

Ponderings for Pig Projects

Knowing how much your pig weighs, is an important part of your project, many of us do not have access to reliable scales. You can get a fairly accurate reading, by measuring your pig at the heart girth. Research at KSU has indicated that the heart girth measurement is about 98% accurate.

Using a regular cloth measuring tape, place directly behind the front legs. Place the tape snugly around the heart girth. The pig should be standing still and head should be down. Use the following chart to estimate the pig's weight.

Inches of Tape	Pig weight, pounds
29	89
30	99
31	110
32	120
33	130
34	140
35	150
36	160
37	171
38	181
39	191
40	201
41	211
42	221
43	232
44	242
45	252

Groesbeck et al. 2003, KSU

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