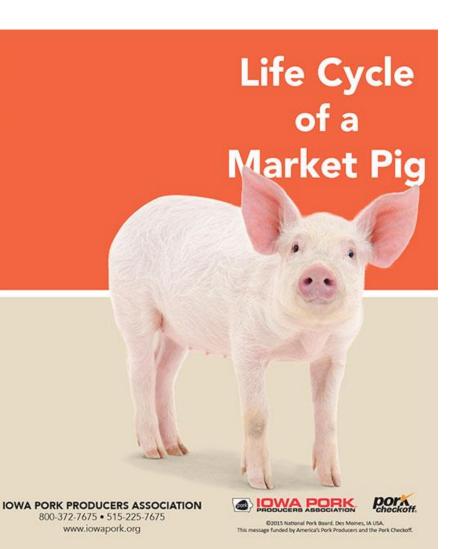


- Gilts (female pigs) reach maturity and are bred between 170 and 220 days of age.
- After gilts deliver their first litter of pigs, they are then called sows.
- Gestation (pregnancy) is 114 days, which is about three months, three weeks and three days.



Phase 2: Farrowing Phase 3: Nursery Phase 4: Growing and Finishing Average Duration of Each Phase 21 days 42-56 days 115-120 days

- A piglet weighs 2-3 lbs. at birth.
- After giving birth, the sow nurses piglets until weaning at 21 days of age.
- After weaning, the piglet is taken to the nursery where it is housed with piglets from other litters.
- Piglets remain in the nursery for six to eight weeks and grow from 12-15 lbs. to 50-60 lbs.
- During the nursery phase, the piglet eats between 1.5 and 4 lbs. of feed per day.
- The growing and finishing phase is 115 to 120 days, or about 16 to 17 weeks.
- The pig consumes between 6-10 lbs. vof feed per day.
- The pig is fed a diet of corn and soybean meal.
- As the pig grows, it is monitored daily to ensure that it is healthy.
- At five to six months, the pig weighs around 280 lbs. and is market ready.

