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| Soil Association Certification – Livestock management plan template for pigs | | |
| Before any livestock enterprises can be added to your licence, it is a requirement that you produce a livestock management plan as per standard 1.4.1 and 3.4.1 which must be approved by your certification officer. This plan must be made available to, and preferably drawn up in conjunction with your stock person and vet.  It is a requirement for this plan to be available at your inspection, so you should keep an up to date copy on file. The plan must be dynamic and always reflective of the current management of your livestock, as such your plan should be reviewed and updated as your management changes, in addition Soil Association may request revisions to address specific issues.  You may complete this template or produce your own document covering the points below. For farms certified under additional assurance/ certification schemes you may submit your animal health plan or equivalent as a supporting document.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Plan completed by |  | | Date reviewed |  | | Farm name |  | | License Number |  | | Veterinary practice and contact details |  | | | |
| Introduction | | |
| Farm size |  | |
| Enterprises for example breeders, weaners, finishers |  | |
| Current livestock numbers | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Pigs | Quantity | | Sows |  | | Bores |  | | |
| Planned future livestock numbers | I intend to maintain current livestock numbers  Or  Date of achieving planned future livestock numbers below:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Pigs | Quantity | | Sows |  | | Bores |  | | |
| Stockperson responsible for pigs |  | |
| Daily stockperson routines |  | |
| Before you market or sell any products as organic you must have an organic certificate and accompanying trading schedule which lists the enterprise as organic. New enterprises must be inspected before they can be added to your licence. For more information please contact your certification officer. | | |
| If land does not yet have organic status answer the two questions below: | | |
| When will the land utilised by your pigs reach 2nd year in-conversion and organic status? |  | |
| When do you plan to start the conversion of your pigs? |  | |
| Indicate the date you intend to start selling each product produced by your pigs as organic (e.g. finished pigs, breeding stock, e.c.t.). |  | |
| Have you applied for simultaneous conversion | Yes/no | |
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| Housing | | |
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| Detail the dimensions of all buildings (including outdoor area) that will be used for housing your pigs, the groups that will be housed within them and the maximum number of animals in each building. This could be done with a diagram of the buildings which should also show feeding a water facilities within each building and the outside exercise area required for pigs. | I have submitted a diagram of housing: | |
| *Guidance on the minimum space requirements for different categories of livestock can be found in* [*section 3.8.7.*](https://www.soilassociation.org/media/15931/farming-and-growing-standards.pdf) *of the Soil Association Standards* | | |
| What proportion of the housing that constitutes a lying/ resting area. |  | |
| Detail the type and management of bedding. |  | |
| How are the buildings ventilated? |  | |
| The outdoor area for pigs must allow them to dung and root. Different substrates may be used when pigs are housed, please detail the rooting provisions made available to your stock. |  | |
| *You may only use the products listed in 1.12.2 for the cleaning and disinfection of livestock buildings and equipment.* | | |
| List all products you use to clean livestock housing, including the brand name and active ingredient of each product. | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Brand Name** | **Active Ingredient** | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | | |
| What is your routine for cleaning housing and equipment used by your pigs? Include detail on the frequency, timing and method. |  | |
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| **Biosecurity** | | |
| Detail the biosecurity measures that you have in place for livestock brought in from other units. This should include isolation for an appropriate quarantine period, testing, purchase strategy, veterinary treatment. |  | |
| Detail additional biosecurity measures in place on your farm. This is likely to include measures such as double fencing, boot dips, controlling movement. |  | |
| For more information on suitable biosecurity measures refer to the [government website](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/controlling-disease-in-farm-animals). | | |
| **Breed Selection** | | |
| Detail the breed(s) you have on farm. |  | |
| Describe how the breed(s) that you have selected are appropriate for management within an organic system and meet the following criteria:   * Suitable to local conditions. * Avoids the requirement for mutilations. * Have vitality and resistance to disease and disorders (e.g. sun burn). |  | |
| **Feeding** | | |
| *Answer below with details of the proposed rations that you will feed for each group of livestock (including youngstock) that is fed differently. If applicable, distinguish between feed fed during the conversion period and once the stock are being fed to full organic standards.* | | |
| Type of feed (include types of forage, straights or bought in complete rations) and whether organic, in-conversion or non-organic. |  | |
| Concentrates fed (to include the type of concentrates fed and maximum quantities fed per head/day). |  | |
| How do you monitor and maintain a diet appropriate to your pigs needs throughout the year? |  | |
| *You should have a plan in place to provide an organic source of colostrum to youngstock. In an emergency you may feed non-organic milk replacer/ powder for up to 72 hours, however, if you feed them non-organic milk replacer/ powder for any longer, they will lose their organic status.* | | |
| How will you feed piglets which cannot access maternal colostrum and/ or milk. |  | |
| If any additional feeds not addressed above are utilised for youngstock state the feed type, organic status and quantity fed.  If the feed is not routinely fed to all youngstock state the conditions under which the feed will be utilised. |  | |
| Detail in the table below any mineral/trace element supplements that you intend to use. Please note that once the livestock are being fed to full organic standards the use of these supplements must be justified (e.g. by forage or soil analysis showing that your home-grown feeds are deficient, or with blood or tissue analysis, or details of previously identified deficiencies in your stock.) You may only use the products and substances listed in 3.10.14.  For products containing non-organic herbs, spices or molasses please state the quantity in the product, number of days they it will be utilised and the estimated daily intake per animal.  If you are unsure if a feed supplement is permissible for use in organics, please contact your Certification Officer. | | |
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| **Animal Health Plan** | | |
| *The animal health plan is fundamental to your organic management. It must identify all potential risk and problems and put in place a framework to ensure that livestock health is maintained/improved, and the use of veterinary medicines is minimised. It is strongly advised to develop this plan in consultation with your vet. This plan should be reviewed on an annual basis to assess where any improvements can be made.* | | |
| Identify any preventative husbandry techniques that will be employed to reduce the incidence of the common health problems listed below. Preventative methods may include the following, stocking rates, hygiene, optimising nutrition… etc. | | |
| Endoparasites |  | |
| Lameness |  | |
| Scour and dysentery |  | |
| Lice, mange and skin conditions (including sun burn) |  | |
| Detail any additional persistent health problems or causes of mortality which occur on your farm. |  | |
| Identify all veterinary treatments that you are likely to use on a routine/regular basis. Please include details of any vaccination, phytotherapeutic and homeopathic products. Please note any chemically synthesised allopathic veterinary medicinal products or antibiotics must be used under the responsibility of your vet [standard 3.4.3.](https://www.soilassociation.org/media/15931/farming-and-growing-standards.pdf)  **You must not use chemically synthesised allopathic veterinary medicines or antibiotics for preventative treatment in the absence of illness or surgical intervention.** | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Veterinary Medicine Product** | **Livestock Group** | **Disease** | **How incidence disease is monitored** | **Threshold for use** | | *(Example) Lepto Vaccine* | *All breeding stock* | *Leptospirosis* | *Monitoring clinical symptoms.*  *If clinical symptoms become evident a blood test will be carried out.* | *All breeding stock will be vaccinated.* | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | | |
| Detail how the welfare of the pigs is assessed and how often stock are visually checked. | |  |
| What quarantine measures are taken for any sick or injured livestock? | |  |
| Outline your strategy for youngstock management including; weaning age, type of housing, health management, reason for, age and method of castration, tail docking (if applicable) and pain relief administered.  Please also include any management practices employed to develop immunity. For example: weaning age, grazing practices, selection for breeding, etc. | |  |
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| **Transport and slaughter** | | |
| Please detail the maximum duration you will transport livestock when entering and leaving your site. | |  |
| Detail the site of slaughter of your pigs. | |  |
| Detail the method of euthanasia for young stock and adult stock. Name the person(s) who will carry this out. | |  |
| **Record Keeping**  Record keeping is essential to effective management and forms a critical part of your organic registration.    You will be expected to keep the records detailed in [section 1.7](https://www.soilassociation.org/media/15931/farming-and-growing-standards.pdf) of the standards. This includes records of bought in feeds, livestock movements, mortality records (planned/ unplanned culls, scanning percentage and rearing percentage) and veterinary treatments (including withdrawal periods) along with your field and crop records. The relevant invoices must also be kept.  You will also need to demonstrate through your records that individual livestock rations have complied with the standards both on a daily and annual basis.  Records can be kept in your own format (either computerised or on paper) as long as all the information required is provided. Example record keeping sheets are available on the [Soil Association website.](https://www.soilassociation.org/certification/farming/licensee-resources/producer-record-keeping-sheets/) | | |
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| **Useful Resources**   * Farm Health Online: <https://www.farmhealthonline.com/> * AssureWel: <http://www.assurewel.org/index.html> * Government Website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/controlling-disease-in-farm-animals> * AHDB Pork: <https://pork.ahdb.org.uk/> * Soil Association technical guides: <https://www.soilassociation.org/farmers-growers/technicalinformation/> * Noah Compendium: <http://www.noahcompendium.co.uk/> * Withdrawal factsheet: <https://www.soilassociation.org/media/18493/organic-withdrawal-factsheet-2019.pdf>   Thank you for taking the time to complete this plan, please return this to the producer certification team at [cert@soilassoication.org](mailto:cert@soilassoication.org) or post it to Soil Association Certification Limited, Spear house, 51 Victoria Street, Bristol, BS1 6AD. | | |

**Additional Notes:**