

2014-2015 SHOW PIG INFORMATION

For the tenth time, a trip to purchase Williamson County Show and Major Show pigs has been planned to purchase high quality show pig prospects for Cedar Park FFA members. We will be leaving on Thursday, October 19 and returning on Monday, October 13.

The route may include breeders in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

All 6 breed types will be available, however the Dark OPB pigs (Spot, Poland & Berkshire) and White OPB pigs (Chester & Landrace) will be less numerous and therefore possibly more expensive.

The minimum price will be \$350 and although there is no maximum, we prefer to pay no more than \$750 for any show pigs on this trip. The exception to this may be an additional cost for registration papers on gilts to be shown at the San Antonio or Southwest Type Conference breeding gilt shows.

The county weight limits are 180# minimum and 280# maximum. This combined with the date change for the county show translates to possibly purchasing younger pigs than in past years. We will buy July and August pigs.

Secondly, July 1 through September 10 gilts could possibly be shown at the San Antonio Junior and Open Shows and the Southwest Type Conference in Belton. This additional opportunity for showing the gilts will allow them more show ring exposure than barrows. However, these breeding shows are very competitive and will require higher quality animals. Registration papers are also required for all the purebred major shows. Crossbred gilts will show by weight at Williamson County and Southwest Type Conference. Only gilts that are successful at the jackpot shows and Williamson County will be taken to the major gilt shows.

In addition, the possibility exists to sell the gilts to breeders attending these shows if they are successful in the show ring. The breed champion gilts at San Antonio will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. This greatly increases the incentive to start on the right track and do well throughout the feeding period. A very select group of high quality gilts may be held over and bred for show pigs in 2015. Only the very best will be kept for breeding purposes. Raising a litter of pigs costs in excess of \$2,000 so you must be prepared for this added expense and longer time commitment.

Other possible outlets for showing and selling a gilt is the 2015 Southwest Type Conference. The Type Conference is sponsored by the National Swine Registry (Duroc, Hamp, York, Landrace) and Certified Pedigreed Swine (Spot, Poland, Chester, Berk) Associations. This show is held in Belton, TX on March 4-7, 2015 and consists of a show and auction sale. Gilts and boars are shown at the Type Conference from all over the United States so this is a premier show with outstanding animals. The auction, held

on Saturday, March 7, has seen animals bring over \$75,000. This is uncommon and not to be expected, but the opportunity for selling a gilt at the show does exist.

Because of the time intervals between the shows and the type of pigs being shown, it is extremely difficult to hold pigs over from County to San Antonio. For this reason, NO barrows should be held over and shown at San Antonio. Barrows may be shown at County, San Antonio and Houston. The time span between County show and Houston is long (54 days); therefore a second pig must be purchased later for San Antonio or Houston.

All pigs that are shown at County must be removed from the project center before February 15, 2015 unless they will be shown at the 2015 major shows. After these shows, the usual dates for removal will be in effect in the event that a pig does not show for some reason. All of the major barrow shows are terminal. Gilts not retained for breeding must be removed from the project center within 1 month after their final show.

Please complete the following page so the best buying decisions can be made on your behalf.

2014-15 Show Pig Purchase Information

- Using the purchase form, attach payment for your preferred purchase. Staple checks or cash to this form. Multiple pig purchases must have separate methods of payment; i.e. – 1 check and 1 form per pig.
- I will place each form and payment in a separate envelope for security purposes.
- Please **do not complete the dollar amount** on the check. I realize this represents a risk but I will guard the checks with my best ability. I will do my best to purchase pigs for a lesser amount than you prefer to spend and may be able to develop large group purchases at some breeders so completing a dollar amount complicates the process.
- Due to school travel budget constraints, a \$40 fuel charge per pig will be assessed. This charge must be paid **IN ADVANCE, IN CASH**, as cash will be used to purchase fuel on the trip. Any excess cash funds will be returned to you in a pro-rated manner.
- ***THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT OF FUEL CHARGE AND CHOSEN FORM OF PAYMENT FOR PIGS IS OCTOBER 1, 2014!!!***
- ***NO PIGS WILL BE PURCHASED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT, FUEL CHARGE PAYMENT, BARN DEPOSIT (IF APPLICABLE), PEN RENT AND FFA DUES PAID FULLY.***

2014-2015 SHOW PIG PURCHASE FORM

(COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM WITH SEPARATE PAYMENT FOR EACH PIG)

EXHIBITOR NAME _____

EXHIBITOR CELL PHONE _____

PARENT'S NAME _____

PARENT CELL PHONE _____

CHECK WHICH SHOWS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

COUNTY _____ SAN ANTONIO GILTS _____ SAN ANTONIO BARROW _____

SOUTHWEST TYPE CONFERENCE _____ HOUSTON BARROW _____

CHECK YOUR GENDER PREFERENCE

_____ GILT _____ BARROW _____ EITHER (county show only pigs)

BREED PREFERENCES – Please rank your choice; 1st through 10th

_____ LT. CROSS _____ DARK CROSS _____ DUROC _____ HAMP _____ YORK

_____ SPOT _____ POLAND _____ BERK _____ CHESTER _____ LANDRACE _____

PREFERED PRICE RANGE: \$ _____

Notes or other specific information that will help with this process _____

Do not write below this line

BREEDER _____ CITY _____

TAG #/EAR NOTCH _____ PRICE \$ _____ BREED _____

