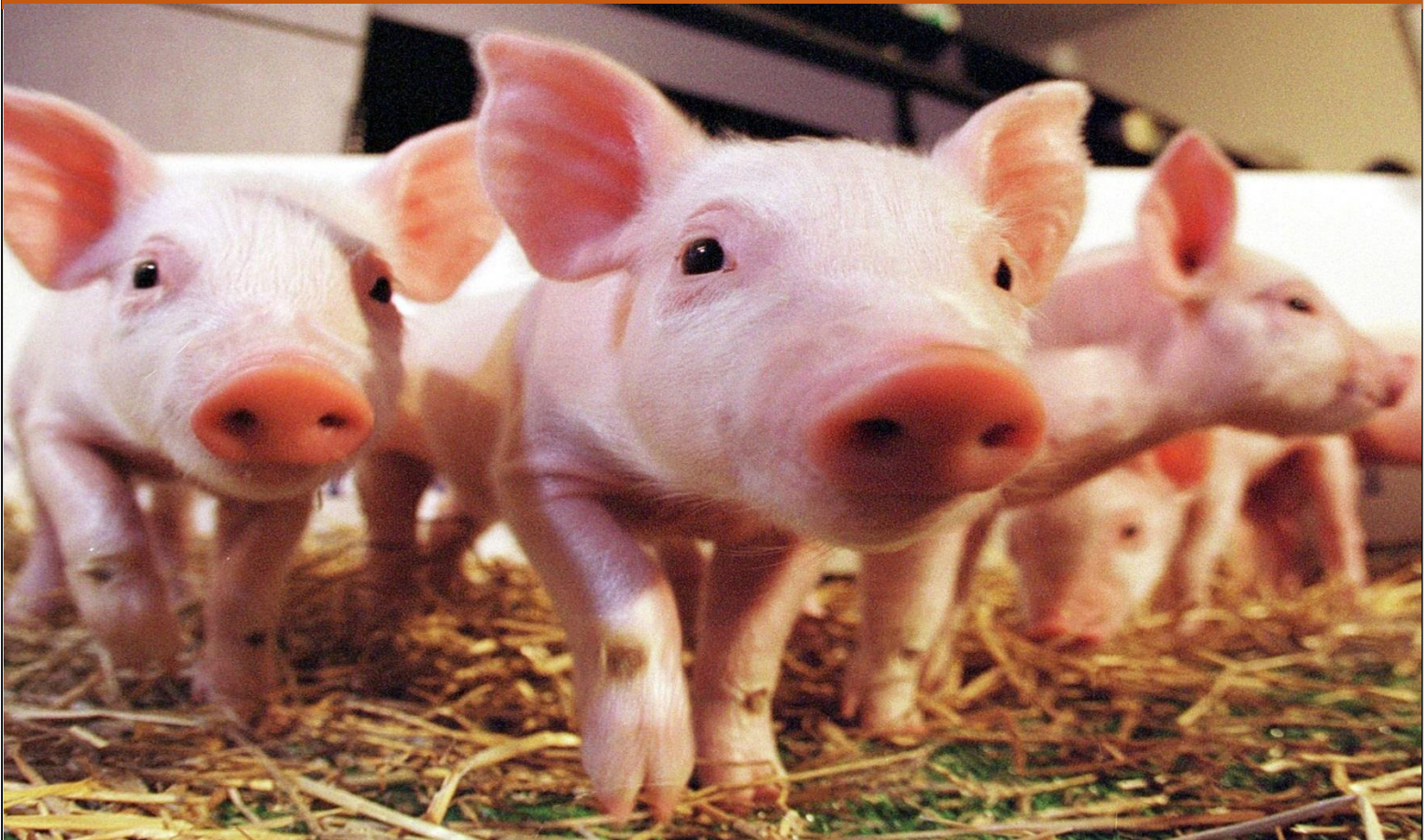


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As more and more Nigerians are becoming aware of the importance of becoming a business owner, more and more people are paying attention into **agriculture** and agribusiness, so there are more people interested in **pig farming in Nigeria** than ever before.

On this website, we have discussed **how you can start poultry farming** and **how to start snail farming**.

You can as well find our tutorial about **fish farming here**.

Today, we`ll be sharing with you **how to start a profitable pig farming in Nigeria**.

If after reading you find it interesting, you can attend our one-one-one pig farming practical training.

Yes, we have associates` pig farms in more than 3 state in Nigeria.

If you want to see (practically) how to start and run a successful pig farm and learn from our one-on-one, practical, on the farm pig farming training, [click here](#).

This tutorial will have three sections.

In section one, I`ll introduce you to the world of pigs and piggery

Section two will analyze step by step what you have to do to start a successful pig farming business.

I will round off with some piggery terms and advice in the third section.

Can we start now?

Thank you.

Pig Farming in Nigeria; Introduction

What is pig farming?

Pig farming is raising and breeding of domestic pigs. It`s a branch of animal husbandry.

Pig is any of the animals in the genus *Sus*, within the *suidae* family of even-toed ungulates.

Pigs include the domestic pig and its ancestor, the common Eurasian wild boar (*Susscrofa*) along with other species; related creatures outside the genus include babirusa and the warthog.

Pig is a native of Eurasian and African continent (yes, our continent)

The juvenile pig (child-pig) is known as piglets.

A place where pigs are raised is known as piggery.

A normal pig will have a big head with a long snout which is strengthened by a special prenasal bone and by a disk of cartilage at the tip.

This snout is what pig use to dig into the soil to find food and is a very acute sense organ.

Pig is very popular as there are around 1 billion pig around the world at any given time.

(Now you can see how popular pig farming is, even in Nigeria)

Pigs are raised primarily for food (e.g. pork, bacon, gammon) and sometimes for their skin.

This is not to say that pig can be reared everywhere.

Pig farming is a taboo in some places i.e. Northern Nigeria, because of their religious belief against pigs, so you may not consider marketing your pigs in the northern Nigeria.

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Different Pig Breeds / Species

There are hundreds species of pig which include American Yorkshire, Aksai Black pied, Angeln Saddleback, Beijing Black, Bangur, Bisaro, Berkshire, wild boar, bearded pigs, and warty pigs.

These species are more common in certain geographical locations than others.

Now, I'm going to the section two of this tutorial.

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8 Steps to starting pig farming in Nigeria

1. Determine the size of your intending pig farming business.

Just like every other thing, the planned size of your pig farm will determine every other decision, the pig pen (housing), the feeding, the labour, even the target market.

For instance If your plan is to have a little pig farm, you may want to use somewhere at your backyard as their pen (house).

This will not be possible with a large scale piggery business in mind.

2. Research pig market in your area.

So many dumb people in the business world work hard to create products, then, start looking around for the market (buyers).

That`s a big error.

I know you`re not dumb.

The smartest thing a business minded person will do is to understand the market and market forces ... even before venturing into any business.

Let me explain.

As you're planning to start a pig farming business in Nigeria (or elsewhere in Africa), you have to consider the marketing part of your intending business

Your first assignment is to answer the question; **who and who around here will buy my pigs?**

Do they buy them alive or as pork?

What are the forces that determine the market demand?

Do people eat more pork at certain time?

Are there taboo or religious beliefs against pork around here?

Who are the market players now? Is there available space in your market no one is serving yet?

All of this is called **marketing research**.

It's a basic step top every entrepreneurial trip... and must never be neglected, even in the pig business.

3. Building your pen (pig house)

When talking about **fish farming**, I shared with you that the quality of water a fish is living in determines the quality of its health.

That's no where peculiar to fish. It's about **chicken**, pigs and even you, as human being.

Pig's pen is an area you have to pay attention to.

Your pen has to be spacious and as neat as possible (in order to avoid insects and diseases).

To start on a medium scale commercially level, you may consider half or a plot of land.

Pigs will naturally love their pen (house) to be divided into four areas: where they eat, where they sleep/lie (they love to sleep near each other), where they urinate/defecate (they naturally choose this themselves) and the remainder part of the pen is used to travel from one point to another, to exercise and entertain themselves.

Pigs love to congregate together, so if half a plot accommodates certain number of pigs (depending on their sizes), don't expect that a plot of land will naturally accommodate multiply by two of what half plot accommodates... it will accommodate more... because they love to lie and be around each other, so the more pigs, the less space... to an extent.

The best practice when constructing your pen is to make it square, not rectangular.

Though rectangular pen can be used, it's not going to give you the best in your pigs' management.

It's as well advisable to let the floor of your pen drain very well and not be clay or poorly draining floor.

This is because pigs have pointy hooves that bear much weight.

A clay soil may not cause much problem in the dry environment, but can quickly make life tough for your pigs when the environment is wet because it can cause injury, feed wastage and can contribute to illness.

Should you consider concrete pens?

Concrete pens could be used for pig farming in Nigeria.

Concrete pens are good because they alleviate the problem of mud/footing that can be caused by the clay or web floor, but also present their own problems... they hold heat during hot months and could result in joint injuries and illness.

Finally, when constructing pens in your piggery, you have to assume they are all big... market size NOW.

This is important because, when the pen is too big, more pigs can be added to the pen, but what happens when the pigs in your farm are too much than the pen?

How easy it is to break down your pen and reconstruct another one?

What some pig farmers will do is to keep their pigs in such an uncondusive environment, so making them sickly and dying... affecting the overall pig farm success.

4. Getting healthy piglets (pig-children) for your pig farming in Nigeria

What will you consider before adopting a child?

Her health, her history, etc.

When planning to get your piglets, make sure you find out the best sources around you.

Your piglet must be healthy and a few history about their parents may be of good help.

Just like human, piglets are likely to take some of the traits of their parents, sickness, the number of children they bear, etc.

You also need to be sure that they have been given the appropriate vaccines.

5. Pig feed; how pigs eat in the pig farm.



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When it comes to how much human beings eat, it's vary, depending on many factors... your age, your sex, the nature of your work or whether you exercise or not.

So it is with your piglets and pigs.

Some people suggest feeding your pigs twice in a day. While this may be a good standard, other factors have to be considered.

The age of your pig or piglet, the breed (specie) of your pig, amount of grass they have access to and other wild food (such as acorns) available, weather, how warm their bedding is and how much exercise they are getting.

Now, you can see how the rate and quantity of food pigs eat can vary.

But as a matter of supposition, piglets can be expected to eat 1lb of pig pellets per day for every month of their age, 2lb of pig pellets at two months, 3 lb. of pellets at three months, 4lb at four months,

Then after four months, 4lb a day should be sufficient.

Young pigs need a diet high in amino acids so that they can grow proportionately more muscle tissue, so there should be more lysine in feed for younger pigs.

After three months, young pigs could be put into adult food that will have lower levels of protein.

Too much lysine in the diet can be detrimental to growth in heavier female pigs.

Aside from concentrates (the feed you buy), you can offer your pigs other foodstuffs like grass, fruit, vegetable and other human food they eat (please, be sure they eat certain food before you`ll give them, so as not to hinder their growth... especially when they are very young)

6. Pig diseases and the solution.

Animals get sick, just as human do. The difference is that, you may not easily know when the pigs in your farm are getting sick, except you pay attention.

Since every sickness starts with symptom, you will be good to have an experience person near you... such as a veterinary doctor.

You will be able to contact him/her at any time and say, “my pigs are looking this way”, “my pigs are not eating”, “my pigs` skin is too reddish” etc.

Aside from sickness, you will need the service of a veterinary to give appropriate vaccine whenever necessary.

Below are some of the diseases piglets, hog and pigs may encounter:

- **Mulberry Heart Disease (vitamin E deficiency).** Though vitamin E is widespread in feed stuffs including vegetable oil, cereals and green plants, the usual problem with Mulberry Heart Disease occurs when farmers use some polyunsaturated fats diets which destroys the vitamins. Vitamin E is very important for optimum function and metabolism of the nervous, muscular, circulatory and immune system.
- **Abscesses:** this is the pockets of pus that contain large numbers of bacteria which enter the body through damage to the skin.
- **The Bacterium Actinobacillus Pleuropneumoniae (APP).** Never mind if your teeth cannot pronounce any of these terms very well, your veterinary doctor understand better.

The truth is, there are tens and more diseases that can attack the herd (a group of pigs) or individual pig and you as a Nigerian pig farmer has to be prepared.

Mycotoxicosis, Agalactia, Navel Bleeding, Endometritis, Retroviruses, Erysipelas, Anaemia, Anthrax, Arthritis (joint infections), Oedema Disease, Atrophic Rhinitis (AR), Osteoporosis, Biotin Deficiency, Penis Bleeding, Brucellosis, Cystic Ovaries, Rabies, Peritonitis, Botulism, Pale pig syndrome, Blue Eye Disease, and probably 100 more.

I never intend to disturb you with all these jargons. I never intend to scare you away from pig farming either.

The truth is, many of the diseases above may just be what we should have called “headache” or “stomachache”.

Don` t be wary of their big names. Your veterinary doctor (or even an experienced pig farmer) will not see them as a threat.

All you will have to master is how to discover their symptoms.

A single phone call to a friend (or veterinary doctor) can cure them. Your friend may just have to tell you, “use this antibiotic for them”.

I nearly forget this.

As a pig farmer in Nigeria or anywhere else, you may have to have a little, special pen for the sick pigs or piglets.

I'm sure you know why... some diseases are contagious.

7. **Best way to start a pig farming business in Nigeria.**

As most things, walking slowly is the best strategy on the road you're not familiar with. If you've never rear pigs before, be sure there are many things you don't know about them and their way of life, their sicknesses and their growth rate.

"Start small" maybe the best advice I need to give you... especially when you don't know anything about pig farming and you don't have a partner who do.

8. **Some pig farming terminologies you may want to know**

Since you're new in this business, you may soon be near some people who have been in this business for a long time. They may not be aware of your newness in this line.

I think you should be aware of the following pig farming terminologies:

- **Pig, hog or swine:** the species as a whole
- **Piglet or Shoat:** unweaned young pig
- **Boar or hog:** male pig of breeding age
- **Barrow:** castrated male pig before puberty
- **Stag:** male pig, castrated later in life
- **Gilt:** young female not yet mated, or not yet farrowed
- **Sow:** breeding female
- **Pork:** the meat of the pig
- **Herd:** a group of pigs or all the pigs on a farm
- **Farrowing:** when pigs are giving birth
- **Sty:** a small pig-house
- **Pig-shed:** a larger pig-house

My final words:

Now, you will need to visit a nearby pig farm and see for yourself how all these work out in the practical world.

Visit those piggeries and ask questions about the pig feed, sickness etc.

If you truly wish to start your own pig farming in Nigeria, you will find it interesting to be in one of our associates pig farms that`s near to you.

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