

CARING FROM DAY ONE

There are many different jobs on a farm. What is Jackie's job on this family-owned farm?

taking care of sows and baby pigs, working in a farrowing operation

Jackie loves taking care of her 'girls.' Who are Jackie's girls?

sows who have just given birth to baby pigs

The baby pigs stay with their mother in a farrowing stall. What is the purpose of a farrowing stall?

to protect the baby pigs from harm, to keep the mother pig in the center, to give babies room to run around

How does Jackie help the babies stay warm on day 1?

moves them under the heat lamps

How does she make sure the babies get nursed?

she makes sure they can get to the mother pig if they are off to the side of the farrowing stall

Q & A

What questions do you have about pigs? Here is one question with the answer.

Q: Are pigs all the same color? Or do they have different hair colors like humans?

A: Pigs have different color hair. Color is mostly related to the breed of the pig. There are several white breeds with completely white hair. There are some dark breeds with hair that is either bright or dark red, black, black with a white belt, or spotted. The Berkshire breed is black but appears to be wearing white stockings. And, the pig's hair is sometimes very coarse, while other pigs have somewhat finer hair, just like humans.

Write your own questions. Check online or go to the library and see if you can find the answer to your questions.

Q:

A:

Resource I used to get the answer: _____

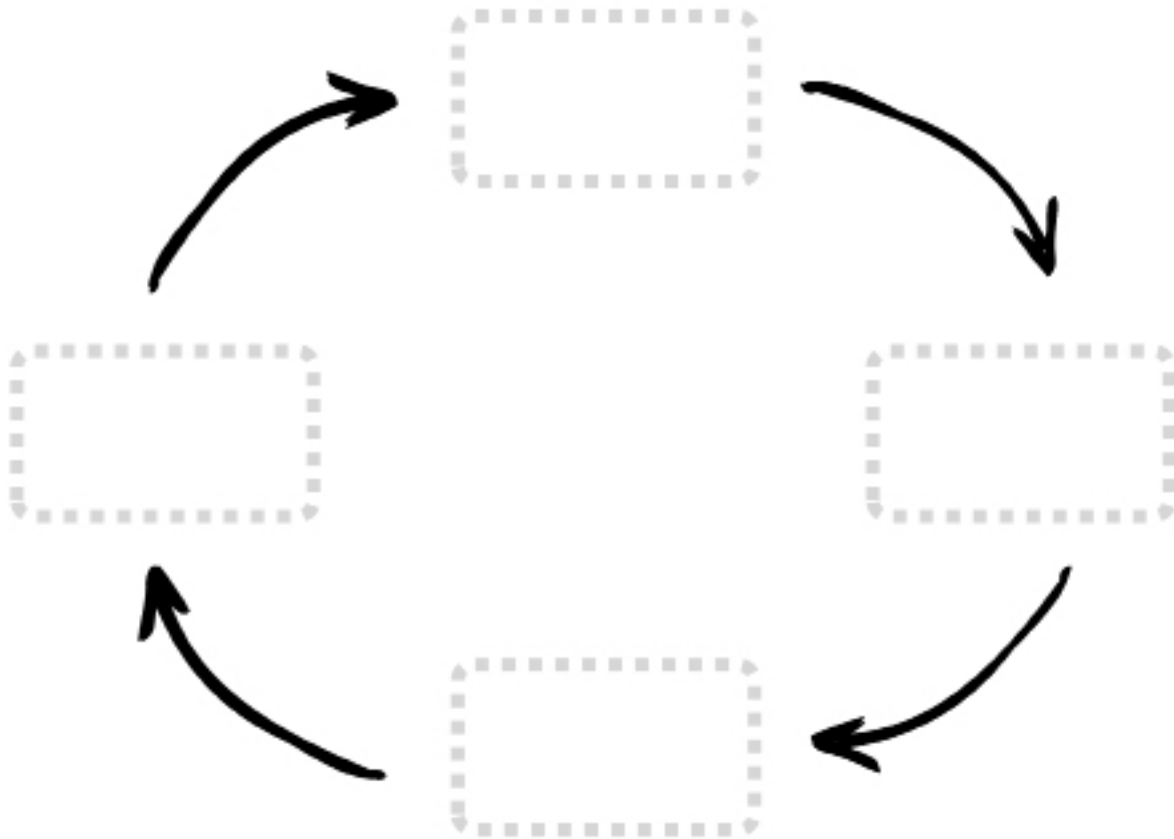
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LIFE-CYCLE OF A PIG

Cut out the pigs below and put them into the right order on this life-cycle chart.
Do you know the life cycle of some other animals?



PIGLET

- live birth;
- weighs about 3 pounds
- drinks milk from mother
- stays with mother 3 weeks (10–15 pounds)

NURSERY PIG

- moves to a nursery when it is 3 weeks old
- eats corn, wheat, soybeans
- stays 6 weeks (40–60 pounds)

FINISHING PIG

- moves to a finishing facility at 9–10 weeks
- continues to grow and gain weight
- stays 5–6 months (240 pounds)

HOG

- weighs from 240–280 pounds
- mature hogs can live 4–5 years

