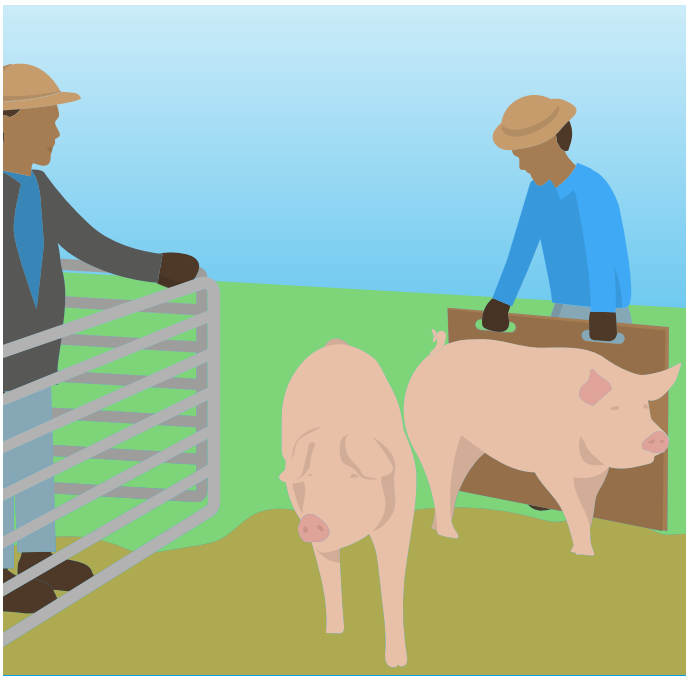
Working with Pigs

Can youth do this job safely?

Youth must be able to do/have all of the following to perform this job safely:

- Avoid loose clothing, clothes with strings, tie up long hair
- Comfortable around pigs
- Strength to control a pig
- Bend using proper bending technique
- Lift using proper lifting technique
- Recognize a hazard, problem solve, and respond appropriately
- React quickly to hazards
- Mature enough to consistently do what is expected
- Think through actions and consequences before acting
- Use a sorting board/panel to safely move pigs
- Maintain access to and reach escape route
- Safely demonstrate the job 4 to 5 times
- Change outer clothing and wash hands after job
- Maintain two-way communication link



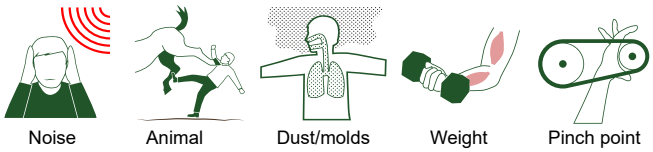
Adult Responsibilities

- Comply with the working outdoors guideline, if applicable
- Verify ventilation system is working properly
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Establish an escape route/plan
- Confirm animals are free of disease and injuries
- Provide youth with sorting board/panel
- Provide appropriate training
- Ensure objects lifted weigh less than 25% of youth's body weight
- Demonstrate how to safely work with pigs

Supervision

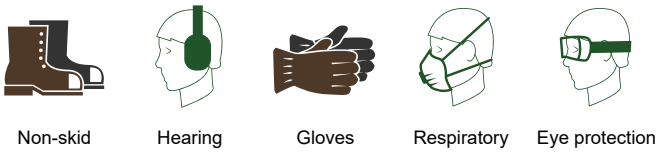
10-11 yrs	Constant supervision
12-13 yrs	Constant supervision progressing to intermittent
14-15 yrs	Intermittent supervision
16+ yrs	Intermittent supervision progressing to periodic

Hazards



Noise | Animal contact | Dust/molds | Weight | Pinch point

Protective Strategies



Non-skid shoes | Hearing protection | Gloves | Respiratory protection (if needed) | Eye protection



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