

**Sale Name:** San Joaquin AgFest Market Swine - CA

**LOT 245 - Julia Fry Lodi FFA**



**First Name** Julia

**Last Name** Fry

**FFA Chapter or 4H Club Name** Lodi FFA

**Validation Tag or Show reference#** 556

**County** San Joaquin County

**City** Acampo

**Animal Weight (in Pounds)** 274

**Date of Reported Weight** 06/16/2021

### **Description**

My name is Julia Fry, I live in Acampo, California, and I currently attend Lodi High School as a Junior. I am in the Lodi High FFA program, and this will be my fourth year raising a market swine animal. I am currently in the agriculture class, floriculture at Lodi high. I am 17 years old, and I would like to further my practice of responsibility and learning how to raise and make a profit from an animal and build these skills to help me in the future as I wish to attend a four year college in Texas in my future.

Here are a few things you should know about me. I am very dedicated to school. I maintain above a 4.0 GPA. I compete in year-round competitive riding where I am constantly learning life skills and so much more about horses. I started riding horses when I was about 3 years old, and I am now a part of the West Coast Reining Horse Association (WCRHA) as a youth rider. I started reining (which is a type of competition in riding horses) in 2016 with Hanson Performance Horses, and I plan to continue this in my future. I have shown in many places throughout the United states such as Idaho and Oklahoma.. The horse I currently have is 4 years old so it is always a learning experience. I participate in many of the youth meetings, fundraisers, and many other events held by the youth members for West Coast Reining Horse Association. I am very passionate about horses and riding, because it has been around me my whole life.

Recently I have taken upon a job to better my experience within the community and around animals. I started working for a close friend of my mom's in September. I clean stalls, fill up waters, tidy the barn, and make sure all the horses are fed at my boss's barn in Acampo. I provide my boss with any assistance she asks for like how I accompany her when she rides her 3 year old warmblood by riding one of her ranch horses. It is a great experience working and understanding the value of money plus I am helping make someone else's life easier.

This year I am raising a Yorkshire sow as my SAE project for Lodi FFA. I purchased her from Paul Fernandez, a breeder out of Ceres, CA, on February 6 of this year. She was born in December of 2020. I named my pig Blueberry, because of her unique light blue eyes. She is very friendly, and loves to root in the soil when I work with her around the yard for showmanship. She has a very straight and muscular back with a great ham, and I work with her on a weekly basis to keep her muscles defined. She has been gaining about one pound per day and should weigh about 265 pounds by Agfest. Raising Blueberry has been an exciting, challenging and big learning experience for me, due to pigs intelligence level being so high. I have learned to be much more responsible and patient as these animals do test your patience.

This year AGfest is split into different days when the animals are shown and sold based on species due to Covid regulations. The San Joaquin County Agfest will be held for showing market and showmanship for three days in the swine unit. The San Joaquin County Fair has made the decision to allow the sale to be live/simulcast auction meaning you will be able to attend the sale on June 19th to purchase an animal or participate remotely. For more information and updates about the sale it will be posted on the Agfest website. Another way to support me through this experience without purchasing my animal is by sending an add-on to help cover my costs from my FFA project this year. This is like a donation towards me if you are not interested in purchasing my SAE project. If you have any questions or interests in my market swine you can contact me at my email or phone number.

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