

Pork

Fast Facts

- A pig's **snout** is an **important tool** for finding food in the ground and sensing the world around them.
- Pigs have **sharp tusks** that help them dig and fight.
- Wisconsin pork producers raise **305,000** pigs each year.

What are they called?

Pigs are also known as **hogs** or **swine**. Male pigs of any age are called **boars**; female pigs are called **sows**.

Pigs are found and raised **all over the world**. Pigs that live in **wild** eat a variety of things including, leaves, roots, fruit, rodents and small reptiles. While **farm-raised pigs** in the United States eat diets consisting of mostly corn.

More than Meat

Most pigs raised in the United States are classified as **meat-type pigs** because they produce more meat than lard. However, the lard pigs produce can also be used in cooking.

Pigs provide **valuable products to humans**, including pork, lard, leather, glue, fertilizer and a variety of medicines.

Nutrition: A 3-ounce serving of pork tenderloin is a great source of **protein, thiamin, vitamin B6, phosphorous** and **niacin**. Many cuts of pork are very **lean**, which means less fat and calories.

Breeds

There are **many different breeds** of pigs. The most popular breed of pigs in the United States is **Yorkshire**. Yorkshires are white in color and have erect ears. The modern Yorkshire is very muscular with lean meat as well as sound and durable.

The most **popular breeds** include: Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, Poland China and Yorkshire

