

# SHOWMANSHIP QUESTIONS



## FEED CATEGORY

- Are pigs monogastric or ruminant? What does that mean?
- What do you feed the pig?
  - Not necessarily brand of feed, but protein & fat levels, Grower/Finisher ration, Pellet vs Meal.
- What are the two most abundant ingredients in the majority of pig diets?
- What protein level is normally in pig feed?
- What's a good fat level for your pig feed?
- What is lysine?
- How much weight per day do pigs typically gain or is your pig gaining?
- How many pounds of feed does it take to get one pound of gain?
- How many pounds of feed do you feed your pig per day, do you feed once or twice per day?
- What supplement(s) are you feeding? Why?
- What percent of body weight do they eat per day?
- What is a VFD? What medications are typically in swine feeds that require a VFD?

## MARKET & CARCASS CATEGORY

- What's a typical market weight range?
- What does your pig weigh? What should it weigh at market weight?
- What is the meat product called that pigs produce?
- What are the four lean cuts of a market hog?
- What is one of the most important cuts of pork? Why? Where on the body does it come from?
- Where do pork chops come from?
- Where does ham come from?
- What is an acceptable fat thickness range for pigs?
- What is the ideal fat thickness?
- What is a good loin eye area for market hogs?
- Where do they break the carcass? Where do they measure loin eye thickness?
- What is the fat called in the loin eye?
- What does PSE stand for?
- What is the dressing percentage of pigs?
- Why is the dressing percentage of pigs higher than other livestock species?

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## GENERAL QUESTIONS

- What is one problem do you see facing the show pig industry? And what do you think a potential solution is?
- What does a producer generally do to “process” a baby pig when it is born?
- What is the gestation period of a sow?
- How often do gilts or sows come into estrus?
- What is drug withdrawal?
- Might ask if you have given your pig any medication and then what is the withdrawal on that drug?
- What breed is your pig?
- What is that breed known for?
  - York
  - Hampshire
  - Duroc
  - Berkshire
  - Chester
  - Spot
  - Poland
  - Hereford
  - Tamworth
  - For cross breeds – know what they are crossed with
- What is the breed association that handles the records and shows of Hampshires, Yorkshires, Landraces, and Durocs?
- What group takes care of Chesters, Polands, and Spots.
- Be able to read a pedigree
  - Check NSR site, and find the 4-H Swine handbook – good resource for showmanship questions
- What did you do to train the pig for the show?
- What do you do daily to take care of your pig?
- What products do you use for skin and coat?
- What is your favorite part of showing pigs?
- Who helps you with you pig at home?
- How did you clip the pig and prepare it for the show?
- What’s good about your pig, what’s bad about your pig?
- Know the show rules – clipping hair length, etc.
- What is the ear notch of your pig (know how to read other’s pigs ear notches also)
- When was your pig born?
- Why do pig breeders dock tails?