



Humane Farm Animal Care Animal Care Standards Fact Sheets Pigs

Housing Systems for Finishing Pigs

The Animal Care Standards include requirements relating to housing, space requirements, and bedding for pigs as they are raised to maturity.

Photos of different types of housing for growing pigs follow.



Outdoor operations like these provide the pigs with lots of space and rooting materials, but must contain wallows during hot months and adequate shade, since pigs are susceptible to sunburn.

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Pigs: Housing Systems (cont.)



This hoop building (pictured also below) allows lots of light and air movement, while protecting pigs from the elements. The floor is covered with a deep layer of sawdust, which provides a comfortable lying area and opportunities to root. These pigs are obviously used to human presence, with the producer inspecting each group of pigs several times a day.



Small groups of pigs (5-6) are kept in bedded pens with natural ventilation and daylight.



In this hoop building system, larger groups of pigs are housed (80-100). Both ends of the building are opened up to allow natural air flow, but either end can be closed, as in this photo, in inclement weather (wind, rain, snow) and at night to protect the pigs from predators.