




# Flat Aggie ADVENTURES

## Reproduction Edition



## DID YOU KNOW?

-  Gilt is a young female pig.
-  Boar is a male pig used for breeding.
-  Sow is an adult female pig.
-  Pigs that are kept to grow the herd are called **breeding stock**.
-  Barrow is a male pig not used for breeding.
-  **Breeding** is the production of offspring by animals.

## GILTS

A gilt is a young female pig that will soon have her first litter of piglets. Flat Aggie is moving a gilt down the hallway towards her farrowing room. We know from edition one that a farrowing room is where pigs birth the piglets.

Flat Aggie showed us other young gilts last month in the finisher edition. After gilts leave the finisher, they re-enter our barn by temporarily staying in an isolation pen for two weeks. This helps us to ensure they are healthy before joining the rest of the herd.





Boar

## SOWS

A sow is an adult female pig that has had one or more litter of piglets. Flat Aggie is transporting one of our older sows below to a farrowing room. She has had three litters so far and is getting ready to have her fourth!

When she came in as a gilt, she weighed about 250 pounds, after her first litter she became a sow. She now weighs 400 pounds.

A sow is pregnant for three months, three weeks and three days or 114 days.



Sow

## BOARS

A male pig used for breeding is called a boar. Flat Aggie is introducing us to one of the farm's boars above. Boars come into our barn weighing about 250 pounds but can grow up to be 450-500 pounds.

On our farm the boars main job is to help us see which females are ready to be bred again, we call this "heat checking".

## FUN PIG FACTS

- Paint brush bristles may come from pig hair.
- Ham comes from pork.
- Drum heads are made from pig hide.

## JOKE OF THE DAY

What do pigs drive?

Pig-up-trucks

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