

Sow Farm Manager

Description

A sow farm manager oversees all aspects of a sow farm where adult female hogs are hosted to birth piglets and where those piglets remain for the first four weeks of their life. They must be able to have both people management and animal care skills.

Education/Training Requirements

- Associate's or Bachelor's degree in any Livestock Animal Agriculture related field (commonly needed)

Recommended High School Coursework

- Agriculture Education
- Animal Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Mathematics

Common Responsibilities

- Plan and direct all production phases on the farm and implement processes as required
- Implement action plans to meet farm-specific and company-set goals
- Communicate with the service manager and veterinarians to ensure herd health
- Be in compliance with all bio-security protocols
- Order feed, supplies, and equipment for the farm, herd, and employees
- Provide daily leadership and direction to all farm staff
- Conduct team meetings to communicate the goals and direction of the farm
- Ensure all safety procedures are in place and take action to lower safety incidents
- Assist with the breeding of sows, gestation and farrowing of pigs
- Provide development opportunities for employees
- Train new employees on feeding, handling and other duties
- Maintain active communications with the production recruiter to inform of staffing needs
- Manage feed and medication inventory and supply
- Keep thorough records of vaccinations, illness, medications, breeding, etc.

Typical Employers

Sow farm managers may work for an independent farmer or for a company that owns or contracts the farm.

Additional Resources

[National Livestock Producers Association](#)
[National Pork Producer's Council](#)