

Consider 4-H Hog Projects

Now is a good time to start planning for the 1984 Wayne County 4-H and FFA Market Hog Feeding Project.

This project is open to all 4-H members between the ages of eight and 19 and all FFA members enrolled in an area vocational agriculture program.

This 4-H and FFA project will begin in April when the member takes delivery of two feeder pigs weighing between 35 and 45 pounds a piece. Crossbred feeder pigs make very good market hog projects and are efficient converters of feed to lean, red meat.

Some of the requirements needed for this project include: a sturdy shed or barn with adequate room for two hogs, adequate ventilation during the summer months or a source of shade, a wood or metal trough for feed, a container for water or a self-waterer, a source of bedding to keep the hogs clean and dry and a source of good, high quality feed.

Young feeder pigs may also need some special care if the weather is cold during April. This might include a source of supplemental heat plus extra bedding.

Once the feeder pigs have adjusted to their facilities the project members main concern is to feed the hogs with plenty of high quality feed. The average market hog will consume at least 600 pounds of feed in order to reach a market weight of 200 pounds or more. Market hogs must weigh at least 165 pounds in order to participate in the Junior Livestock Sale.

Growing feeder pigs should be treated for internal and external parasites several times during this feeding period. Information on materials to use to eliminate these parasites can be obtained by contacting the Wayne County Extension Office.

During the summer months the 4-H or FFA member will have to work at fitting the hogs and also training them to respond to a

show" stick or cane. A 4-H and FFA hog showmanship and fitting meeting will be held in July to help the project members learn these important skills.

One of the highlights of this project is exhibiting the market hogs at the Wayne County Fair. The 4-H or FFA member will exhibit both market hogs in the Wayne County Junior Market Hog Show. All of the market hogs are exhibited and judged according to different weight classes. The project members also compete in their own age group for showmanship and fitting honors.

The other highlight for members in this project is at the Junior Livestock Sale. This sale, which is held on Saturday evening of the Wayne County Fair, gives the 4-H member an opportunity to sell their high quality meat animals to interested buyers.

Market hog project members must also keep a record of all expenses in raising the market hogs. Expenses would include cost

of feed, equipment, veterinarian fees, cost of repairing or maintaining housing, trucking to the fair and other expenses incurred in raising the market hogs.

The Wayne County Extension Office is currently accepting orders for 35 to 45 pound feeder pigs to be used as market hog projects. The deadline for ordering project feeder pigs from the Extension Office is March 26th.

The delivery date on these feeder pigs will be between April 5 and April 16. 4-H or FFA members ordering feeder pigs will be asked to pay a \$50 deposit on each pig ordered. The actual price on each feeder pig will be determined when they are picked up and delivered to

the member's farm.

The Wayne County Extension Office will also maintain a list of area hog producers that may have feeder pigs for sale in April. Feeder pigs born in January or early February of 1984 should make good project animals.

The absolute deadline for starting the 4-H or FFA Market Hog Feeding Project is May 1st.

If you are interested in this 4-H or FFA project or would like some additional information, contact the Wayne County Extension Office by dialing 253-5970, extension 114. You can also receive the information by visiting the Extension Office which is located in the basement of the Wayne County Courthouse.

Fulton Grange

Master Thomas Galbreath presided at the meeting of Fulton Grange March 12 at 8 p.m. when the Charter was draped in memory of Sherman L. Hill.

Four names were submitted for membership. The Grange decided to make two additional volleyball courts this spring. It was also decided to repair the ceiling of the Grange Hall and install a new ceiling and lights in the kitchen.

Farmers were asked to attend a county tax meeting March 22, 7:30 p.m. at the Farm And Home Center, Lancaster, when reassessment vs. increased tax mills will be discussed. Sandy Galbreath, AnnaBell Wiley, Marian Holloway, Dorothy Stauffer and Thomas Galbreath gave reports from Regional Day at Virginville, Berks County, March 10 and said that seven members of

Fulton Grange attended.

Lecturer Sandra Galbreath presented the program. She introduced Kay Weaver of Quarryville who sang "This Land Was Made For You and Me," "I Was Raised On The Love In Jesus", and "Thank You For The Roses."

Wanda Galamore, York, will speak on the deaf program, do sign language and sign a song at the next meeting March 26. Youth Night will be observed April 9 when the youth committee will be in charge of the program and Open House will be observed April 23rd.

Lancaster County Pomona Grange will meet April 21, 8 p.m. at Fulton Grange Hall. The Lecturer Dorothy Berry requests all the Grange Ladies to fashion Easter bonnets made from things around the house for this meeting.

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