



Spring Babies: Piglets

Make a fun snack and learn how pig farmers care for piglets.



Many farm animal babies are born the spring. Because of the warmer weather it's a good time to raise healthy babies. Baby pigs, or **piglets**, are born in **farrowing barns**. A mother pig, or **sow**, has 8 – 15 piglets at one time! Most sows give birth to two **litters**, or groups of piglets, each year. Each piglet weighs around two pounds at birth. The piglets live with their mother in the farrowing barn for about 4 weeks. During this time, their only food is milk from their mother. After four weeks, the piglets leave the sow and are moved to the **nursery barn**. Here they eat food made from corn and soybeans. They are watched carefully to make sure they regularly eat and drink water. The temperature of the nursery barn is closely monitored. Pig farmers carefully watch the growth and development of each piglet. After about four weeks in the nursery barn, the piglets are moved to the **finishing barn** where they will live for the next 4 – 8 months.

To watch a video showing piglets in the farrowing barn click [here](#).

<https://tinyurl.com/3kw858el>

To watch a video showing piglets in the nursery barn click [here](#).

<https://tinyurl.com/i9t2hktd>

To read a book about 8-year-old Caeden and his family's pig farm click [here](#).

<https://tinyurl.com/iwcmxyhn>

To read more about pig farming click [here](#).

<https://tinyurl.com/porkfacts>

Perky Pink Piglet

1. For the **face**, use half of a **bagel** or **English muffin**.
2. Spread pink **strawberry cream cheese** on the bagel.
3. For the **nose**, use a **banana slice**.
4. For the **ears**, use a **strawberry** cut in half.
5. For the **eyes** use **blueberries**, **raisins**, or **chocolate chips**.
6. For the **mouth**, use a piece of **licorice** or **string cheese**.
7. Enjoy!



Tasty!



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