

Market Swine Information

Estimated Budget for the Year:

- Pig - \$300+
- Feeder - \$20
- Buckets for feed/water \$10
- Show brush \$10
- Show Stick - \$20-40
- Pen rent - \$50
- FFA Dues - \$20
- Entry Fees - \$ based on show and number entered.
- Validation Tag - \$21
- Feed - \$150 - \$300
Feed \$150 figured at \$28/bag - 8lbs/day = 2 lbs of gain
240 pounds/month = 5 bags of feed/month.
Supplements range from \$50-160/bag
*These supplements do NOT have paylean in them (NO paylean is allowed per major shows) - one bag should get you through the year.
- Shavings - 2 bags a week x \$8 a bag (\$100/pen approximately through January)
- Daily care supplies including shampoo, Sudden Impact, Renew for skin, a large brush, pump sprayer, foam soaker to put on the end of the hose (Sullivans) \$75.00 plus shipping (this is almost 50% off buying these items separately)
- Champions Choice skin conditioner \$25.00-30.00/bottle is also recommended

Expectations and Requirements:

- The animal must be fed 2x per day/day/check the water also. Check to see what type of feed they are eating and how much at the start and build that up to 8 lbs a day when they are bigger. 8 lbs of feed should equal 1.5-2 lbs of gain/day) Some pigs were lighter last year at TCYS because they were eating 5lbs/day. Pigs can eat more than 8lbs/day. It's a case by case situation but feeding what we call "full feed" is recommended so that they will maximize growth potential.
- All animals will have all of their shots prior to entering the barn. Foster a PRRS vaccine, Brucellosis and Pseudorabies vaccine, Flusure XP - 2 shots over 2 weeks. These boosters will help prevent illnesses.
- Deworm every three weeks to help with gain. (Dectomax or Safeguard) Vet protocol comes from Hi Point Genetics who use Logue's Champion Vet Services (937-313-0658) if you have further questions. They deal with show pigs often. We suggest scheduling a consultation with mobile vet Dr. Hebel (512-656-8979).

IF your animal does get sick please contact a vet. Dr. Hebel will work on swine and is mobile. Not all area vets will work on swine, just a heads up. Most vets will not help without a prior consultation, so plan to by a vet office to say hi and have them see your animal. Please do this on ALL livestock to help you when you have an emergency or need to buy medicine.

- The animal must be walked every day - 10 minutes at least
- The animal's pen must be cleaned regularly - pick out manure daily; deep clean weekly.
- The animal should be rinsed daily (conditioner each day/washed every other day; this should take less than 5 minutes)
- Pen rent is due before the animal moves in
- You must attend validation with a parent/guardian
- Shows that are available - TCYS, Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, Austin. We cannot guarantee that these shows will take place.
- We wish all of you the best of luck during this unprecedented time.