Animal Agriculture Alliance

Types of Pig Farms

PIG FARMING HAS EVOLVED

Many farmers raise pigs based on the animal's life cycle and may not necessarily raise a pig its entire life in one barn or on one farm.

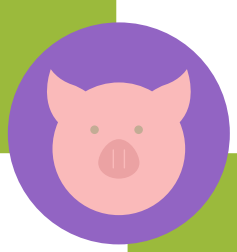
SOME PIG FARMS WORK TOGETHER AS A CYCLE.

FARROW-TO-WEAN

These farms oversee breeding herds and raise pigs until they are weaned around 10 to 15 pounds, at which time they are sold to wean-to-finish farms.

FARROW-TO-NURSERY

These farms specialize in the breeding of sows and raising of 40 to 50-pound pigs, which are then sold to finishing farms.



WEAN-TO-FINISH

These farms purchase weaned pigs from farrow-to-wean farms and grow them until they reach market weights.

FINISHING FARMS

These farms buy 40 to 50-pound pigs from farrow-to-nursery farms and raise them until they reach market weights.

SOME PIG FARMS ARE INDEPENDENT OR SPECIALIZED.

SHOW PIGS

These farms raise pigs to approximately 25 pounds before selling piglets to 4-H and FFA members for livestock show prospects and projects.

FARROW-TO-FINISH

These farms manage all stages of pig growth and development, from breeding through finishing. The pigs are raised to approximately 285 pounds.

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