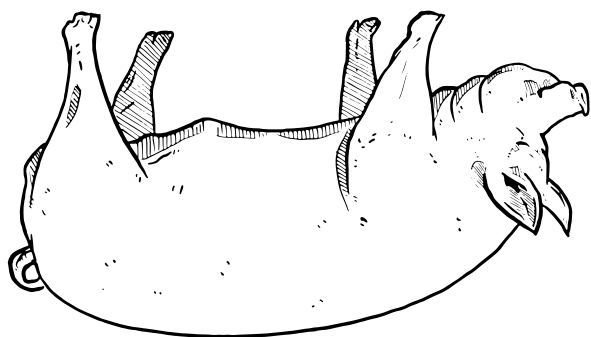
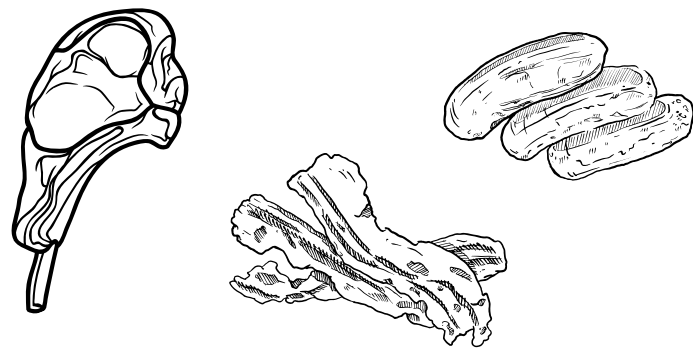




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# PIGS & PORK

## PORK PRIMARY

Farmers raise pigs for their meat. The meat we get from pigs is called pork. Pork is packed full of nutrients like protein and zinc. Pork is also packed full of B-vitamins like these:

- B1** helps with growth and function of cells.
- B3** helps turn food into energy.
- B6 & B12** help maintain brain functioning.

There are over 2,000 farms in Illinois that raise pigs!

Pigs farmers do their best to raise healthy pigs while doing their best to protect the environment.

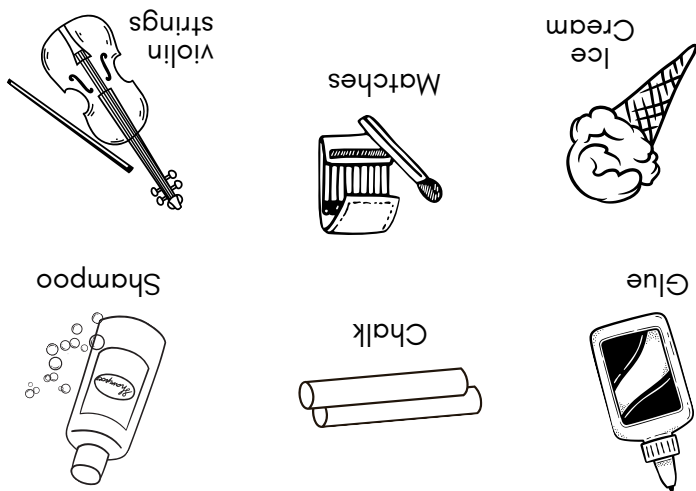
There are many different breeds of pigs. Just like dog breeds, pig breeds also have different qualities and characteristics. Farmers choose which breed to raise based on those characteristics.

The top four breeds of pigs raised in the United States are Yorkshire, Duroc, Berkshire, & Hampshire.

## EVERYTHING BUT THE OINK

The main reason we raise pigs is for their meat. But there are many other products that we can make from different parts of pigs. These are called by-products.

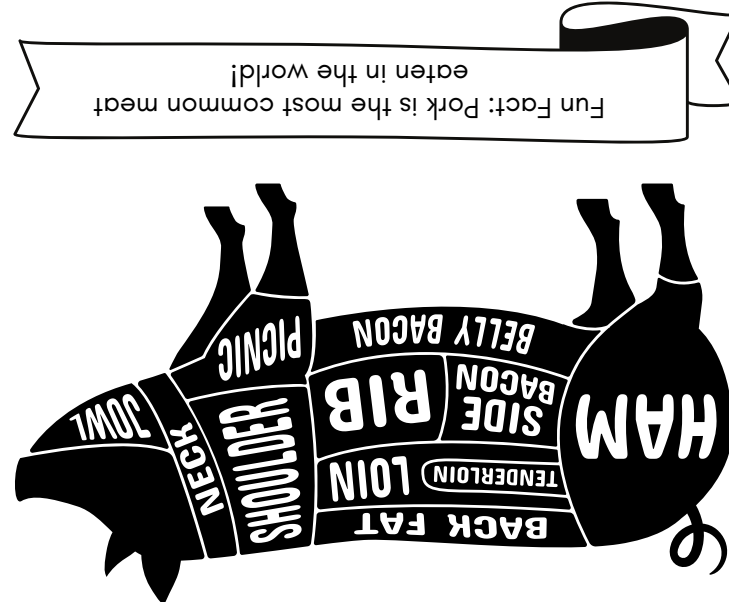
Circle all the pork by-products you have heard of!



## CUTS OF MEAT

Pigs provide many different cuts of meat depending on what part of the body the meat comes from.

How many ways have you enjoyed pork?



## READING COMPREHENSION

Circle the correct answer based on the information from the Pork Primary page.

- True or False: The meat we get from pigs is called poultry.
  - true
  - false
- What does Vitamin B3 do for your body?
  - helps with growth and function of cells
  - helps turn food into energy
- Which breed is one of the top four breeds of pigs raised in the United States?
  - Duroc
  - Hereford
- How do farmers choose what breed of pig to raise?
  - they like the color
  - they like the characteristics and qualities

## FROM FARROW...

Pigs live in barns to keep them safe from extreme weather. Another reason they live in barns is to keep them safe from harmful diseases. Farmers can keep pigs safe and comfortable by controlling the temperature and humidity levels inside the barn. Follow the hoof prints to see where they live throughout their lives!

### 1. FARROWING BARN

Piglets are born in the farrowing barn. Piglets weigh 2-3 pounds when they are born. They will stay in the farrowing barn for about 21 days until they weigh around 13-15 pounds.

### 2. NURSERY

Now that the piglets have moved to the nursery, they will have a different diet. The piglets will no longer drink milk from their mother and will instead eat a special mix of corn, soybeans, and supplements of vitamins and minerals. This special mix keeps the pigs healthy while they are growing. They will stay in the nursery for 6-8 weeks.

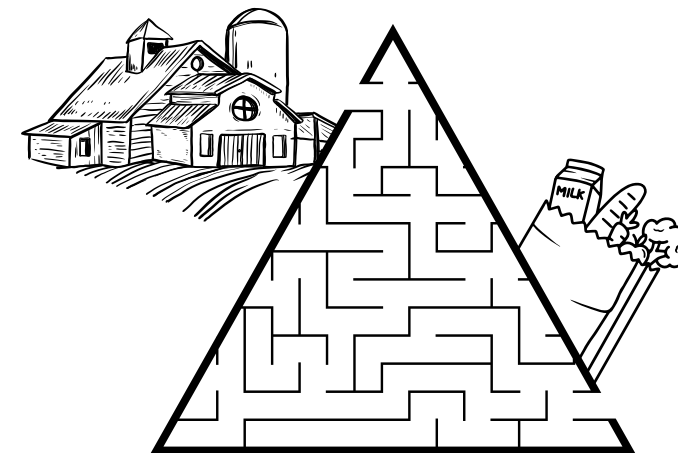
## ...TO FINISH

### 3. FINISHING BARN

The pigs are 50-60 pounds when they are moved to the finishing barn. They will stay here for the next 16-18 weeks until they reach 280 pounds and are ready for the market.

## MARKET MAZE

Complete the maze to help the pigs get to the market!



## PIG FEED ADDITION

Each pork picture has a value. Work out the total vertically and horizontally.

soybeans = 24, corn = 13, wheat = 5

18	=		+		=	_____
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