

WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A PIG FARMER

Pork Producers make sure that their animals receive special care and attention. They do this by participating in the Pork Quality Assurance Plus Program (PQAPlus). Watch the video and see what they do to insure a safe and high-quality food product.

What work does Dr. Bill do on an average day?

- A. Visit a farm to check on procedures.
- B. Check emails and review lab results
- C. Check farrowing barn where babies are being born
- D. Look at records of the caretakers
- E. Meet with owner to review recommendations
- F. Drive a tractor
- G. Check the food of the animals
- H. Talk to workers about animals that are being treated
- I. Check pig habitat & environment
- J. Track medications being used
- K. Care for individual animals that need treatment

Dr. Bill talks about the PQAPlus—the Pork Quality Assurance Plus Program. In general, there are 10 good production practices for pork producers. Can you match the activities above with the practices below? Put the letter(s) of the activity above in the space below next to its corresponding good production practice. There may be more than one correct answer. Number one is already done for you!

1. Use a Herd Health Management Plan that includes regular visits by a vet, biosecurity measures, rodent/pest control and cleaning procedures. A, I
2. Make medical decisions under the direction of a veterinarian. _____
3. Use antibiotics sparingly and responsibly to produce a safe, quality product. _____
4. Identify and track for all treated animals. _____
5. Keep medication and treatment records. _____
6. Properly store, label and keep track of all drug products. _____
7. Teach caretakers to know and use proper techniques for giving medications to a food-producing animal. _____
8. Use high-quality feed and follow feed processor procedures. _____
9. Train animal caretakers and other employees in all their duties. _____
10. Provide proper care to improve swine well-being. _____

Here are some of the Record Keeping Logs that are available as part of the PQAPlus Program. Why do you think these records could be valuable to an animal's well-being? Fill in the answers on the chart. The first one has been done for you.

Name of Record

Daily Observation Log

Individual Pig Treatment Record

Vaccination Schedule

Drug Storage Inventory Record

Feed Mixing Records

Here is one of the records that Dr. Bill checked while he was at the farm. What does this record show?

Date	Animal ID	Product name	Amount given	Route	Given by	Withdrawal time
9-17	145	Penicillin	10cc	1 M	Bill P	10 days