

How Much Do Pigs Eat?

FACTSHEET



Pig weight / age	Feed Requirement per day/per pig	Protein Content of Feed
Gilts	After six months of age feed to 2-3 % body weight per day. A 170 kg gilt requires 4.25 kg (170 x 2.5%) per day	15-16% protein
Gestating Sows	Feed to 1.5% of body weight per day. A 200 kg sow requires 3 kg of feed/day.	13% protein
Lactating Sows	Feed to 2.0% of body weight per day plus 0.5 kg for each piglet nursing. A 200 kg sow with 5 nursing piglets requires (4 + 2.5) 6.5 kg of feed/day.	15-16% protein
Boars	Feed to 2.0 % of body weight per day. A 300 kg sow requires 6 kg of feed/day.	13% protein
18kg (40lbs) pig (8 weeks of age)	0.7 - 0.9kg (1.5 – 2 lbs)	18% protein
35kg (75 lbs) (12 weeks of age)	1.1 – 1.35kg (2.5-3 lbs)	16% protein
55 – 60kg (125 lbs) (16 weeks of age)	1.8 – 2.3kg (4- 5 lbs)	16% protein
80kg (175 lbs)	1.8 – 2.3kg (4- 5 lbs)	15% protein
110 – 115kg (250lbs)	Gradually increase feed so pigs are getting 2.7 – 3.2kg (6-7 lbs) per day	14-15% protein

OUTDOOR PRODUCTION

Pigs raised outdoors require more feed to maintain their body temperature than pigs raised indoors, particularly in colder weather.