

New Legal Requirements for all Pig Accommodation from 1st January 2013

There are new legal requirements for **all** pig buildings coming into force from the beginning of 2013. The regulations are given in metric measurements, but for some of the figures below we have given approximate imperial conversions.

Space Requirements for Sows and Gilts

		Group Size		
		5 or less	6-39	40 or more
Minimum total unobstructed floor area per:	Served gilt	1.8m² (19.5sq ft)	1.64m² (17.7sq ft)	1.48m² (15.9sq ft)
	Sow	2.48m² (26.8sq ft)	2.25m² (24.3sq ft)	2.03m² (21.9sq ft)
Minimum continuous solid floor area, of which a maximum of 15% is reserved for drainage openings, per:	Served gilt	0.95m² (10.3sq ft)		
	Sow	1.3m² (14.0sq ft)		
Minimum length of pen sides:	Sows and gilts	2.4m (7.9ft)	2.8m (9.2ft)	

Space Requirements for Growing Pigs

Average Liveweight (kg)	Minimum Floor area (m ² /pig)
<10	0.15
10.1-20	0.2
20.1-30	0.3
30.1-50	0.4

Average Liveweight (kg)	Minimum Floor area (m ² /pig)
50.1-85	0.55
85.1-110	0.65
>110	1.0

Dimensions for Concrete Slats

	Void Width (Maximum)	Slat Width (Minimum)
Piglets (birth – Weaning)	11mm	50mm
Weaners (weaning – 10 weeks old)	14mm	50mm
Rearing Pigs (10 weeks – finishing/serving)	18mm	80mm
Gilts after service and sows	20mm	80mm

Boar Requirements

Boar pens should:

- ⊗ Allow the boar to turn round and to hear, see and smell other pigs.
- ⊗ Have a clean and comfortable lying area.
- ⊗ Where used for living purposes only have a minimum unobstructed floor area of 6m² (65sq ft) in law, although the Welfare Code recommends at least 7.5m² (81sq ft).
- ⊗ Where used for natural service have a minimum unobstructed floor area of 10m² (108sq ft).
- ⊗ Have walls high enough to prevent boars jumping into adjacent pens.