

Pigs, Pork, and Puzzles

Match the barn technology on the left with the correct season on the right.




Heaters	Year-round
Fans to keep fresh air to the pigs	Summer
Sprinklers	Winter

Did you know that barns keep pigs comfortable? In the winter, the barns are warm, and they are cool in the summer. The barns keep pigs safe from predators too.

Put these events in order, from first to last.

 At 6 months, pigs weigh approximately 250 pounds.

 At 4 weeks, pigs weigh 15-20 pounds.

 When they are born, piglets weigh 2-3 pounds.

 At 8 weeks, pigs weigh 40-60 pounds.

Pigs grow fast because they eat a good diet. For a pig to reach 250 pounds, it will eat 600 pounds of corn and 100 pounds of soybean meal. **That's a lot of grain!**

Match the traditional farm pictures on the left with the modern farm pictures on the right.



Families run today's hog farms.



Tractors and other equipment help farmers get more work done faster.



Pigs eat ground up corn and soybeans instead of table scraps.



In barns, farmers can protect pigs from hot and cold weather.

What's the one thing that hasn't changed from traditional to modern farms?

Pork production is a family affair. Although some hog farms are large, producers still care about their animals, the environment, and you! Farms are different now than they used to be, but the values are the same.

Pork Producers Care About the Environment

Farmers take good care of the land because they live there too. They want to make sure that the environment is better for future generations.

Draw a farm with trees and grass in the space below.

Everything But The Oink!

Pigs give us more than pork. These products are called by-products.

Circle these by-products in the puzzle below.

Crayons	Plastic	Buttons	Footballs
Matches	Chalk	Glass	Glue
	Cement	Rubber	

C	R	A	Y	O	N	S	P	F
I	B	U	T	T	O	N	S	O
G	S	C	E	M	E	N	T	O
G	I	H	V	E	U	S	M	T
P	L	A	S	T	I	C	G	B
A	N	L	Y	P	R	G	L	A
O	D	K	U	C	T	L	A	L
R	U	B	B	E	R	U	S	L
S	M	A	T	C	H	E	S	S

Now, write the letters that are left here for a special message:

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People Love Pork!

The United States is the second largest pork producing country in the world. Only China raises more hogs. It's the most widely eaten meat in the world.

Can you color the United States on this globe?



Pigtionary

Read the definitions below and count the syllables in each term.

Sow: adult, female pig

Syllables in sow: _____

Farrowing: giving birth to baby pigs

Syllables in farrowing: _____

Piglet: a small pig that is still nursing

Syllables in piglet: _____

Boar: adult, male pig

Syllables in boar: _____

Pork: the meat that comes from pigs

Syllables in pork: _____

Pork Producer: a person that provides you a safe, healthy product to eat

Syllables in pork producer: _____

