**Swine Sort Through**

**Competency:** FL DOE 06.02- Analyze commercially important livestock breeds in Florida.

**Directions:** Using online resources such as pork.org (the Pork checkoff website), research each of the following breeds of pig. Once you have conducted your research, you will give a short description of each breed with a minimum of 3 full sentences. Breed descriptions should include the origin of the breed and its purpose- are they good pork producers or breeders? You will also illustrate each breed and include a sketch of their ears which will be either erect or droopy depending on the breed.

Vocabulary to know before beginning:

Farrowing: the act of giving birth in swine.

Artificial Insemination: The process of collecting sperm from a male to manually deposit the semen into the reproductive tract of the female.

Natural Breeding: Allowing a male and female pig to mate without human intervention.

Boar: Intact male pig used for breeding.

Gilt: Mature female pig who has had piglets.

Berkshire:

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Yorkshire:

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Review, Refresh

Please answer each of the following questions in 1-2 complete sentences.

1. Why might artificial insemination be used on large swine operations rather than natural breeding?

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1. In your opinion, which breed seems to be the most well rounded? Who can do it all? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. If you were going to crossbreed two swine breeds to bring into your heard, which two would you cross? Why?

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1. Which breeds have erect ears?

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1. Which breeds tend to have a higher maternal instinct?

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