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VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP to a **PIG FARM**

Instructions:

Answer the following questions during or after your virtual field trip to a pig farm. You may also use the Producers, Pigs, and Pork storybook to find answers.

What are mother pigs called? Mother pigs are called sows.

What are baby pigs called? Baby pigs are called piglets.

What do pigs eat? Pigs eat ground up corn and soybeans, with a few minerals added.

Why do some pigs live inside barns? Pigs are raised in barns to help them stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer. Barns also help keep pigs healthy by protecting them from diseases and predators.

How much do pigs weigh when they go to market? Pigs ready for market weigh about 270 pounds. (Answers may vary between 250 to 300 pounds).

Tell me something new you learned about pigs: Answers will vary.

TRUE or FALSE (circle true or false for each statement)

Pigs cannot sweat.

TRUE

FALSE

True. To help pigs stay cool in the summer, farmers use sprinkler systems inside their barns.

Pigs eat corn and soybeans.

TRUE

FALSE

True. On average, a pig will eat 175 pounds of soybeans in its lifetime.

A doctor for pigs is called a veterinarian.

TRUE

FALSE

True. Farmers work closely with a veterinarian to help keep pigs healthy.

Ham, sausage, and bacon come from pigs.

TRUE

FALSE

True. In addition to the meat (pork) that pigs provide, they also provide us with many non-food items called byproducts. (See 'Everything but the Oink' handout).