

# PORK PRODUCTION HOUSING STAGES

## Farrowing Barn:

Sows will spend about four weeks in the farrowing barn, beginning a few days prior to birthing. They remain in the farrowing barn while the young pigs nurse. The piglets will be weaned from the sows at about 21 days of age. The young pigs are transferred to either a nursery or a wean-to-finish barn. The sows are moved to the gestation barn.

## Gestation Barn:

Females are bred and spend their gestation period in a gestation barn. Gestation for a pig is 112 to 114 days.

## Nursery:

Newly weaned pigs are cared for in the nursery barn. They remain in the nursery for about eight weeks or when they reach about 50 pounds. The pigs are then transferred to a finishing barn.

## Finishing barn:

Pigs from the nursery will be transferred to the finishing barn where they will remain for 16 weeks and reach market weights of 260 to 270 pounds. From the finishing barn, the market weight pigs go to the processing plant.

## Wean-to-Finish Barn:

Wean-to-finish facilities combine the nursery and finishing barn into one building. Typically, pigs will be in this barn for 24 weeks and reach market weights of 260 to 270 pounds.



Gestation and Farrowing Barns



Finishing Barn



Wean-to-Finish Barn

