



PIGS

THE BASICS:

- BORE : male pig
- SOW : female pig that has given birth
- GILT : female that has not given birth
- SHOAT or PIGGLET : baby pig
- RUNT : smallest piglet in the LITTER
- GESTATION PERIOD : 3 months, 3 weeks, and 3 days (114 days)
- AVERAGE LITTER SIZE : 10 piglets
- ADULT SIZE : 300-500 pounds
- Pigs are the only animal with a 'split' hoof that are **NOT** ruminants.

THE EXTRAS:

- Pigs are the smartest of ALL farm animals. They are very intelligent and can be trained to hunt like dogs, dance, fetch, take showers, pull a cart and sniff out land mines.
- Pigs have a keen sense of smell and can trot, canter and run very fast.
- Although usually thought of as **dirty** the pig is actually a **clean** animal. They will go to the bathroom in one area of the cage and eat and sleep in a different area.
- Pigs can get SUNBURNED just like you and me. They use the mud to help shield their skin from the sun plus to keep cool in the summer since they have no sweat glands.
- Everything is used from the pig except the "oink." Glands, bones and blood are used for medicines. Skin is used for leather and also to cover human burn victims until their skin can grow. 60,000+ people are alive today because of a pig's heart valve.
- Pigs are classified as PIGS until they exceed 120 pounds, after that they are called HOGS.

OUR PIGS:

- Pot-Bellied Pigs: Smaller size, upright ears and straight tail. Polly is the white and black one.