

APPROVED PRACTICES FOR SWINE PRODUCTION

Select the approved practices from the list below which will be of benefit to your enterprise and record them on pages 3 and 4 in your Supervised Agriculture Experience Record Book. (This is only a general suggested list. Detail should be added to match your specific situation.)

1. Select animals which are alert and healthy
2. Choose long, thick, meaty animals
3. Prepare a well-ventilated shelter
4. Confine pigs for maximum growth
5. Use a covered self-feeder
6. Feed a high quality balanced ration
7. Keep a hurdle in the pen area
8. Maintain clean feeding and watering equipment
9. Provide plenty of clean, fresh water
10. Develop and implement a sound health plan
11. Control internal and external parasites
12. Vaccinate animals routinely at proper times
13. Train pigs for show
14. Clip and shave pigs for best appearance
15. Correctly fill out a show entry form
16. Properly wash a pig for show
17. Apply show oil or powder to make pig shine
18. Select a healthy boar of desirable conformation to mate with your sows
19. Observe for signs of heat if hand breeding
20. Prepare a clean, fresh farrowing area
21. Treat pig's navel with iodine at birth
22. Provide piglets with proper shots
23. Use farrowing crate for sows and gilts
24. Place sows and gilts in farrowing crates at least two days prior to farrowing
25. Provide creep area for piglets as soon after birth as possible
26. Use ear notches or other identification system
27. Remove needle teeth
28. Dock tails
29. Castrate young boar piglets
30. Cull any sows or gilts with problems
31. Keep accurate production records on herd
32. Track market trends and habits
33. Market pigs at optimum weight
34. Develop a private market for pig sales
35. Complete a registration application
36. Keep accurate enterprise records
37. Summarize and analyze records