

OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARM FAMILY PORK DIVISION

Note: Please answer questions that pertain to your operation if you are entering the OYFF contest as a Pork Producer.

I. Type of Pork Operation:

- A. Purebred _____ (number of head)
- B. Farrow to finish _____ (number of head)
- C. Farrow to wean _____ (number of head)
- D. Feeder pig production _____ (number of head)
- E. Finishing feeder pigs _____ (number of head)
- F. Other (i.e. nursery) _____ Explain: _____

- G. Are you a contract producer or independent? _____

II. How did you get started in swine production? _____ _____ _____

- A. How long have you been in swine production? _____
- B. When did you enter the swine business? _____
- C. Size at beginning - _____
- D. List any management practices you use that has contributed to your success? _____

- E. What market price per pound do you need to receive to break even? _____
- F. How do you deal with environmental challenges on your farm? _____

III. Please answer the questions that apply to your operation:

- A. How many sows do you have? _____
- B. How many pigs were born per sow last year? _____

- C. How many pigs were weaned per sow last year? _____
- D. Do you use performance-tested or certified boars? _____
- E. Do you have a certified brucellosis free herd? _____
- F. Do you have a farrowing house? _____ Capacity _____
- G. How many pigs did you finish for market last year? _____
- H. Feed efficiency of market hogs: ___ pounds feed per pound of gain.
- I. Do you finish hogs on: Pasture __, Dirt lot __, Concrete __.
Capacity of finishing facilities - _____, Slatted - _____
- J. Percentage of market hogs grading U.S. No. 1? _____%
- K. Do you grind and mix your own rations? _____
- L. Do you produce grain for your hog operation? ___ All, ___ Part ___%

IV. For Purebred Producers:

- A. Do you have a certified herd sire(s)? _____
- B. Do you follow a certification and/or performance testing program? Yes _____ No _____
Explain: _____
- C. Have you cosigned pigs to any Boar Test Station? _____

V. Marketing/Risk Management:

- A. How often do you monitor cash/future prices? _____
- B. How much time per week do you spend on marketing? _____
- C. Do you hedge in the futures market? Yes ___ No ___ Why or why not? _____

- D. How far out in advance do you hedge? _____
- E. Do you hedge or forward contract feed? Yes ___ No ___ Why or why not? _____

- F. Do you manage price risk? _____
- G. If you eliminated most price risk from your operation, would you expand? _____

VI. What are your plans for next year? (To increase production, decrease production, or stay the same)

Explain position _____

What do you see as the future of Alabama's swine industry? _____

VII. Do you participate in pork promotional activities? Yes ___ No ___ Explain: _____

What are some things that Alabama Pork Producers could do to better serve producers such as yourself? _____

List other commodity related organizations to which you belong. _____
