



DID YOU KNOW?



A nursery barn is the home to weaned piglets.



Piglets live in pen housing during the nursery and finishing phase.



Piglets eat from automatic feeders.



Piglets have unlimited access to water.



Feed mats are used in the beginning to help piglets adjust to solely eating feed.



At 50 lbs, the piglets will travel to a finishing barn.

NURSERY BARN

At three weeks old, weaned piglets head to a nursery barn. It is very important to make sure each animal has enough space to move and grow. In the nursery piglets start to consume hard feed instead of their mothers' milk.

Flat Aggie is grouping the piglets and checking to ensure that all are around the same size. This helps for individual space and food consumption. Piglets are in the nursery barn for 7 to 8 weeks or 50 pounds. After they leave the nursery, they then go to what's called a finisher.





HUNGRY PIGLETS

Flat Aggie is feeding the piglets on mats to encourage them to slow down and take their time and eat. The piglets are use to drinking milk from their mother and so the mat acts as a large plate. It also allows the piglets to practice sharing. We leave these mats in the pens for around 7 to 14 days.

After we remove the mats, from the pens the piglets start eating from a large feeder. This feeder holds enough feed throughout the day for all the animals.

As piglets grow it is really important that we make sure they are receiving enough daily nutrition.

FEED AND WATER AVAILABLE 24/7

Piglets have feed and water available with easy access 24 hours and 7 days a week. Flat Aggie also checks to see if the water is fresh and is set to the right pressure in order to keep the piglets hydrated.



FUN PIG FACTS

- Swine and hog are other names used for pigs.
- Pigs are the 4th smartest animal in the world.
- A pig can drink up to 6 gallons of water a day.
- Pigs live on all continents except Antarctica.
- Pigs do not shed their hair like cats and dogs.

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JOKE OF THE DAY

What do you call a pig who is always taking the basketball?

A BALL HOG