

Flat Aggie ADVENTURES

Finishing Edition



DID YOU KNOW?



Finishing is the final stage in the life-cycle of a pig.



Market pigs live in a **finishing barn**.



A pig in the finishing barn is called a **finisher**.



A finisher's feed is stored in **feed bins**.



Market weight is the target weight in which a pig will be sold.



Finisher pigs will weigh **280 pounds** on average.

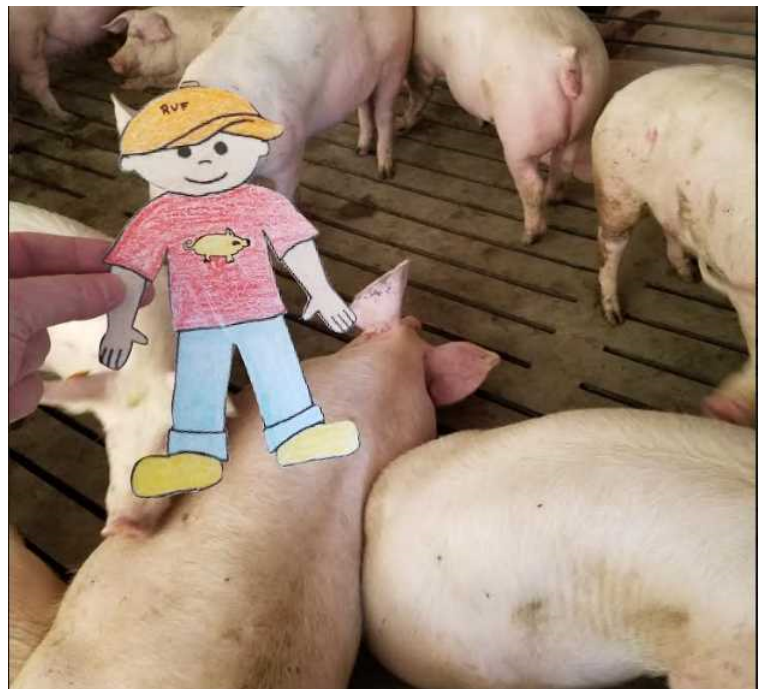
FINISHING BARN

Once piglets reach 50-60 pounds they transition to a finishing barn. A pig in this stage is called a finisher.

Pigs stay in the finishing barn for approximately 120 days or until they reach market weight.

Flat Aggie is introducing us to a few of our finisher pigs at market weight.

Pigs will reach an average market weight of 280 pounds.

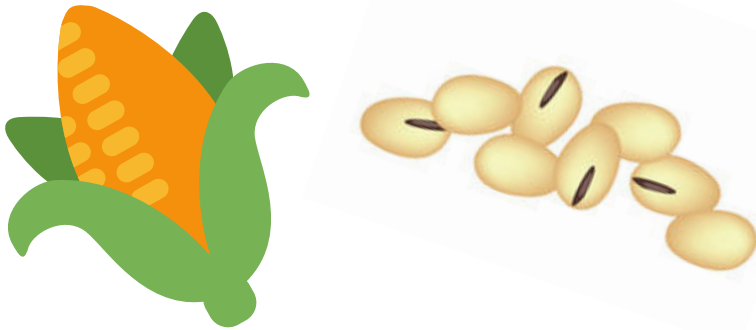


DAY IN THE LIFE...

Finishers have more space compared to nursery piglets which encourages them to move, play and grow.

The finishers are housed together in pens that hold between twenty and thirty animals.

Finishers have access to unlimited feed and water. Flat Aggie checks on the pigs and fills their feed when necessary.



Finisher pigs eat between six and ten pounds of feed (food for animals) per day. Their feed consists of corn and soybeans along with vitamins and minerals that are essential to healthy growth. The feed is delivered to the barns and supplied to the pigs from feed bins such as the one Flat Aggie is climbing. One bin can hold between nine and fifteen tons, that is 18,000 to 30,000 pounds!

FUN PIG FACTS

- China is the number one producer of pork.
- Pigs are raised in barns to help keep the animals clean, comfortable and safe.
- There are seven pigs to each Iowan. Iowa raises 40.5 million head of hogs.
- Pork is the most widely eaten meat in the world.

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JOKE OF THE DAY

What do you put on a pig's cut before adding a Band-Aid?

Answer: Oinkment



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