



## WWOOFer Worksheet

### PIGS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Pigs on The Holding ;-

*(e.g.: The Farm is a Pig Farm and they rear pigs, for The Supermarkets. They have several purpose built pig pens and out-buildings.)*

#### Pigs and Land Use on the holding, and why ;-

*(e.g.: The pigs are kept in Pig Pens, that are shut up at night. They move the pigs to open fields, sometimes to clear land of docks and other weeds.)*

#### Pigs and Recycling;-

*(e.g.: The Farmer collects old bread from a local bakery, it is not organic, but The Organic Standards allow its use.)*

#### Pigs and Energy on The Farm ;-

*(e.g.: The pig manure was collected and fed into a digester, they used the Methane to generate electricity for The Farm.)*

#### Pig processing and use :-

*(e.g.: It is illegal to kill animals on The farm, so they must be taken to an Approved Slaughter House. The Slaughterhouse passes them on to a factory to process the meat for Full Irish Breakfasts and the like.)*

# Pigs Quiz

*Underline the answer or answers that you think is/are correct.*

**1). When feeding pigs it is important to :-**

- a) Get to the trough without being seen, then run for your life!
- b) Check through donated scraps, they may contain non-food items.
- c) Give them a balanced diet.

**2). Pigs need housing because :-**

- a) They, like people, will grow better and be healthier away from cold and rain.
- b) The EU regulations insist on it.
- c) The big supermarkets forced farmers to do this, to improve their image.

**3). Pig manure should be composted for at least 120 days because :-**

- a) There may be Roundworms or other diseases, that composting kills.
- b) It improves with age, like a fine wine.
- c) It is very strong and may damage plants, if used early.

**4). Organic Free Range Pigs are happier, because :-**

- a) They have more space to live in and get out in to the fields.
- b) They don't have all the hormones and chemicals given to their factory farmed cousins.
- c) They get to eat Organic food and can dig about for worms, etc.

**5). Pig Sties must be cleaned regularly because :-**

- a) The manure builds up and it is not healthy for them after a few days.
- b) If the bedding is not changed parasites will have a better chance of spreading.
- c) Contrary to the old saying "you live like a pig" Pigs are actually very clean animals, they do not enjoy lying around in their own faeces.

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I confirm that the worksheet reflects the learning undertaken by the WWOOFer.

Signed by Host \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Host (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

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