PIG WEIGH BAND FOR USE IN UGANDA





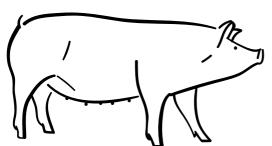
A WEIGH BAND FOR UGANDA PIGS

Pig weigh bands are used to estimate the weight of pigs



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This weigh band has been developed specifically for use by small-scale pig keepers in Uganda



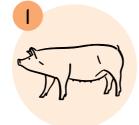


The weigh band can used for male or female pigs weighing between 5kg and 110kg

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USING THE WEIGH BAND

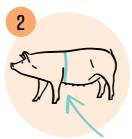
Ensure the pig is standing well.





Read the weight from the weigh band. The weight is in kg.

Place the weigh band around the pig's heart girth, just behind the front leg.





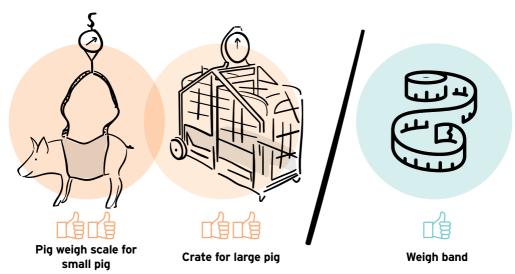
Record the weight by writing it down.





HOW ACCURATE IS THE WEIGHT?

Weigh bands are more accurate than guessing, but less accurate than using a weighing scale. Weigh bands can be used for weight estimates when a weighing scale is not available.



| Weigh band | Real weight | | | |
|------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| 40 kg | 31 to 49 kg | | | |
| 60 kg | 48 to 72 kg | | | |
| 80 kg | 65 to 95 kg | | | |
| 100 kg | 81 to 119 kg | | | |

BENEFITS OF USING THE WEIGH BAND

Knowledge of pig weights is a very important part of pig keeping. Weigh bands can be used to estimate pig weights to:

Monitor pig growth

Determine correct drug dose

Agree on sale price









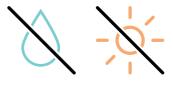


CARE OF THE WEIGH BAND

Clean and disinfect the weigh band between uses



Store dry and out of sunlight



CAN THE PIG WEIGH BAND BE USED FOR OTHER LIVESTOCK?

This weigh band can only be used for pigs on small-scale farms in Uganda. It should not be used for other livestock, such as cattle, sheep or goats.



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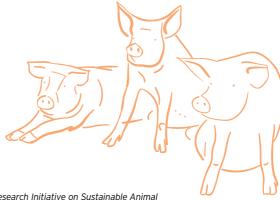
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