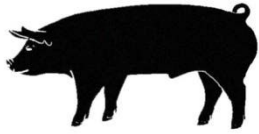


# ALABAMA 4-H



## PIG SQUEAL PROJECT

2021-2022

## 4-H Pig Squeal Project!

### Etowah County

#### What is it?

The 4-H Pig Squeal project is designed to teach 4-H members recommended management practices for growing and raising swine. Your participation in the 4-H Pig Squeal project will help you:

- ✿ Develop swine management skills
- ✿ Learn to produce healthy hogs
- ✿ Develop an awareness for business management
- ✿ Develop record keeping skills (income and expenses)
- ✿ Realize the pride of accomplishment

#### How the Pig Squeal project works:

In early January 2022, you will receive 2 feeder pigs that are approximately 60 days old and weigh approximately 50 pounds and are barrows (castrated males). They will all come from a reputable nursery and will be properly vaccinated. You will care for these pigs for approximately 120 days. At the end of this time, you will bring one of the hogs to the Northeast Alabama 4-H Pig Squeal Show and Sale (tentatively scheduled for end of April/beginning of May). At this time they will be shown and auctioned off with you receiving prize money and a portion of the auction proceeds. The auctioned hogs will be processed and picked up from the processor by the winning bidder. The bidder will not have to take possession of a live animal.

How to participate: In order to participate in the 4-H Pig Squeal project, follow these simple steps:

1. Fill out the registration form that is attached. Detach it and mail it along with your check for \$150.00 made out to the Alabama 4-H Club Foundation and mail to the Etowah County Extension Office, 3200-A West Meighan Blvd, Gadsden, AL 35904. Also, insure that your child is enrolled in 4-H for the 2021-2022 school year through [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com).

The registration form must be signed by both youth and a parent.

2. Both youth and a parent must come to a mandatory training on an evening in December. The time and place of this meeting will be announced after registration. At this meeting you will receive valuable information to help you prepare for and raise the pigs you will receive.

3. Pick up your 2 barrows in Sand Rock in January 2022. We will announce the time and date of pick-up closer to the pick-up date. Take them home and begin taking care of them. They will be given out on a first come, first serve basis.

4. During your project, you will be contacted by your Extension Office to schedule a home-visit during the months of March/April with one of our Extension Agents. This is a mandatory part of the project. Failure to complete a home-visit will result in disqualification from the show and sale at the end of the project.

5. At the beginning of the month of March, you will be given a packet at your home visit notifying you when and where the Northeast Alabama 4-H Pig Squeal Show and Sale will be held, along with the information that you need and 3 flyers. As part of your participation, you will be required to post these three flyers (or more) at various locations in your community inviting folks to come to the sale and to secure donations and buyers for the show and auction. After all, the more people that are there, the more money your pigs will bring!

6. Bring 1 barrow to the County Show and Sale and do your best!! The remaining barrow will be yours to keep, sell, or process.

Who can participate? Any young person between the ages of 9 and 18, as of January 1, 2022 who lives in or attends school in Etowah County is eligible to take part. You do not have to be a current 4-H member to participate; however, you will need to enroll via [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com) if you are not a current 4-H member.

Note: The number of participants will be limited this year due to the lack of processors available. When 15 participants have registered, those that submit their form following this will be placed on a waiting list in the case of any drop outs and will not have their form of payment charged until that time. Registrations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. PLEASE DO NOT turn this form into your school, but send directly to the Etowah County Extension Office. Also, please follow: “Etowah County-Alabama Extension” and “Northeast Alabama 4-H Pig Squeal” on Facebook for up to date information.

Who to contact for more information:

Michael Dillon

4-H Foundation Regional Extension Agent - Etowah County

Office #: 256.547.7936

Cell #: 256.613.1247

Email: [dillomk@auburn.edu](mailto:dillomk@auburn.edu)

or feel free to come by your local Etowah County Extension office at:

3200A West Meighan Blvd

Gadsden, Alabama 35904

We look forward to

serving you!



## 2021-2022 Etowah County 4-H

# Pig Squeal Registration Form

I would like to participate in the 2021-2022 4-H Pig Squeal project and receive 2 pigs. By signing the application, I agree to raise the pigs to the best of my ability and return 1 barrow to the 4-H County Show and Sale. A \$150 fee is required at the time of application. I realize that I have to have a home-visit with an Extension Agent during my project time, and that failing to do so will disqualify me from competing in the Show and Sale. I also agree that I will contact the extension office if any unforeseen incident should prevent my bringing 1 of my barrows to the Show and Sale and will be responsible for any cost associated with the purchasing of the pigs in excess of \$150.

4-H Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H online member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (Parent's) \_\_\_\_\_ Tshirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

Address where pigs will be kept if different than mailing: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (Parent's) \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Alabama 4-H Club Foundation

Return by November 17, 2021 to:

Etowah County Extension Office

3200-A West Meighan Blvd.

Gadsden, Alabama 35904