

Show Pig Cost Estimate

We begin purchasing pigs in late August and into September/October. Major show season begins in January and runs through March. The county show is in the last week in February/first week of March. If you choose to get a show pig you will be responsible for the animal from the time you get the pig all the way to the day you sell the animal.

Pig: \$500-1000+

Validation Tag: \$20/pig (this is the ear tag and paperwork that proves the pig you are raising belongs to you)

Barn Fee: \$75/pig

Initial Supplies: All initial supplies you will need are outlined in the shopping list, the average cost of it is in the \$400 range but can go up and down depending on what you buy and how many pigs you have.

Feed: \$35-45 per 50# bag, as the season progresses you will need to buy feed more frequently (weekly), but at the beginning of the season when pigs are still small they don't eat as much food so a bag will last longer than a week. I would recommend you feed Lindner Show Pig feeds, they have a great product and I can help you best with a feeding plan with this feed. Here is the link to their products, but you can purchase them at Struttys in Bulverde or the Co-op in New Braunfels. You can also go directly to the mill in Comfort. <https://www.lindnershowfeeds.com/product-collection/grow-finish-feeds/> You are more than welcome to feed a different brand of show feed, but just make sure you are feeding a quality product that is going to do the best for the look of your pig.

Stock show entries: \$25/head at county, major shows go up in cost from there

Bedding: \$10-15 a bag. We use pine and pellet shavings in the barn, and you will need about 2-3 bags a week to keep things clean.

Vet Care: If you buy a boar (intact male) pig, it will need to be castrated, this costs \$120-200 depending on where you go to get it done. There may be times where your pig needs veterinary care which could be for a variety of reasons, it is hard to price out

this part because there are lots of “what-ifs”. If the pig does need veterinary care, I will do my best to help and have vets in the area I trust to call in the case of emergency. But you are free to use your own vet. The costs of care are completely y'all's responsibility.

Scan this QR code and fill out the form to show pigs:



Canyon Lake FFA Website: <http://www.canyonlakeffa.ffanow.org/default.aspx?ID=1493>