2019 Major Buying Options

**Buying Options:**

1. Pool-Buy
   1. Cost $400 cash due to Mr. Kettler Date: TBD
   2. The Ag teachers will buy a group of pigs and we will select at the Verdine Ag Barn in Alvin around 7pm. Date: TBD
2. Self-Buy
   1. Cost is whatever you negotiate
   2. You find the breeder and you select your own pig
   3. You travel on your own and buy the pig

**Selection Process:**

1. You will select from the pool of pigs that were bought as a group
2. You will be given time to view the pigs before the selection process begins.
3. You will have 5 minutes to select your pig once it is your turn to select.
4. You may take 1 person to help you pig your pig from the pool.
5. If you bought more than one pig, you will draw twice.
6. Picking order:
   1. Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, Freshman, and Jr Members.
   2. You will draw numbers to decide picking order amongst your group
7. State Fair pigs will be selected separate from county pigs

**Feeding:**

**Option1:** Mrs. Webb and Mr. Kettler will evaluate your pig weekly and give you feeding recommendations and help you throughout the whole feeding process.

**Option 2:** You use your own feeding program and your Ag teacher will be there to help monitor the health and weight of your animal but will not give feeding recommendations.

***You must choose one or the other because combining both or switching back and forth will set you up for failure.***

It does not matter if you buy the pig through the pool or from someone else, I will help you feed it the same. Also, if you buy a pig from us and you want to do your own feeding program, then we wish you the best of luck.

**Nutrition and Feeding:**

* Feed your pig at the same time every morning and every night.
  + Linders Cups- Everyone will receive a Linders feed cup each cup is considered 1Ib of feed. So I give you a feeding recommendation we measure by Linders cups, not a measuring cup for baking.
* Train them to eat – Once they are adjusted and on feed good, give them about 20 minutes to eat, then pull their feed pan. Then feed again the next morning. You want to train them to eat.
* Every pig, like every person, does not look the same in terms of muscle and body structure.
* Glucosamine- Give your pig 1 tablet of 1500mg Glucosamine per feeding.

**Getting your pen ready for your pig:**

* Pens should be clean of any previous shavings. Spray pen down with bleach and water mixture and let dry before putting shavings in your pen.
* Be sure that your waterer is working properly
* Use the Pelted bedding in your pen and spray water on them so they expand.
* You need to ensure that your feeder is also in the pen.

**Supplies:**

* Feed Linder’s 611 (Evans)
* Shoats
* Appetite Express (Evans/Steinhausers)
* Hoof n Heal (Statons/Steinhausers/Evans)
* Linder’s Feed Cup (Ms. Webb/Evans)
* Pig Whip (Statons/Steinhausers/Evans)
* Rice Root Brush (Statons/Steinhausers/Evans)
* Soft Brush (Statons/Steinhausers/Evans)
* Feed Bucket

Hair care supplies –

• Shampoos-Clear Choice and Bright Lights (for white pigs) both works great and you can find it at any feed store.

• Skin Conditioners- Champions Choice, Weaver swine Conditioner

**When your pig arrives to the Barn:**

* Spend time with you pig in the pen
* Once you have your pig calmed down where you can approach him/her in the pen and brush them, then they are ready to take out of the pen and start training to show.
* If you take them out before you have them adjusted to you and their surroundings, they will only be scared of you and instinct will tell them to run away.

**Daily schedule with your pig:**

Single most important thing you can do to ensure success with your pig

* Feed your pig at the same time every morning and every night.
* Their body learns to expect to get fed at certain times and they will get hungry and have a better appetite when they are on a routine.
* DAILY – Brush the hair and spray with Champions Choice or another skin conditioner. This is a hair conditioner which will keep the pigs skin soft and keep them from drying out.
* Only need to wash your pig (with soap) once a week.
* Wash them enough to keep their feet and legs from getting stained, but over-washing will dry out their skin and they don’t need to be washed when it is lower than 65 degrees outside.
* Rub Hoof & Heel on bottom of pad and toenails of pigs feet every evening.

**Schedule for Monday Meetings/ Clinics**

1. Weigh your pigs after they have been fed

2. Meet in the LGI at 6:00pm

3. Meet in the arena afterwards to work on showmanship

I am a firm believer that showmanship weighs 50% of how successful you are at the show. The other 50% is feeding and genetics.

We will help you every step of the way to prepare you and your pig for major shows, it is your responsibility to put it the effort to make it happen.

**Communication:**

**Remind 101**

**Text @piginfo to 81010**

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***Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out. -Robert Collier***