

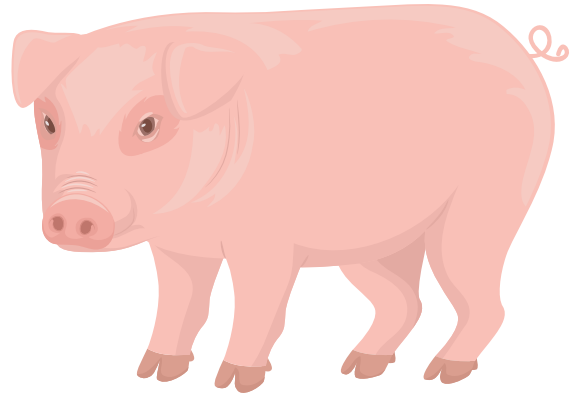
# All About Pigs

Meat from Pigs is called Pork.

*Ham is  
Pork!*

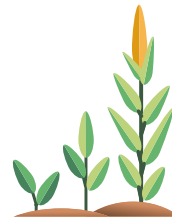
## SIZE

When a baby pig is born, it weighs between 3-5 pounds. In about 6 months, full grown pigs will weigh around 280 pounds when they go to market. Boars and sows can weigh up to 400-650 pounds!



## FOOD

Pigs eat a mixture of corn, soybeans, wheat, vitamins, minerals, and other proteins.



## FUN FACTS

- 115 Million pigs are sent to market each year in the US.
- A sow gives birth to 12-14 piglets in one litter.
- Biosecurity is a procedure that farmers follow to keep pigs healthy.

## PIG FAMILIES

- **Sows** are female pigs that have had babies.
- **Gilts** are female pigs that have not had babies.
- **Boars** can get a sow pregnant.
- **Barrows** cannot get a sow pregnant.

# BREEDS OF PORK

## Top 3 Breeds in the US

1

**YORKSHIRE:**

*Found in almost every state, white in color with perky ears, known for muscle, with a high proportion of lean meat and low backfat.*

2

**Duroc:**

*Red in color with droopy ears, known for product quality, carcass yield, fast growth and lean-gain efficiency, also make great females for breeding.*

3

**BERKSHIRE:**

*Black in color with white on its feet/legs, tail, and nose, known for fast and efficient growth, reproductive efficiency, cleanness and meat flavor and value.*

## Match each word box to the correct picture

*Found in almost every state*

*Black with 6 white points*

*Red with droopy ears*

*White with perky ears*



*Known for muscle with lean meat and low fat*

*Known for fast growth and high quality females*

*Known for fast growth, cleanness, and meat flavor*

# PLACES A PIG WILL LIVE

There are three different places a pig will live before it goes to market. Look at the images, and complete the word search that has words all about the places a pig will live.



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Barrow

Boar

Feed

Gilt

Market

SixWeeks

Water

Big

Chores

Finisher

Grow

Nursery

Sow

Birth

Farm

FourMonths

Little

Piglet

ThreeWeeks

# CARING FOR PIGS

Draw lines to connect the question to the correct answer.

2 Times a Day



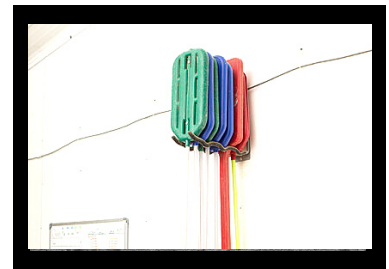
Each time they ensure every animal is healthy and has proper feed and water.

115 Million



These pigs are raised by more than 60,000 producers!

Rattle Paddles




When moving and handling pigs, the farmers will guide the hogs using these.


Biosecurity




This means living and working safely around animals so that both the people and animals stay healthy.

What is the procedure  
that farmers follow to  
ensure the health of their   
pigs?

What tool do farmers  
use to move their pigs  
in and out of the  
barn?

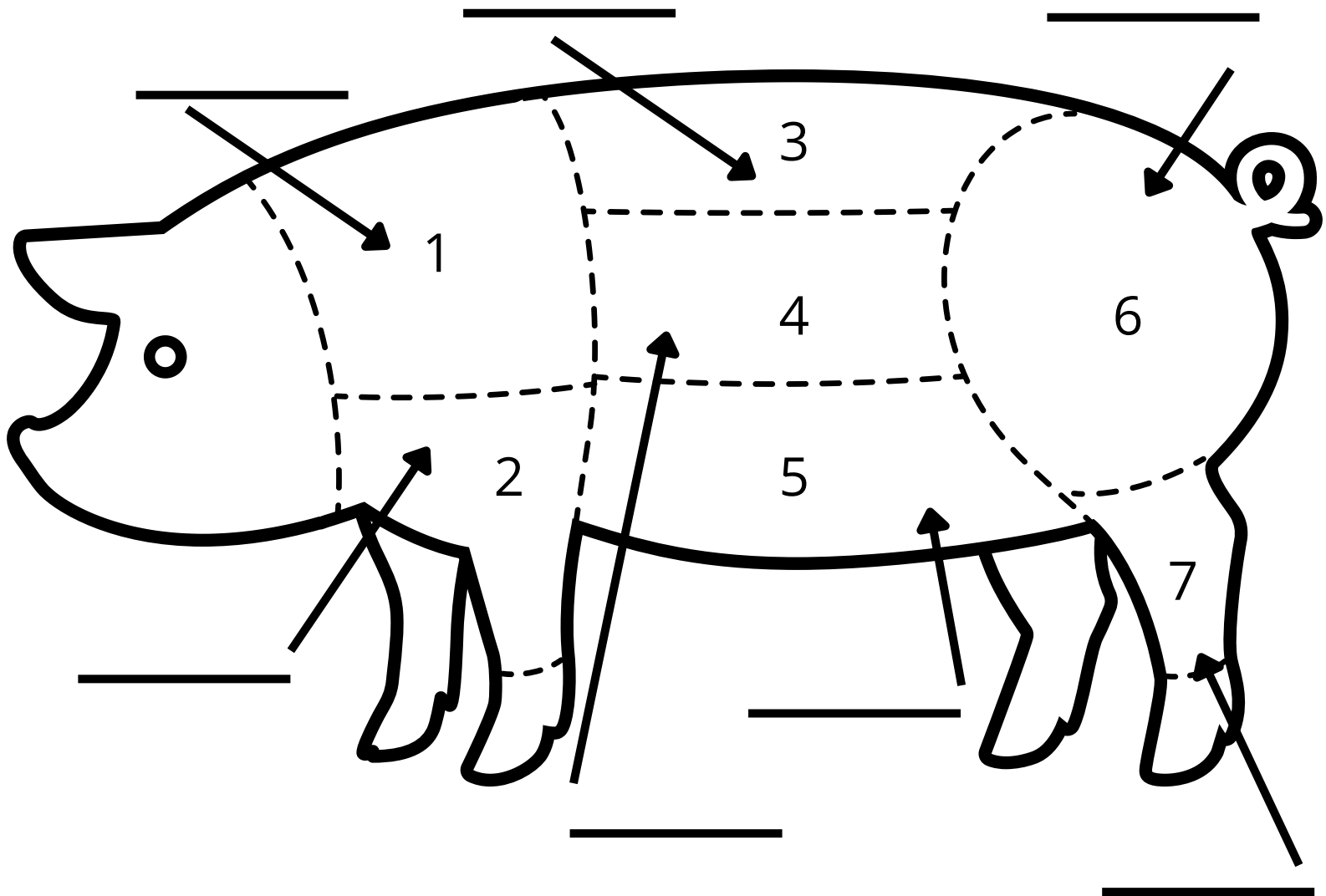
 How often will a pig  
farmer do chores?

About how many pigs  
are sent to market  
each year in the United  
States? 



# CUTS OF PORK

**Color** the cuts of pork by number and  
**Write** the name of each in the correct part.



- |                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Boston Shoulder: Blue | 5. Belly: Purple |
| 2. Picnic: Yellow        | 6. Ham: Orange   |
| 3. Loin: Green           | 7. Hock: Red     |
| 4. Ribs: Pink            |                  |



# Careers in the PORK INDUSTRY

**Growing nutritious and delicious pork takes many people doing a variety of jobs.**

- An **accountant** is someone who keeps track of money. They do a lot of math, while tracking income and expenses.
- **Pig farmers** are in charge of the daily care of the animals. They make sure all the pigs are healthy, and have the right amounts of food and water.
- **Truck Drivers** transport the pigs from barn to barn and to market when they are fully grown.
- A **nutritionist** helps decide what the pigs should eat. They make ensure the dietary needs of the pigs are met by formulating a ration with the proper protein, vitamins, and minerals.
- A **veterinarian** is a doctor for the pigs. They will preform routine check-ups, give shots, monitor pregnancies in sows, and run tests to determine if the pigs are sick.
- A **meat inspector** looks over every piece of meat at a packing plant before it can be sold to people. They make sure it is safe and follows regulations and standards.

Unscramble the word and match the job to the picture that matches the description above.  
Hint: Not all of the jobs will have a picture.

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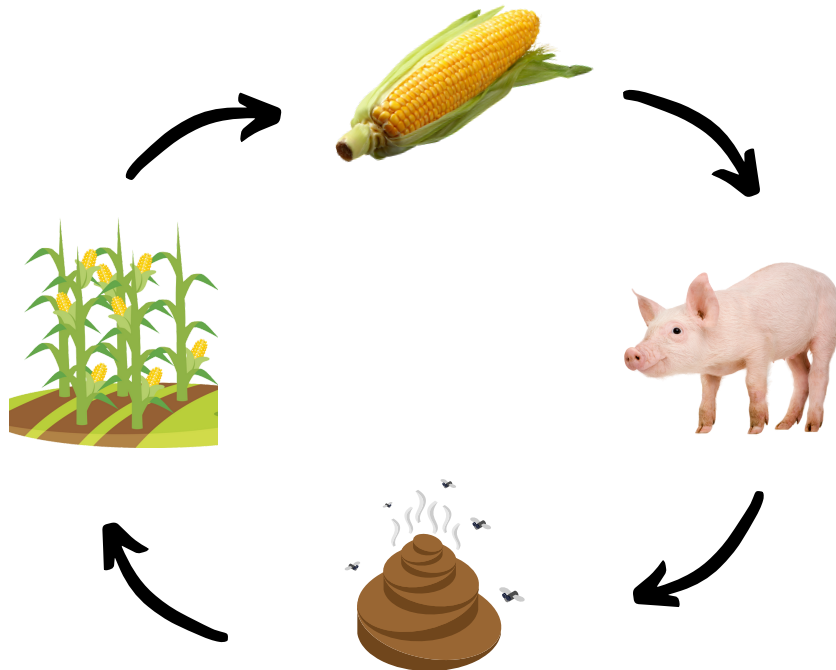




# Sustainability



The dictionary defines sustainable as *a method of harvesting or using a resource so that the resource is not depleted or permanently damaged*. This is crucial to today's farmers because their output will need to increase 70-80% in the next 25-30 years due to population growth.

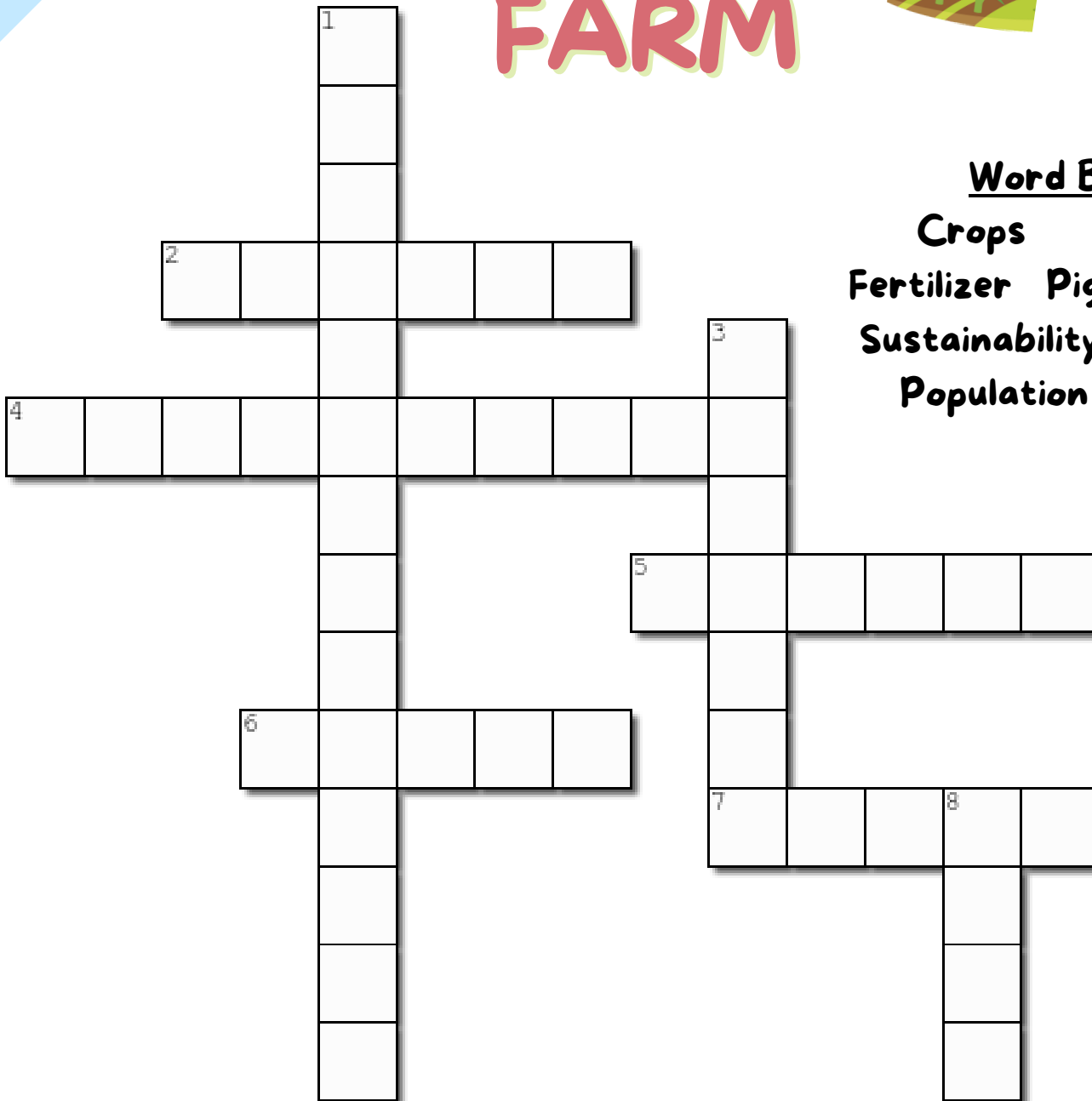


Pig farmers take sustainability very seriously and follow procedures to ensure that they protect the quality of natural resources. Manure is a large output of pig farms. However, it is a very effective, organic nutrient source for sustainable crop production. This means that farmers spread their manure on the fields as fertilizer, which grow many different crops. The crops are fed to the pigs and the cycle will continue.

# SUSTAINABILITY



## ON THE FARM



### Word Bank

Crops    Output  
Fertilizer    Pigs    Field  
Sustainability    Manure  
Population Growth

### Across

2. farmers need to increase this in order to feed the world's growing population
4. manure is used as this on crop fields, increasing production
5. a valuable output of farms, used as fertilizer, and produced by every pig
6. where manure is spread to fertilize the ground before crops are grown
7. these are grown in the fertilized fields and eventually fed to pigs

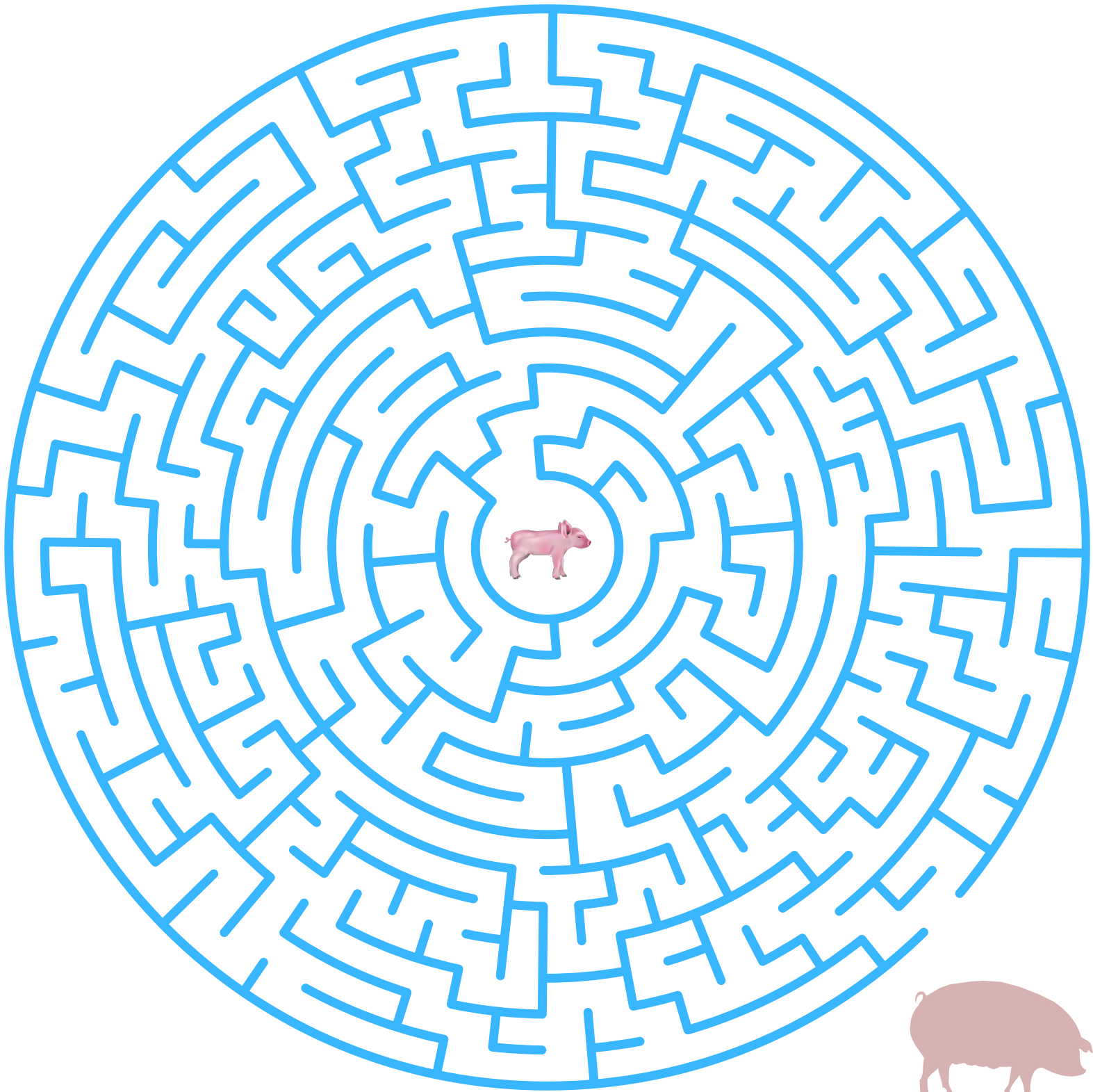
### Down

1. the avoidance of the depletion of natural resources in order to maintain an ecological balance
3. this word describes the type of fertilizer that manure is
8. the animal discussed that produces manure and eats the processed and mixed crops

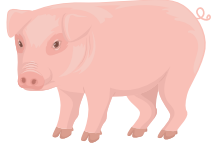


# MAZE

Help the piglet find its way back to his mommy!



# Pigs Recap



Finish the sentences using the correct words below.

Yorkshire

Nutritionists

manure

pork

barrow

nursery

A male pig that cannot get a sow pregnant is  
a .....

A breed of pigs found in almost every state is  
the .....

The place a pig will live for about six weeks is  
the .....

..... make the diets that the pigs eat.



Meat from pigs is called .....

A valuable resource that comes from pig farms is

.....

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