

# WHAT DO YOU NEED TO RAISE PIGS?

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## 1. Markets

### Oahu

Strong commercial demand in Honolulu, need about 14,000 more pigs per year.

Commercial pigs are slaughtered at:

Hawai'i Livestock Cooperative 682-2595

Watco 239-8237

The wholesale price is about \$0.87/lb live for 200 lb pigs, with the slaughter fee paid by the buyer. Main buyers are:

Wong's Meat Market 845-5900

Hawaii Food Products 676-9100

Strong demand for own use pigs. Price is about \$1.20/lb live.

### Maui

Commercial pigs are slaughtered at Nakasone's 572-8501. Ron Prucher 878-1582 assembles pigs for local hotels and markets. The price is about \$1.50/lb live.

### Kauai

Commercial pigs are slaughtered at Kaneshiro's 742-1771. Producers do their own marketing.

### Hawaii

Commercial pigs are slaughtered at:

Kulana Foods in Hilo 959-9144

Medeiros Hog Farm in Kona 323-2514

### Molokai

A commercial slaughter facility is under construction.

### Lanai

There is no commercial slaughter facility.

## 2. Resources

Land: 3 to 5 acres minimum, zoned for livestock agriculture (Ag-2). Livestock buildings must be set back 300 feet from any residences or apartments. City and County of Honolulu Zoning and Land Use 523-4131 can give zoning information based on the tax map key of the location. Information is also available on the web at [www.honolulu.gov](http://www.honolulu.gov) by selecting Honolulu Land Information System (GIS) and then selecting On-Line and Interactive GIS Maps and Data

Feed: Main commercial suppliers of grain-based bulk and bagged feed are:

Feed and Farm 668-6662

Land O'Lakes 682-2022

Dry feed based on recycled food waste is available from EcoFeed 841-5586

Cooked recycled food waste makes excellent feed for growing-finishing pigs and dry sows. On Oahu food service establishments pay farmers to pick up waste. On the outer islands food waste pick up is usually free. Food waste must be cooked and the farmer must have a free permit from USDA 861-8561. For a list of food service establishments with food waste available, call Halina Zaleski 956-7594.

Water: 5 gallons/pig/day

Labor: Ranges from 2 hours per 100 lbs of pig sold (on larger farms feeding commercial feed)

to 14 hours per 100 lbs of pig sold (on smaller farms feeding recycled food waste)  
Buildings, equipment, vehicles, waste management system  
Average cost ranges from \$1790 to \$2460 per sow

### 3. Skills

#### Production skills

- Nutrition and feeding of pigs
- Maintaining health, vaccination and parasite control, disease treatment
- Breeding, selection of good replacement breeding stock
- Farrowing, baby pig care
- Pig identification, record-keeping

#### Business skills

- Records and accounts
- Marketing
- Purchasing
- Income tax

4. Love of pigs: Pigs need tender, loving care. Without it, sows will produce fewer babies, boars will take longer to breed, and pigs will grow more slowly, even if they have the same feed and housing. Pig farmers have always known this, but now it has been proved by scientists in Europe and Australia.

5. Waste management plan: Swine wastes or polluted water must not enter surface or ground water. Swine wastes are a valuable fertilizer if they are spread on the land. For planning assistance call:

- Natural Resources Conservation Service, Oahu 483-8620
- Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts, 586-4294
- Hawaii Dept. of Health Wastewater Branch, 586-4294

### 6. Help

Hawaii Pork Industry Association. President Valerie Kaneshiro 808-742-1308.

Swine advice and information. Swine Extension Specialist Halina Zaleski 956-7594.

Veterinary advice and information. Arlene Buccholz, DVM 483-7117 or private veterinarians.

Free record-keeping on PigCHAMP program. Halina Zaleski 956-7594 or Wayne Toma 956-7857.