

Pig Facts

1. Pigs are found and raised all over the world, and provide valuable products for humans, including pork, lard, leather, glue, fertilizer, and a variety of medicines.
2. There are 13.91 million hogs on 7,160 farms in Canada
3. Quebec (31%), Ontario (26%) and Manitoba (24%) account for 81% of Canada's inventory.
4. Pork is the most widely eaten meat in the world. A female pig is called a sow and a male pig is called a boar. A baby pig is called a piglet
5. A sow's gestation period is 3 months, 3 weeks and 3 days, it is also known as the 3-3-3 rule.
6. Piglets weigh 2 -3 pounds at birth.
7. A sow can have between 14 & 20 piglets in one litter.
8. Piglets are usually weaned between 3-5 weeks. Piglets need to be able to consume enough solid food to meet their nutritional needs when they are weaned.
9. Pigs are omnivorous and versatile in their feeding behaviour. They primarily eat leaves, stems, roots, fruits, and flowers.
10. A pig can easily live up to 10 years. In many cases, their lifespan can be up to 20 years.
11. Pigs don't sweat. To help control their body temperature they "wallow" coating their bodies with mud. The mud also acts as a sunscreen.
12. Pigs are very clean animals. This is because they keep their toilets far from their living or feeding area.
13. Pigs have a well-developed sense of smell.
14. Pigs have powerful noses. Rooting with their noses is instinctual behaviour beginning when they are piglets to obtain their mother's milk.
15. Pigs can both run and swim.