

Raising a Show Pig

Ownership deadline- Validation Date (First Saturday of December)

- Entry Fees-
 - Shiner: \$10
 - Majors: \$25-\$35
 - Prospects: \$15-\$25
- Purchase Price- \$350 and up
- Feed cost - (Lindners \$27-\$47/bag)- \$600-\$700
 - (Sept-Dec: 2 bags/month,
Dec-Jan: 3 bags/month,
Feb-March: 5 bags/month)
- Shavings- \$12
- Pen Rent(using school)- \$40
- FFA Dues- \$20
- Layover for majors- \$200
- Hotels for majors- \$200+
- Vet Bill- \$100+

Each student may validate up to 4 hogs for the Shiner Livestock Show. They must weigh between 225-280 at the time of show (First Friday of March). A student may only sell one animal at the livestock auction.

Market hogs for Shiner and majors should be purchased at the end of September through mid November or validation date.

Equipment needed:

Brushes- \$7-\$12	Buckets- \$6
Feed trough- \$12- \$16	Baby oil, loofa- \$10
Measured feed cups- \$2	Paylean - \$35
Show stick- \$10 (Weaver 36" Dressage whip)	Feed additives- (Full Figure \$72, Game On \$100, electrolytes, paylean, etc.)

All prices and costs are subject to change due to inflation and unknown factors, which may occur during the course of a year. These figures are just approximations. Also, not all money is due at once. The main cost is the purchase of the animal which is due to breeder at time of pickup. The other monies are spread out over the months of ownership of the animal.

Daily Routine:

- Try to feed at the same times every day. Feed consistently, typically 12 apart. You may need to feed 3 times a day towards end of feeding period to maximize weight gain.
- While they eat- work hair! Use a light, leave in conditioner and brush in the direction you want to train it to go. Head to toe- even legs!
- Use baby oil on black, belted, or red pigs . When sun tanning make sure to put sun screen on white areas.
- Bathe at least once a week and use a sheen/leave in conditioner to keep skin and hair hydrated.
- Use a whip any time they are out of pen and do not let them play/root when it's time to walk/exercise.
- After evening feedings is best time to walk/practice showmanship. Start out with 5 min/day then add time to build stamina.
- Weigh once a week.