



DID YOU KNOW?



A mother pig is called a **sow**.



A father pig is called a **boar**.



A baby pig is called a **piglet**.



Farrow is the act of a sow giving birth to a piglet.



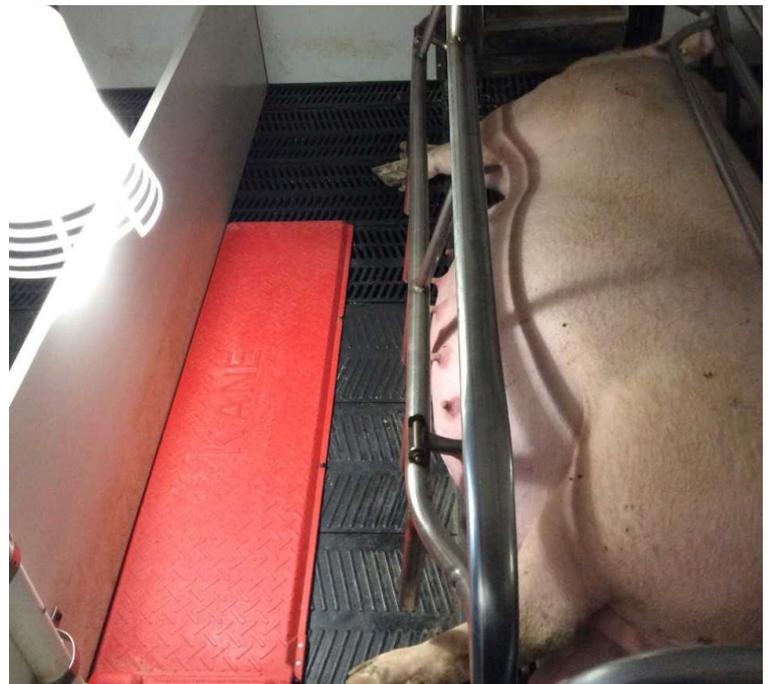
A family of piglets is called a **litter**.



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FARROWING CRATES

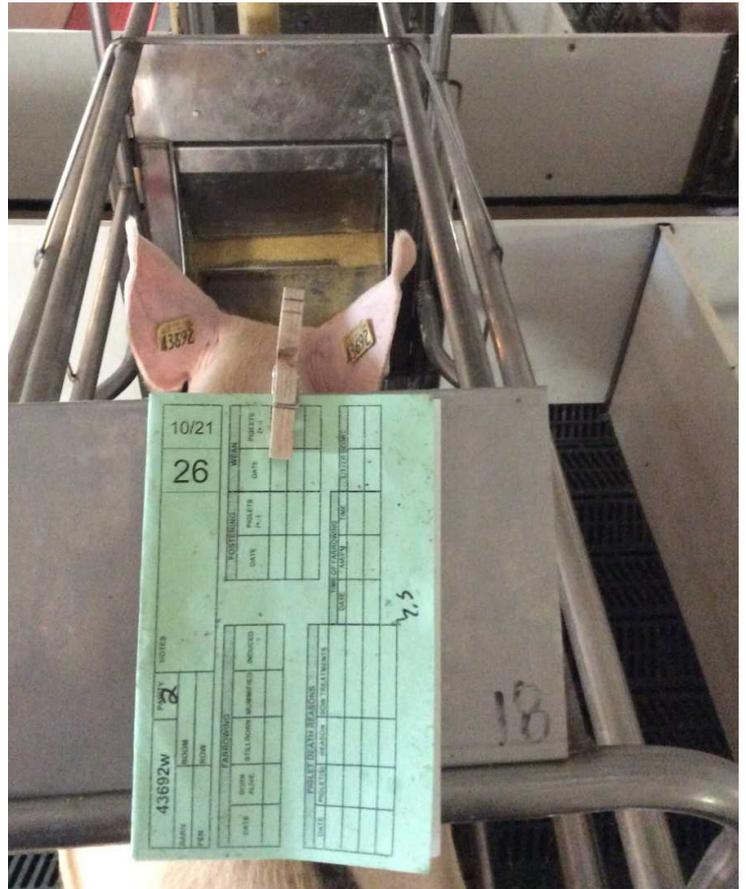
Farrowing crates are where all piglets are born, this is an image of one of our crates with a pregnant sow in it. In her crate, she has access to feed and constant water. There is a heat mat and heat lamp for her soon to arrive piglets. The crate is designed to give the sow adequate space to move but limit her ability to harm the piglets by laying on them. Her piglets have their own space where they can still nurse from their mother. This space also allows the piglets to lay down safely and out of the way.





SOW ID

Each sow has an identification number to help tell them apart. The sow also has an ID card with her corresponding number that lists her previous litter and current due date. This card stays with her wherever she is and it will move with her. We use it to keep accurate and up-to-date records throughout the barns.



THE DAY IN THE LIFE OF A FARMER

The picture above shows one of the employees assisting a sow with her farrowing. Just like doctors in a hospital, we can help a sow if her if a piglet gets stuck or to administer any medicine she may need. These employees spend their entire day watching sows that are giving birth and help any that are having difficulties. We even have an employee working at night, so our sows have 18 hour a day care.

FUN PIG FACTS

Sows eat up to 30 pounds of feed a day.

Sows are pregnant for 114 days, or 3 months, 3 weeks and 3 days.

A piglet can weigh about 2-3 pounds at birth.

A sow's litter can vary in size but an average litter is 12-14 piglets.

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