

Pigs – who are we?

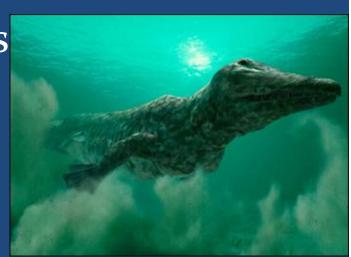
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The artiodactyla – even toes

Pigs

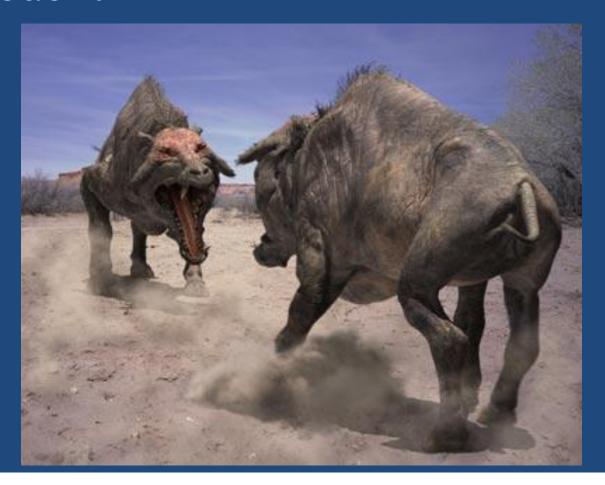
But also Cattle and Camels

 But also related to the whales Ambulocetus



One of the early pigs

Entelodont





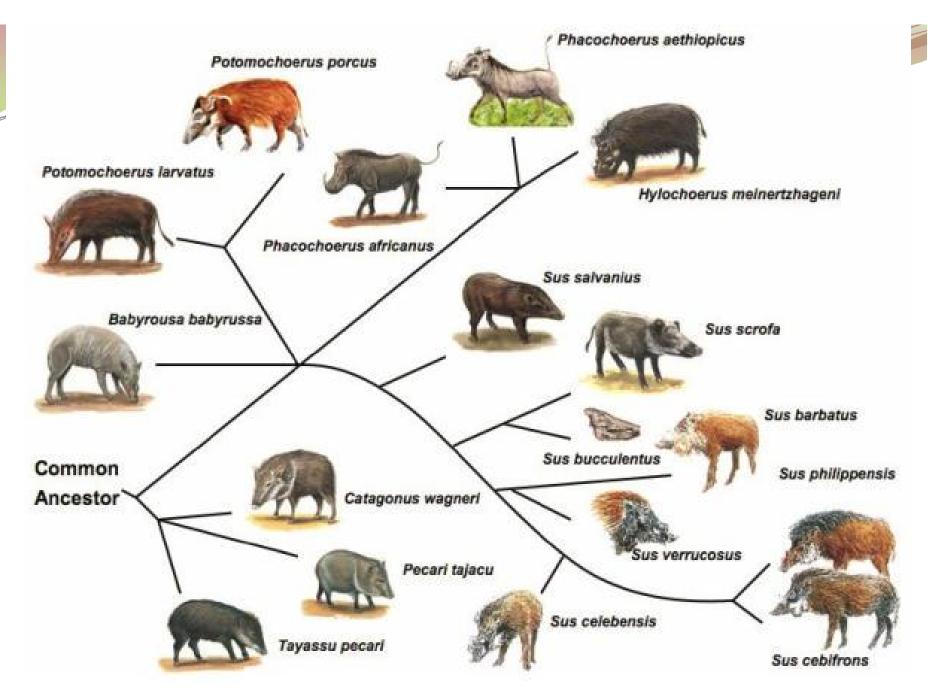
Hippopotamdae

Tayassuidae

Suidae





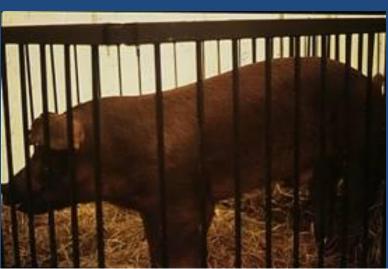


http://www.portec.com.au/thepig/basics/otherpigs/piggeneral1.htm

Sus scrofa – The domestic pig







While pigs were domesticated 9000 years ago – there are over 700 breeds of pigs, modern western breeds are modern – less than 200 years







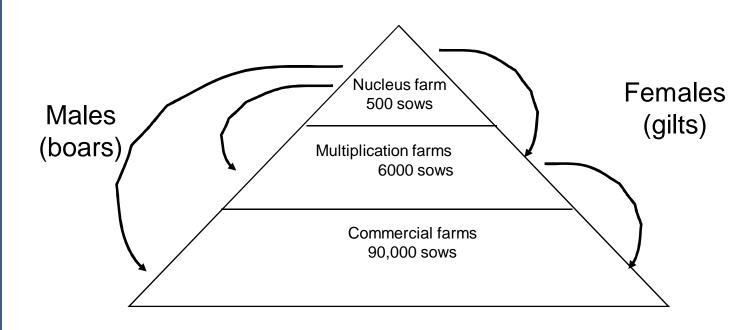




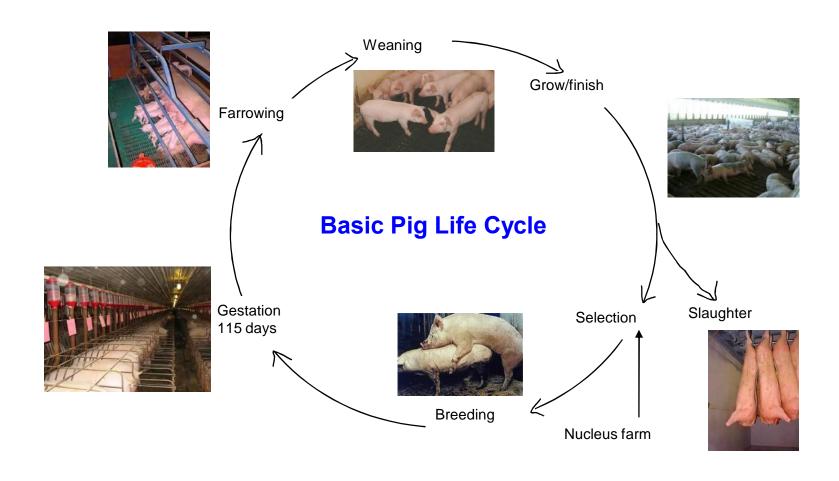
What are pigs used for?

- Meat 40% of the meat consumption
- Skin and leather products
- Pharmaceutical products blood and valves for example
- Pleasure and company pet pigs

How is the industry structured?



How is the farm designed

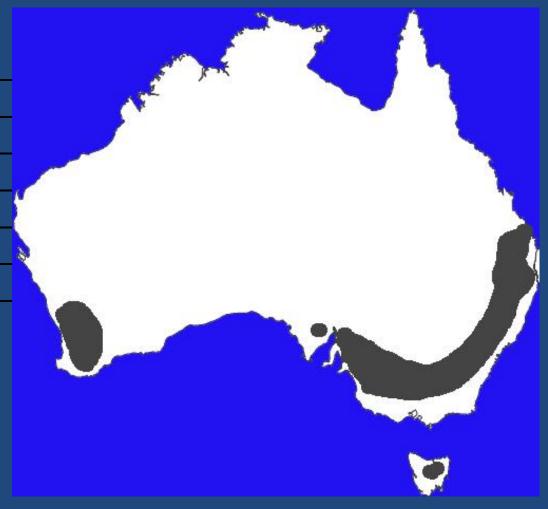


Country	Millions of pigs
China	460
India	17
Indonesia	6
Korea North	3
Korea South	9
Malaysia	2
Myanmar	4
New Zealand	0.4
Philippines	12
Taiwan	7
Thailand	7
Viet Nam	22

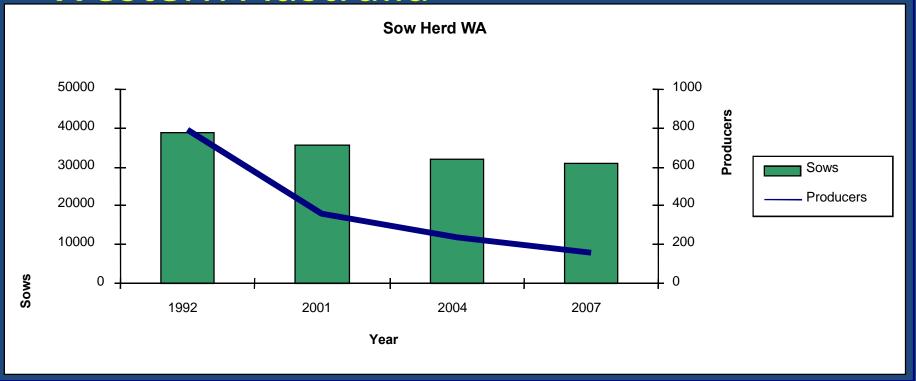
And

Pork is 62% of the meat eaten in China

State	Percentage	
NSW	30	
Queensland	21	
Victoria	19	
South Australia	17	
Western Australia	12	

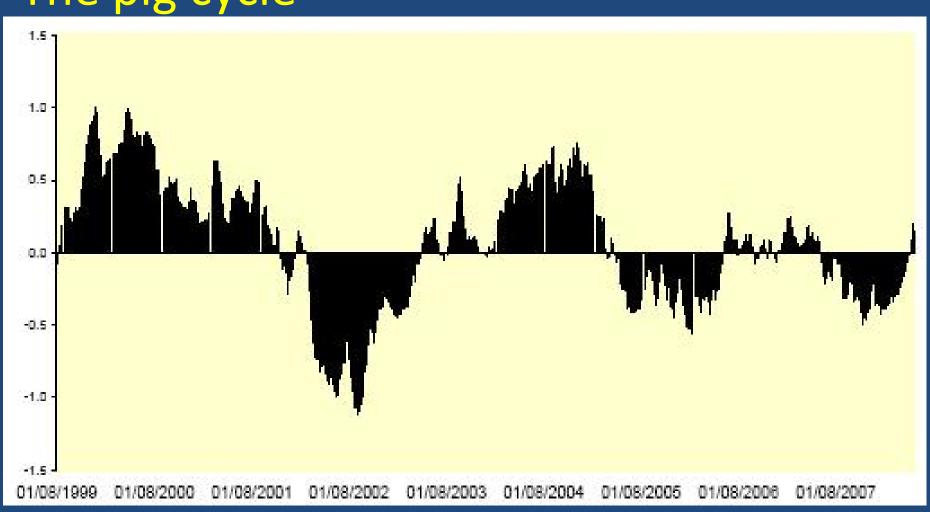


Western Australia



- 30,000 sows.
- Major foreign market Singapore

The pig cycle



Out impact on our planet

Food	kg CO ₂ -e/kg (20 years)	kg CO ₂ -e/kg (100 years)
Beef	111.1	55.5
Sheep meat and wool	96.3	32.7
Pig meat	10.5	3.5
Rice	2.4	0.74
Poultry	1.3	0.38
Wheat	0.35	0.32

Web resource

• http://www.portec.com.au