



Big Dutchman®

How to start a Pig Farm

Quick Reference Guide

INTRO

Big Dutchman offers the right equipment for every type of pig production –from sow management and piglet rearing to the production of ready-to-slaughter finishing pigs. Successful sow management requires expertise and, of course, the corresponding technical conditions. Big Dutchman sells state-of-the-art housing and feeding equipment and can thus provide a solid basis for economic success

OBJECTIVES

Setting objectives for your pig farm will enable you to make decisions throughout the pig-rearing process. Here are 4 key questions to consider

#1: How many 120kg pigs do you plan to sell per week at your local market?

#2: Do you intend breeding with your own sows and if so how many?

#3: Do you plan to buy in weaners and outgrow them into finishers and if yes how many per week?

#4: How do you plan to finance your farm?

Big Dutchman Pig Production equipment offers farmers state-of-the-art:

- Buildings
- Feed Mills
- Climate Control
- Feeding & Watering
- Farrowing Equipment



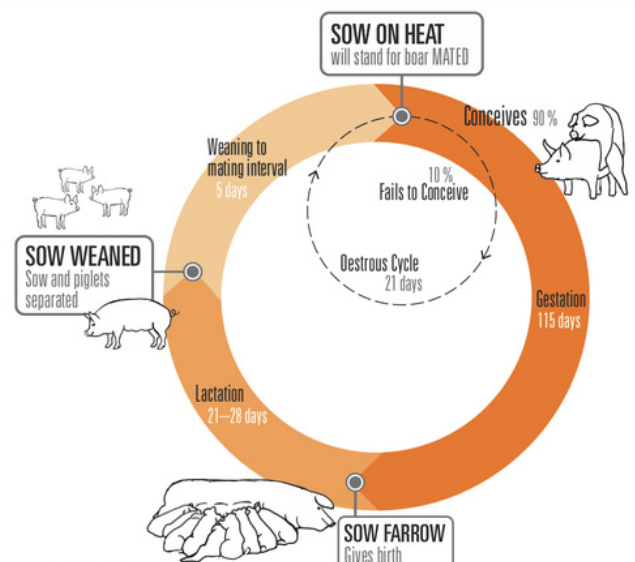
IMPORTANT

Choosing the right pig breed for your farm objectives is important for success. Here are some of the most popular pig breeds available in Southern Africa:

- Landrace: High Fertility & Maternal Instincts best suited to breeding.
- Large White: Fast Growth & Lean Meat
- Duroc: Fast Growth, Meat Quality & Marbling
- Hampshire: Meat Quality & Fast Growth
- Pietrain: Meat Volume & Quality

STEP-BY-STEP

Set-Up Guide



I. Duration

- | 115 days pregnant
- | 21–28 days lactating

II. Goals

- | 13.9 live-born piglets per sow
- | 12.3 weaned piglets per sow
- | 2.35 cycles per sow per year



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