

Answer Key

Barrow A castrated male swine

Boar An uncastrated male swine

Corn Belt Part of the United States where the major cash crop is corn. Iowa, Indiana, Missouri and Nebraska are all in this part of the U.S.

Farrowing The birthing process for swine.

Farrow to Finish Operation A business that deals with every step in raising pigs, from breeding to farrowing and feeding for slaughter.

Gestation The period of time between when a sow is bred to when she begins farrowing, which is around 113 to 116 days. (Pregnant)

Gilt A female swine that has not given birth.

Litter A group of piglets born at the same time to the same mother. Normal litter size is 8 to 12 piglets.

Market Weight The preferred weight for a pig to be at time of slaughter. Preferred weight is 240 to 260 pounds.

Nursery The stage in-between weaning and feeding out for slaughter.

Pig A young swine not yet at market weight. Usually weighs around 120 pounds.

Piglet A young male or female swine.

Shoat A pig that is designated as a growing pig that weights between 60 and 160 pounds.

Sow A female swine that has produced at least one litter of piglets.

Weaning The manner in which pigs are removed from the sow and are no longer allowed to depend on the mothers milk for food.

Stag A male pig castrated after sexual maturity.

Herd A group of pigs kept together that may not be genetically linked

Feeder Pig A pig that weighs between 35 and 50 pounds and is prepared to be fed for slaughter.

Show Pig A pig that has been chosen because of its superior and outstanding phenotype to be taken to competitions called shows.

Farrowing Crate A pen which a sow is put in to deliver and nurse piglets.