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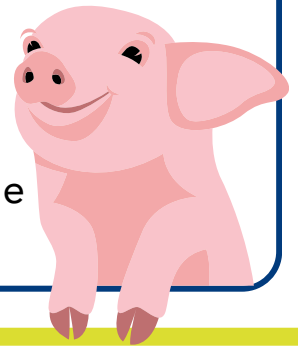
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SWINE

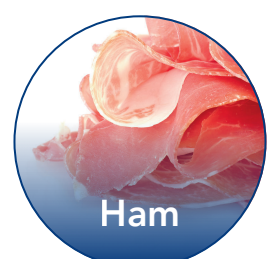
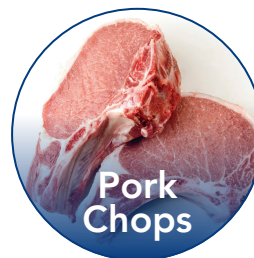
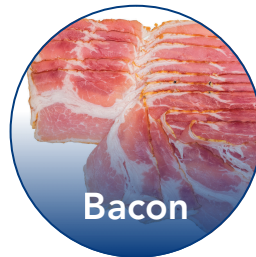
SWINE is another name for a pig. Pigs are one of the most helpful farm animals. They provide delicious foods like ham, bacon, sausage, and pork chops. They also help make medicines, medical supplies, and many other products we use every day.

Illinois is the 4th-largest pig-producing state in the nation. More than **2,100 Illinois farms** raise **over 5.25 million pigs** each year. Farmers work hard every day to keep their pigs healthy by providing fresh food, clean water, and comfortable places to live.



EVERYTHING BUT THE OINK

There are over 185 products that come from pork!





MEET AN ILLINOIS PORK PRODUCER

Meet the Stitzel family! Darrell and Laurie are third-generation hog farmers from rural Shannon, IL. They say they raise pigs because they love to work with animals and giving them the care they need to thrive!

FARROW TO FINISH

Pigs are usually raised in groups. Their journey from birth to market is called "farrow to finish." Farmers provide healthy food, fresh water, clean barns, and daily care every step of the way. This helps keep the pigs, farmers, and consumers healthy and safe.



FARROWING

A Farrowing Barn is where piglets are born. A sow is put into a farrowing stall to prevent lying down on her piglets while still being able to nurse them.



NURSERY

After 21 days the piglets weigh around 13-15 pounds and weaned from the sow and moved to the nursery. Here, they are fed a starter diet until they reach around 50-60 pounds.



FINISHING

After 6-8 weeks in the nursery, the pigs are moved to the finishing barn. For the next 16-18 weeks they will continue to eat grains like corn and soybeans until they reach market weight.

PORK WORD SEARCH

Look for the words in the list. When you find one, mark it by circling or highlighting it. Words can go up, down, sideways, or backwards.

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PORK CHOP
SOW

BACON
BOAR

HAM
GILT

SAUSAGE
BARROW

