

2010 Youth Market Swine Program Survey

1. Is this your first year showing swine?

Yes	51%
No	49%

2. If not, how many years have you been showing swine?

Three	40%
Two	35%
Ten	15%
Four	10%

3. Do you show other species? If so, which ones?

None	40%
Sheep	38%
Cattle	13%
Rabbits	7%
Horses	2%

4. What do you like most about showing swine?

Making friends/Meeting people	21%
Having fun	17%
Working with animals	12%
Experience	12%
Easy project	10%
Competition	8%
Learning about pigs	8%
Traveling	5%
Responsibility	5%
All of it	2%

5. What do you like least about showing swine?

Animal Behavior	26%
Gilts urinating on you	
Pigs pooping	
Pigs fighting	
Pigs being stubborn	
Smell	
Show atmosphere & Setup	23%
Large classes	
Poor gates & pens	
Attitudes of parent	
Attitudes of showmen	
Loud noises	
Loading/Unloading setup	
Poor show setup	
Animal Show Prep	20%
Washing the pig	
Clipping the pig	
Getting dirty	
Getting wet	
Cold Weather	7%
Nothing	7%
Losing	7%
Self Show Prep	6%
Getting up early	
Dressing up	
Cleaning pig pens	4%

6. How did you get started in showing swine?

FFA/Ag Teacher	35%
Family Member	25%
A Friend	24%
Local Livestock Club (non FFA or 4H)	10%
Other	6%

Looked like fun

Talking to other showmen

Interested in pigs

Helped others with their projects

7. Who helps you with your project?

Family Members	51%
Ag Teacher	25%
Friend	15%
Local Livestock Club leader	8%
4-H leader	1%

8. Who do you call if you have questions about your pig?

Ag Teacher	32%
A friend	24%
Family member	20%
Local feed store owner	6%
Local veterinarian	2%
4-H leader	2%

9. Do you visit any websites about swine? If so, please list the sites you visit most often.

Bamajlp.com	50%
None	30%
Other	19%

Honor show feed

Illinois Ext.

Google

Pork.org

The pig page

NJSA

Oklahoma State

Breeders forum

10. Have you been to the NJSA website?

No	82%
Yes	18%

11. How do you find out about swine shows and events?

Bamajlp.com	42%
Ag Teacher	26%
Friends	10%
Family	6%
Other	6%

School

NJSA

Online

12. Are there any changes that you would like to make to the swine program and/or shows?

Nothing	43%
Other	26%
Lower cost of animals	
Graduating senior programs	
AL Bred competitions	
More shows	
More educational programs	
turf in the show ring	
No educational programs	
Show by breeds	
More experienced judges	
Older judges	
More wash racks	
Allow assistance in the show ring	
Concessions	
Max price pigs can be purchased at	

13. Do you plan to show swine next year?

Yes	85%
Maybe	10%
No	5%

14. Do you plan to attend college when you graduate?

Yes	82%
Maybe	10%
No	5%

15. What career or field do you plan to go into after graduating high school or college?

Agriculture	26%
Other	26%
Animal sciences	
Mechanic	
Aerospace engineer	
Forensic science	
Physical therapy	
Construction	
Remodeling cars	
Family business	
Game warden	
Forestry	
Zoology	
Law	
Engineer	
Veterinarian	23%
Unsure	9%
Education	6%
Military	6%
Agri-Science	4%