Please know any participation in the Ag science program animals, teams, extracurricular events require students to pass classes and be eligible according to UIL No Pass, No Play rules. Eligibility will be checked regularly.\*\*\*\***

2022 Validation Tag Order Form

Medina Valley FFA Swine

*(checks payable to: MCJLS)*

Due Date: Fri. September 16<sup>th</sup> (\$35.00 Late Fee per Tag) No Tag No Show!

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

# Of Tags (1 per pig) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$17.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Once committed to the number of tags you will be responsible for payment by due date! If payment is not received you will still be responsible for payment of the tags. No payment will result in being put on the school student obligation list. Understand tag commitment will be before purchase of swine. If you do not buy a pig you will still be responsible for cost of tag(s).

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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