**FEMALE PIGS** are called gilts or sows.  
A **SOW** is a female pig that has had piglets.  
A **GILT** is a young female pig that has never had piglets.

**MALE PIGS** are called boars or barrows.  
**BOARS** are male pigs used for breeding.  
**BARROWS** are neutered male pigs that cannot breed.

**LITTER**  
A litter refers to the baby pigs born to a sow at one time.

**HERD**  
A group of pigs is called a **herd**.

**FARROWING**  
**Farrowing** is the process of a sow giving birth to piglets.

**GESTATION** is the period when a sow is pregnant, which is about 3 months, 3 weeks and 3 days.

**PIGLETs**  
Piglets are baby pigs up to weaning age, which is typically three weeks.

**PIGS**  
Pigs usually refer to young, immature swine.

**HOGS**  
Hogs typically apply to older pigs nearing market weight (about 280 lbs.).