

Newkirk Swine Showing Information

Types of Pigs That can be Shown

- **Barrows:** Castrated male hogs. Can be shown, then sold at Enid or Oklahoma City, or butchered.
- **Gilts:** Female hogs. Can be shown, then sold at Enid or Oklahoma City, kept for breeding, or butchered. Registration papers are required on purebred gilts.
 - I would recommend purchasing a barrow if you do not plan on showing at OYE because in Kay County less gilts make the premium sale. Also, gilts sometimes have tendencies to be moody.
 - I also recommend to buy pigs in pairs. They tend to feed better when they have a companion.
- **Recommended Ages:** Pigs born between August 1st and September 30th.

Requirements

- **Pig Pen:** Around 6'x8' per animal, use either wire hog panels or wire combo panels with t-posts
- **Housing:** Some sort of shelter, dog houses are great, or plywood shed (We can house 30 pigs at the school's pig barn)
- **Clean Water Source:** Either a bucket or a PVC pipe waterer with a nipple
- **Feeder:** Clip-on fence feeder
- **Brush:** Soft horse brush
- **Show Stick:** Preferably a whip with the tassel
- **Feed Storage Container:** Either a trash can or a Rubbermaid Tub with lid
- **Care Products:** Shampoo (Treseme, Dawn dishsoap, etc.) and towels
- **Skin Conditioner:** See Photo
- **Heat Source:** Heat lamps work really well (**NO HEAT LAMPS ALLOWED IN SCHOOL BARN**)
- **Bedding:** Straw or wood chips (Only wood chips allowed in the school barn)



How to Make Money Showing Pigs

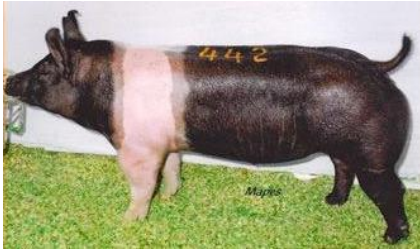
- **Local Show:** The Newkirk Livestock Booster Club provides equalization money to students who show in the Newkirk Local Show as long as the student and parents attend the Pork Chop Supper and the animal is shown at least two other shows.
- **County/Area Premium Sale:** During the county and Area shows, the top animals of each breed will show in a sale order. The top ~25 pigs in the county will be selected for the premium sale. Animals that make the premium sale are not actually sold, but “buyers” (typically local farmers, ranchers, business, and organizations), make a donation to the students project in a sale format.
- **Selling at Area/OYE:** This is one of the easiest ways to sell an animal when it is done being shown. If you show your animal at the Northwest Area Livestock Show in Enid or Oklahoma Youth Expo in Oklahoma City, there will be a truck stationed at the fairgrounds where you can sell your animal. The animal will be loaded on the truck and they will send you a check in the mail for the animal by the pound at market price.
- **Selling locally:** Numerous people/families in the Newkirk Area will purchase show animals to have butchered after the show season. Ask around during shows if other exhibitors, parents, and supporters of the Newkirk FFA and 4-H know anyone who would like to purchase a whole or half hog.
- **Having your animal butchered:** Many families like to have their show animals butchered when show season is over. There are numerous processing facilities in the area which do excellent jobs. It is crucial to book an appointment as early as possible (usually in December or January).

Guide to Purchasing a Pig and Information Regarding Nominations and Entries

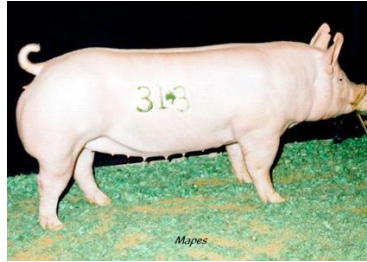
- **We normally start looking for pigs around the 15th of October. The need to be purchased no later than December 1st.**
- Make sure babies have had their ears notched and their tails clipped.
- We can usually find pigs for \$50 and up
- Some people like to purchase early to have the largest selection but sometimes if you wait later in the year you will be able to find animals a bit cheaper but you won't be able to be as particular about breed.
- **Animals MUST be nominated for OYE to be shown at the Northwest District Junior Livestock Show and OYE.**
 - **Nominations are \$20 each.**
- **Pigs also require a pseudorabies test performed by a veterinarian before they can show (approx. \$28)**
- Entry fees for County, Enid, and OYE are due February 1st (County - \$12, Enid - \$20, OYE - \$20)
- Jackpots require entries to be paid in cash on the day of the show. Usually \$20.

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Breeds That can be Shown in Oklahoma



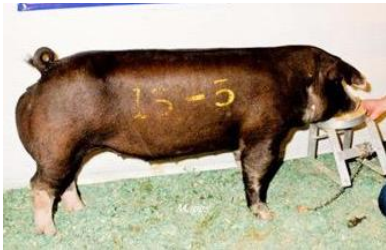
Hampshire
Black with white belt
Erect ears



Yorkshire
White body
Erect Ears



Berkshire
Black with white points
Erect Ears



Poland-China
Black with white points
Floppy Ears



Chester White
White body
Floppy Ears



Duroc
Red or Golden red body
Floppy Ears



Spot
Half white, half black w/spots
Floppy Ears



Blue-butt Crossbred
White with grey coloring
Typically Erect Ears



Black or Red Crossbred
Black or Red with white
Typically Erect Ears

**** Crossbreds can be practically any color ****