



Managing Baby Pigs from Birth to Weaning

“Showing our story”: Pig farming Extension education programs for producers and the public

**October 14, 2023 (10:00 am – 2:00 pm) at:
Tidewater Agricultural Research and Extension Center
Swine Research Facility
6321 Holland Road
Suffolk, VA 23437**

From birth to weaning is the period in life when pigs are most fragile and in need of excellent care and management. On U.S. pig farms, approximately two pigs in each litter will die before weaning. This death loss limits farm profitability because there are fewer animals to sell. Moreover, the costs of rearing a sow (feed, veterinary supplies, etc.) are the same whether she weans 6, 8, or 10 pigs per litter. This workshop will teach management practices that help keep pigs alive and profits high. Classroom and hands-on learning activities will address how proper feeding and care of sows can impact litter size, management of sows and pigs at farrowing, processing baby pigs, and more! Lunch will be provided. The workshop is free and open to all pig farmers, high school agriculture students, and 4-H and FFA youth livestock exhibitors and their parents. However, **all participants must preregister by October 9, 2023**. To preregister, call or e-mail Dr. Mark Estienne with the names and ages (youth or adult) of persons in your group.

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