

SWINE NURSERY FARM WORKER

A swine nursery farm worker oversees the health of newly weaned piglets to ensure optimal growth at an early age in the pigs life.

WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Maintain barn temperature and ventilation equipment and controls to provide the right amount of heat and fresh air for best environment to promote growth
- Prepare feed formulations to meet the changing nutritional needs of young pigs
- Perform pen management, culling, sorting, and safety procedures
- Report potential or existing problems to Production Supervisor/Assistant Production Supervisor
- Ensure proper usage of medication following the drug residue avoidance/broken needle policies, along with keeping accurate records of data
- Unloading/sorting of wean pigs according to weekly schedules
- Some maintenance work is required, along with troubleshooting problems with equipment and filling out work orders
- Responsible for accurate and timely record keeping of nursery activities
- Perform euthanasia according to company policy, and in a timely manner



WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

A high school diploma is required; an associate's degree in animal science, swine management or animal husbandry is recommended

THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, animal science, biology, mathematics, chemistry

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Swine production farms

FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- National Pork Producers' Council
- National Pork Board

AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$28,000