

Santa Barbara County 4-H  
**Swine Project Proficiency**  
**Level #5**  
**Master Herdsman**

Date Completed \_\_\_\_\_  
Project Leader Initial \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Complete Levels 1-4.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date each level Awarded

Level #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Level #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Level #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Level #4 \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Complete one of the Following**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Prepare a paper of 3,000 words or more on one of the following subjects. Orally summarize / present you findings to the Large Livestock Committee or at a countywide educational event. Contact Large Livestock Key Leader to make presentation arrangements.
- Management of swine
  - Feeds, feeding and nutrition of Swine
  - Diseases, prevention, control, symptoms, treatment
  - Markets and methods of marketing swine
  - Reproduction, breeding and genetics
  - Current public health issues related to swine
  - Commercial applications pertaining to swine
  - Medical research related to swine
  - Legislative issues related to the Swine Industry
- b. Prepare a 3,000 word paper and orally summarize results of a Breeding project of at least 4 animals. Demonstrate your knowledge Line breeding, breed characteristics, performance reports, Marketing channels, artificial inseminations, etc... Orally summarize your results to the Large Livestock Committee.
- c. Job Shadow 3 different careers related to swine. Prepare a 3000 word paper on your experience and orally summarize your paper to the committee.
- d. Submit a Project Portfolio. See Attached description. Submit portfolio and summarize orally to the committee
- e. Submit any other options to Large Livestock key Leader for approval.

**3. Include \$5.00 testing fee.**

**Member signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Leader signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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*When you have completed all items required in this level and you and your project leader have signed the bottom, submit your form along with the required reports to the SB4-H Office. Be sure to include \$5 testing fee. The SB4-H Large Livestock Key Leader will arrange your oral presentation. Awards and pins will be awarded at End of Year County Awards Event.*

## **WHAT MIGHT GO INTO A PROJECT PORTFOLIO?**

*Project Goals   Newspaper Articles   Interviews   Photographs   Pedigree Records  
Feed Records   Posters   Activity Logs   Videotapes   Breeding Records*

**Your portfolio will be a review of your entire 4-H Experience with Swine.  
From your first hog to your last.**

As you think about what to include in your portfolio you will gain a new understanding (even surprises) about your Swine Project and of yourself as a swine raiser. There is no right or wrong answers about what to include in your portfolio. This is your story, about your experiences, your 4-H career. Here are a few ideas to guide you along the way.

- Description of the project. From the beginning to the present.
- Obstacles you encountered along the way.
- Successes, awards and rewards.
- Project goals. Your first goal and the others that followed.
- What you did to achieve your goals and the results.
- Explain what you learned in this project and about yourself along the way.
- Life skills you gained.
- How did the project and 4-H impact you or others?
- Individuals who impacted your project, both positively and negatively.
- Video, newspaper clippings or photographs of significant events.
- Audio or video interviews of yourself or others.
- Graphs, charts or selections from your personal journal.

The portfolio should include whatever you think will tell your story the best. Be creative and show who you are. You may use any media form (written, pictorial, video, power point, etc...) or combination of media forms you feel best suites you and helps to tell your story.

***You will submit your portfolio and give an oral presentation to the Large Livestock Committee.***