

# PORK

## Why do pigs live in barns?

Barns provide pigs with protection from predators, disease, parasites and extreme temperatures.

Because of the protection they provide, barns have allowed **sows** (mother pigs) to produce more piglets. Each sow used to only be able to produce 15-17 piglets but now they can produce more than 25!

Pigs are pregnant for 3 months, 3 weeks and 3 days!



Pigs don't sweat! Storybook pigs are often shown in the mud as they try to keep cool and out of the sun but real pigs actually like to keep clean.

## Pigs are used for what?

There are over **185** different uses for pig besides providing us with meat such as:

- Marshmallows
- Rubber boots
- Pigskin footballs
- Crayons
- Paint Brushes



Ham, bacon and pork chops are made from pork!



## Caring for pigs

Farmers know that responsible care is important for pigs health. All areas on a pig farm are carefully managed for lighting, air flow, cleanliness and temperature so that pigs are comfortable and happy throughout their lives.

## What do pigs eat?

Pigs eat grains like barley, corn, peas and canola meal. Pigs have the same needs that pets do like a balanced diet, a health program (vaccinations), clean water and a safe environment to live in.

## Pig Poo!

Pig manure is very valuable to farmers. Manure is the original fertilizer. Manure helps to build up soil with organic matter, which helps to hold water and valuable nutrients. Manure provides some of the nutrients that plants and many helpful soil organisms need to grow.

