

Needle Size Reference Chart

Stage of Production	IM Needle Recommendation	Actual Needle Sizes
Piglet 	18 or 20 Gauge 1/2 or 5/8 inch Length	
Nursery 	16 or 18 Gauge 3/4 or 5/8 inch Length	
Market/Finish 	16 Gauge 1 inch Length	
Breeding 	14 or 16 Gauge 1 or 1.5 inch Length	

Note: The Common Swine Industry Audit (CSIA- version 2019) states needles that are 16 gauge or larger size (lower number) must be detectable.