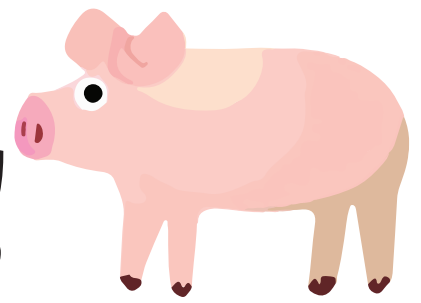


Prepare for Your Virtual Trip to an **Ohio Pig Farm!**



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Instructions: Prior to participating in your virtual trip to an Ohio pig farm, watch the “A Field Trip to Ohio Pig Farms and Farm Song” YouTube video provided to your classroom. Answer and discuss the questions below to prepare for your classroom’s virtual field trip.

Where are two areas of Ohio where pigs are raised? **Western Ohio and Central Ohio**

Where does Laura’s family keep their pigs? Why? **In barns. It helps them stay warm in the winter, cool in the summer and protects them from diseases and predators.**

What are mother pigs called? **Sows**

What is a group of baby pigs called? **A litter of piglets. There are about 12 piglets in every litter!**

How much do newborn pigs weigh when they are born? **2-3 pounds**

How often do piglets nurse? **At least once every hour.**

What do pigs eat for the first three weeks? **Their mother’s milk. Then they are weaned, which means they stop drinking milk and start eating solid pig feed.**

How much do pigs weigh at three weeks old? **15-20 pounds**

What ingredients are in solid pig feed? **Corn, soybean meal and other nutrients they need for healthy growth**

How much do pigs weigh at eight weeks old? **40-60 pounds**

How much do pigs weigh at six months old? **280 pounds**

What is one thing that has changed over time on pig farms? **Many pigs used to be raised outdoors, but now they are raised in barns to protect them and provide special care for them. The barns are temperature controlled, with misters in the barn to keep pigs cool in the summer and heaters to keep them warm in the winter. Special pens keep the pigs safe and allow for special care. Pigs move to different barns throughout their time on the farm as they grow.**

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