

Food Labeling Program Standards for Pigs

Animal Welfare Standard	Industry Guideline	USDA Certified Organic Program	Certified Humane Program	American Humane Certified Program	Animal Welfare Approved Program
Antibiotics	Permitted	Prohibited	Permitted only for disease treatment	Permitted only for disease treatment	Permitted only for disease treatment
Ammonia Levels	Should not exceed 50 ppm	Shelter designed for ventilation & air circulation	Not to exceed 25 ppm; should be less than 10 ppm	Not to exceed 25 ppm	Nothing specified.
Access to Outdoors	Not required	Required	Not required	Not required	Required
Tethers/ Gestation Crates/ Farrowing Crates	Permitted	Exercise and freedom of movement required	Prohibited, except turn-around type farrowing pens allowed (must be at least 6x8)	Prohibited, except turn-around type farrowing pens (min. 5x7) & gestation pens (min. 20 sq ft) first 35 days allowed	All prohibited including turn-around farrowing crates
Bedding	Not required	Clean, dry bedding required	Required for housing indoors & outdoors	Recommended but not required	Required for housing indoors & outdoors
Slatted, Wire Floors	Permitted	Not addressed	Prohibited	Slatted floors permitted	Prohibited
Indoor Lighting	Subdued artificial light allowed	Access to direct sunlight required	Artificial light allowed	Artificial light allowed	Buildings must let in sunlight. Artificial light max 16 hrs
Feed Restriction for Sows/Boars	Daily feed recommended but controlling the amount encouraged	Not addressed; animals must be provided "a total feed ration"	Permitted but dietary or environmental supplements must be provided	Swine must have access to food each day unless withheld on advice of a veterinarian	Nothing specified.
Minimum Weaning Age	No limit	Not addressed	4 weeks	3 weeks	6 weeks
Tail Docking	Permitted	Tail docking and other alterations permitted	Must not be done routinely; permitted only by vet rec. and review by HFAC	Permitted until info on prevention of tail biting is available	Prohibited