

# Small Lot **Pork Producer** Management & Production







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## INTRODUCTION

### OBJECTIVE

This resource manual will provide basic information about raising pigs safely and humanely. During development, multiple resources were referenced. Use this manual as a guide to understand how to:

- Raise healthy pigs responsibly and respectfully in accordance with government legislation;
- Economically produce high quality, safe pork products; and
- Effectively respond in emergency situations.

### INSTRUCTIONS



- **Key Point Checklist** – Listed in each section, the key point checklist includes regulation requirements, national security, and important human and animal health related topics.
- **Definitions** – Use definitions to familiarize yourself with basic swine terminology.
- **Sections** – Each section is topic specific.

This resource manual is for small lot pork producers varying in size from individuals raising one pig for personal consumption, to those raising many pigs for the purpose of generating income. It provides details on good husbandry practices, production economics, marketing, euthanasia, emergency management, and provincial and federal legislation. Raising pigs can be an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Before venturing into pork production, familiarize yourself with all aspects of this publication.

Very few educational materials exist that are current, comprehensive and tailored to the highly diverse needs of small lot (backyard) pork producers. Many farmers with good intentions but little knowledge of raising pigs are soon confronted with health issues, poor growth, mortalities, wasted resources, and significant financial losses. This publication is to help avoid these problems.



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Biosecurity is highly important to all livestock producers, both commercial and small lot farmers. It is a term that refers to the collection of practices and procedures that are employed to keep livestock healthy and is particularly appropriate for pigs. All elements of pork production, whether in a small- or large-scale operation, are essential to the execution of good biosecurity. Effective biosecurity would be impossible without management of housing and fencing, adequate husbandry practices, infectious disease prevention strategies, and implementation of all these elements of pork production.

This publication is a collation of information from many subject matter experts, and their contributions are gratefully acknowledged. References to recognize the information sources is provided at the end of each section. A complete listing of all references is provided in REFERENCES at the end of the Manual. We appreciate and acknowledge all contributors of photos.

This Resource Manual will be distributed to attendees at workshops held for small lot pork producers in B.C. The most current version of this manual will be available to view and/or download from B.C. Pork's website ([www.bcpork.ca](http://www.bcpork.ca)) under 'Small Lot Pork Producers'.

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