

# Washington County 4-H Master Showmanship Swine Fact Sheet

## **Breeds of Swine: Know what breed you are showing:**

- > Yorkshire
- > Hampshire
- > Spot
- > Duroc
- > Landrace

## **When was the Hog born? What is their average daily gain? What kind of feed was the hog fed?**

- ◆ See the stall card.
- ◆ Ask a 4-H member who has raised a market hog.

## **Information:**

- ◆ Gestation Period: 3 months, 3 weeks, & 3 days, about 112-114 days.
- ◆ How many teats should a sow have: A minimum of 12 and 14 are preferred.
- ◆ Most popular cuts of meat and where on the pig they come from(check on back):
  - ✓ Ham
  - ✓ Bacon
  - ✓ Pork Chops
- ◆ Know the parts of a pig- chart on back.
- ◆ What do ear notches mean?
  - ✓ Litter numbers
  - ✓ Day Born
  - ✓ Parentage

## **Terms:**

- ◆ Barrow- Male pig which has been castrated before reaching breeding age.
- ◆ Boar----- Male pig or hog.
- ◆ Farrow-- Give birth to young.
- ◆ Gilt----- Female pig under one year that has had no offspring.
- ◆ Hog----- Pig older than six months.
- ◆ Litter---- Offspring produced at one farrowing.
- ◆ Pig----- Small or young swine of either sex, usually less then six months old.
- ◆ Sow----- Female hog usually more than one year old.
- ◆ Stag----- Boar castrated after male characteristics have developed.