

Pig & Hog Production Guidelines

We use “unofficial” guidelines provided by Oregon State University’s Extension Service for **approximate** stocking rates of outdoor swine production.

A Pasture **Raised** Pork System is “free range” but fed commercial feed, and suggested stocking rates are:

- Growers/Finishers 15-34 head per acre
- Sows + Litters 4-6 head per acre

A Pasture **Fed** pork production is also “free range”, but mostly forage-fed pigs – a true grazing operation.

The recommended stocking rate per acre for a Pasture Fed or total grazing operation is variable, as it depends on how much forage is available. Most of these types of operations use “mob stocking” where the pigs are turned out to a field and they stay there until all the grazable forage is consumed, which could be a few days or a week or more.

Check out this great article about pastured swine:

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/animals-livestock/swine/pigs-home-range>

Information provided by <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/ask-expert>

