

Approximate Cost of Raising Swine

At Home:

A student can successfully raise one pig at home as long as daily care and attention is given. Pen must be predator (dog/coyote) proof and secure.

At School:

Students who feed a pig at the School Project Center can feed one or more because there will almost always be more than one of the species housed at the PC during the common feeding period. Pen space is sometimes limited due to increasing numbers.

Pigs are usually purchased during the months of September and October.

Deadlines and fees:

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| ● Validation Tag (\$18 per animal) | September |
| ● Ownership Deadline (Validation Date) | November |
| ● Project Center Contract (\$20 per pen) | September |
| ● UCJLS Entry (\$10 per animal) | By Validation |
| ● Major Show Entry (varies by animal) | Mid November |

Breeds/Classes of Pigs and average prices (Barrow or Gilt)

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| ● Hampshire (Black w/ white belt) | \$300 and up |
| ● Duroc (Red) | \$300 and up |
| ● Yorkshire (White w/ erect ears) | \$300 and up |
| ● White OPB (Chester White & Landrace) | \$300 and up |
| ● Dark OPB (Berkshire, Poland China, Spot) | \$300 and up |
| ● Light Cross (Mostly white Cross) | \$300 and up |
| ● Dark Cross (Mostly black/red Cross) | \$300 and up |

Cost of Raising One Pig:

- Feed (depends on length of feeding period)
 - 10 to 15 bags (50 lbs each)
 - @ \$20-\$30 per bag (depends on brand and source)
- Additives
 - Oat Groats (similar to oat meal for pigs)
 - Digestive supplements
- Bedding
 - Pelleted or flaked - 20-30 bags depending on pen, weather, etc.
 - @ \$8-\$12 per bag (depends on brand and source)
- Miscellaneous Items
 - Soap, Towels, Wash Hose
 - Body Brush, Fitting Spray, Oils for skin and hair
 - Show Stick
 - Feed scoop or cup
- One time costs (lasts through several projects)
 - Feed trough
 - Water nipple (sometimes have to be replaced)
 - Pen (if at home)