



# Swine Champion Challenge Study Guide

## **Champion Challenge Contest Guidelines**

Participants will be separated into categories and divisions. Once the orientation begins, contestants must not communicate with any person outside the competition. **Absolutely no communication with parents, advisors, friends or any other fair attendee will be allowed.**

## **Dress Code:**

Contestants **must** wear dress whites for all Champion Challenge competitions except the written exam.

## **Contest Format:**

**Written Test:** Each Champion Challenge participant must qualify for the preliminary round by completing a written exam that is specie specific. (i.e., swine exhibitors will answer swine questions). The top scorers from the written exam will move on to the preliminary round.

**Preliminary Round:** Each station will consist of five questions specific to each species.

**Semifinal Round:** There will be three stations with four or five questions at each station. Semifinalists will be expected to have general knowledge of each of the four species (beef cattle, sheep, meat goats and swine).

**Final Round:** Finalist will be interviewed by a panel of agricultural, community and government leaders. Questions will include all species and general agricultural issues. Following the preliminary round, scores will immediately be tallied and the semifinalists will be announced. The semifinals will begin immediately following the announcement of results. In the event that there is a tie in any round, **the tie will be broken by considering the highest placement in showmanship**. If a tie still exists, the highest scores in specific Champion Challenge categories will be considered in the following order:

1. Show preparation, Ethics, Transportation, Animal Handling, Care & Quality Assurance
2. Consumer Awareness & Marketing
3. Nutrition
4. Animal Identification and Industry Technologies
5. Reproduction & Genetics
6. Environmental Stewardship

7. Animal health, disease, and Prevention
8. Conformation, Anatomy, & Physiology

**Resource Material:**

*Scientific Farm Animal Production*, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, Robert Taylor, Thomas, Field Prentice Hall Publishers Inc.

*Swine Science*, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, M.E. Ensminger, R.O. Parker, Interstate Publishers, Inc.

*The California Pork Report*, California Pork Producers Assn., 1225 H St., Suite 106, Sacramento, CA 95814, 916/447/8950.

*Pork*, P.O. Box 2984, Shawnee Mission, KS, 66201-1384

*Seedstock Edge*, National Swine Registry, P.O. Box 2417, West Lafayette, IN 47996-2417”

*Lifeline Genetics*, 1900 SE 16<sup>th</sup>, Newcastle, OK 73065

U.C. Cooperative Extension (animalscience.ucdavis.edu).

*Quality Assurance: Strengthening the Chain of Wholesome Food Production* (Video)  
*National Pork Producers Council*, 7733 Douglas Ave., Urbandale, IA 50322, 515/278-8012,  
[www.nppc.org](http://www.nppc.org).

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Also available from 4-H leaders and FFA advisors

**Other Helpful Websites:**

[www.cdfa.ca.gov](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov)  
[afs.okstate.edu/breeds/footer.html/swine](http://afs.okstate.edu/breeds/footer.html/swine)  
[www.ext.colostate.edu](http://www.ext.colostate.edu)  
[www.porkmag.com](http://www.porkmag.com)  
[www.nationalswine.com](http://www.nationalswine.com)  
[www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org)

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