

Questions Asked by a Swine Judge

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1. What does EPD's stand for?
2. What is TSI?
3. What is MLI?
4. What is SPI?
5. Where is the boston butt located on your pig?
6. How much back fat does your pig have?
7. How many loins does your pig have?
8. How big of LEA does your pig have?
9. Read another pigs ear notch number?
10. How many functional teats does a gilt need to have?
11. How many pigs does a gilt usually have?
12. What does SPF stand for?
13. What does PRRS stand for?
14. What is Paylean and why should it not be used on gilts, boars, and little pigs?
15. Tell me the components of a complete show pig feed ration?
16. What is percent lean and what is the average percent lean for a pig?
17. Why do we castrate boar pigs?
18. Why do we clip needle teeth?.
19. Who is the sire of your pig?
20. Who is the dam of your pig?
21. Where do we measure back fat?
22. Which gauge of needle is bigger a 16 or 18 gauge needle?
23. What is PSE pork?
24. What is the stress gene?
25. What is the highest cut of meat on the pig?
26. Why do we inject baby pigs with iron?
27. Why do we dock tails on pigs?
28. Why is structure important in breeding stock?
29. Which is better in its feed conversion barrows or gilts?
30. What is considered too lean for a pig and is this a problem?
31. Can a pig have too much muscle?
32. What is the show industries biggest challenge today?
33. What is PQA and is it important in 4-H?
34. What is a slaughter withdraw?
35. Where is the stifle muscle located?
36. Give me one reason why a gilt or sow may only have 3-4 pigs born in a litter?
37. What are the two primary signs when a gilt is in heat?
38. At what age or weight should a gilt come in heat?
39. What is sow productivity?
40. Why is DNA testing important for the future of the purebred industry?
41. What is PG-600?
42. What is Oxytocin?

43. How long is a sows gestation length?
44. What do you do if your pig is heat stressed?
45. Carcass length is measured from blank to blank?
46. How can you tell if a pig has been fed Paylean?
47. At what weight does a pig start putting on fat?
48. Does the percent Lysine level in a pig diet increase or decrease with the pigs age and weight?
49. Why do we clip pigs?
50. Why should we worm 4-H pigs?.
51. Where do you give a Sub-Q injection on a pig?
52. Why do we keep medication records?
53. Why do we check the quality of feed when we are feeding bred sows?
54. What is Ivomec?
55. What is pork check off?
56. How often should we change needles when injecting a group of pigs?
57. What is farrowing?.
58. Why do we dehair pork carcasses?
59. What is the current market price for pigs right now?
60. What nutrients are found in pig manure that crops need to grow?
61. Is a negative EPD number a bad thing?
62. What makes purebred different from crossbreds?
63. Where is the chine bone located?
64. Uneven toes on a pigs can tell us what?
65. What is isolation?
66. Why do we no longer have to get tested regularly for Pseudorabies?
67. What is Brucellosis?
68. Tell me a way in which you can measure of the size of the Loin Eye Area?
69. Can a 4-Her exercise their pig too much?
70. Which breed of pigs are known for their fattier meat quality on the china market?
71. What breed is considered the mother breed?
72. What are Durocs known for?
73. What are Hampshires known for?
74. What are Landraces known for?
75. What is the standard dressing percentage for a pig?
76. What is an infantile vulva and is it a problem in gilts?
77. What are pin nipples?
78. What is the advantage of gilts having more teats placed farther forward?
79. Why are underlines important when judging boars?
80. What does testicular size say about a boar?
81. Why do we only hit pigs on the shoulders or face when showing the pig?
82. Why don't we hit pigs on the rump when we show them?
83. What does is mean when a pig turns purple in color when it is over worked or being moved?.
84. Should a gilts days to 250 lbs EPD be negative or positive?.
85. What is considered the average EPD number for SPI, TSI, or MLI?
86. What does litter weight tell us about the sow?

87. What is number of transfers?
88. What is the National Swine Registry?
89. Is showing at several shows during the summer a good thing for your pig?
90. What is AI?
91. Should you expect to make a profit on your 4-H project?.
92. How do you know when your pig is sick?
93. Why is volume important on breeding gilts?
94. Can a pig be considered too wide based and chested?
95. Are feeding additional feed products to your pig necessary in order to be a winner?
96. What are the carcass differences between a barrow and a gilt?
97. What color would a pig be if its dam and sire are Hamshire and Yorkshire?
98. What color would a pig be if its dam and sire are Duroc and Hampshire?
99. What is a Pietrain?

100. What has 4-H taught you?