

PORK



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On average a sow (a female pig) will rear between 9 and 11 piglets per litter and has 2 or maybe 3 litters in a year.



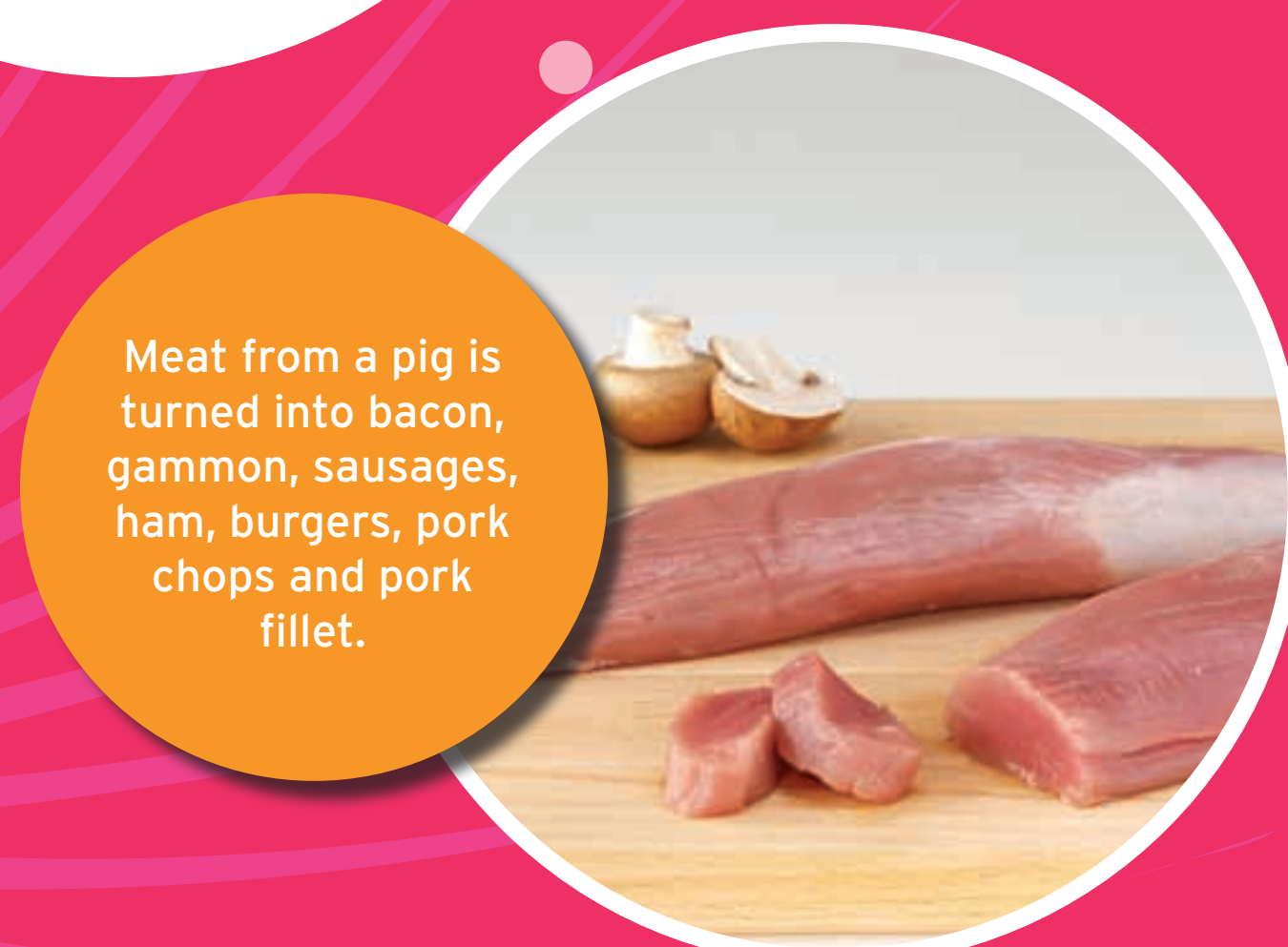
Quality Meat Scotland works hard to help the industry which produces pork in Scotland. Scotland's pork industry helps make an important contribution to our rural economy. When you see a label that says Specially Selected Pork you can be confident the meat has been produced to some of the world's highest standards.



A piglet at birth weighs approximately 1.2-1.5 kilograms.

DID YOU KNOW...

a sow is pregnant for 3 months, 3 weeks and 3 days?



Meat from a pig is turned into bacon, gammon, sausages, ham, burgers, pork chops and pork fillet.



Pigs can be kept outdoors in arcs or in special sheds indoors. Pigs kept outdoors will spend their day foraging in the grass and mud.



All pork produced in Scotland is independently inspected by the Food Standard Agency



Contrary to popular belief, pigs are actually very clean animals. They wallow in the mud only to keep themselves cool as they can be easily sunburnt.



Piglets are suckled by their mothers until 26 days old, which means they suckle milk from their mother. After this time piglets move on to eat other foods.



Between 5 and 6 months old, when the piglets weigh about 90-100 kilograms, they are sent to the abattoir. Some will be kept on the farm to breed from.



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