**Swine Health**

**Housing**

* Provide shelter – they can get sunburnt
* Keep the pen clean & dry as much as possible to prevent disease
* Hogs are most comfortable and grow best when the temperature is between 55-70°F
* Add straw to the pen and use boards or tarps to block the wind if cold temperatures are predicted

**Nutrition**

* Provide clean water at all times – a 200 lb hog will drink about 2.5 gallons/day
* Feed that contains at least 16% protein
* Feed 5-6 pounds a day

Observe your animal for strange behavior. Healthy pigs eat their feed, have strong feet and legs, and have bright, clear eyes. Sick pigs don’t eat, have runny nose or eyes, or has diarrhea.

**Possible Judge Questions**

* Breed of your hog
* Parts of the hog & where the cuts of meat come from
* What you are feeding your hog and the percent protein of the feed
* How much does your hog weigh?
* Average Daily Gain – current weight minus starting weight divided by the days between weighing

**Questions?**

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