140 Swine Breeding General Requirements

All dates are listed on the Tuscarawas County Fair Livestock Requirement Summary.

1. Members will NOT exhibit swine breeding animals at the fair. Members will be required to exhibit an educational swine breeding display in the fair booth for project completion.

2. All members must have access to 134R Swine Resource Handbook for Market and Breeding Projects. This can be purchased through your club advisor or directly from the Extension office. (Due to cost factors, one book per family is recommended.) Read, study, and have a working knowledge of the information contained in the book.

3. Follow and complete all sections of the Member Project Guide on Page 2.

4. All members must have knowledge of Breeding Chapters 15, 17, 18, 19, and 21 in the Resource Handbook. Members should also be able to explain estrus, artificial inseminating, farrowing crates, and piglet care.

5. All members must have a working knowledge of Swine Quality Assurance (QA) issues and are required to attend one QA session.

6. All livestock exhibitors are required to attend Interview Judging in order to exhibit their educational display at the Tuscarawas County Fair and/or be eligible to exhibit at the Ohio State Fair. Members are to bring completed (to date of Interview Judging) 140 Pilot Swine Breeding Record Book. Do not bring extra materials or a notebook of activities. If a conflict arises, a member may attend Pre-Judging by appointment only. Members are not eligible for county interview placing if they attend Pre-Judging.

7. All optional headings in record book MUST be completed for Interview Judging and to receive project premium.

8. Member should also know for Interview Judging: the Pillars of Character, 4-H Pledge, 4-H Motto, 4-H Colors, and be able to describe the role of the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board.

9. Please add a feed tag each time you change feed.

10. In order to exhibit your educational display for the fair, a Fair Entry Form must be signed and submitted to the Extension office by the deadline. NO LATE FAIR ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. If exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, entries must be completed on the Ohio State Fair’s web site by the designated deadline. (See http://ohiostatefair.com/.)

If you have any questions regarding your project and your advisor is unable to answer your questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the Extension office at 330-339-2337. Kiersten Heckel, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, heckel.13@osu.edu Chris Zoller, Extension Educator, Agriculture and Natural Resources, zoller.1@osu.edu