

Letter from the Editor

Dear IPP Family

Hello all! Wow, summer has come in like a steam roller! The weather has been strange to say the least, thanks to El Niño. Here in North Texas, we've been in the triple digit temps and it's been HUMID. When we moved from near the gulf coast five years ago, we loved that we were getting away from the humidity...and now here we are. And the storms! With all the unpredictable weather, I wanted to mention a few things. Thunderstorms, high winds, tornadoes. Make sure your pig's shelters are properly secured. They can hunker down and ride out a storm, but not if their shelter blows away. This could also cause injury to the pigs. Consider anchoring them with t-posts or whatever works best for your situation and setup. Also, with the heat, PLEASE make sure your pig/piglet buyers are coming prepared. Based on where you are, just have a good set of instructions for your buyers, so that those piggies get home safely. Crates in the back of trucks can work fine, but those truck beds get HOT. Tell your buyers to plan for that. Bring blankets and hay. Bring covers for shade and the supplies to secure them properly. Bring things to help keep the pigs cool. Frozen water bottles, frozen fruit for hydration, stops for water if necessary. A quick trip isn't so bad, but if your buyer is coming from several hours away, plan accordingly. It'll help avoid an unnecessary tragedy. Try to stay cool this summer!

Jennifer Twait



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Weatherford, TX*



*Image Provided by Old Schoolhouse Creek Farm
Kalama, WA*



In the Pasture with the Registry

Happy Summer Everyone! It has been a crazy year for weather across the United States this year and I hope that everyone has good water and wallows for all of their livestock.

The COI calculator is that includes 4 parents and doesn't require pigs to already have an NR# has been completed now and seems to be a huge asset for those of you utilizing it to plan ahead for breeding pairs as well as when looking for potential offspring to add to your farms.

We were hopeful that the herd book was going to be completed this July, but we have learned that the date has been moved back to September. We look forward to all of our breeders being able to locate specific lines and breeders across the United States and will get it available as soon as we possibly can.

The Premium membership renewal is July 1st. The Premium membership allows your farm to be listed on the Registry website under Registered Breeders, allows access to the COI calculator, and will allow access to the herd book when it is available. Anyone wanting to renew their Premium membership is able to do that thru their online account.

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IPPR & IPPBA

At this time the Idaho Pasture Pig Registry (IPPR) and the Idaho Pasture Pig Breed Association (IPPBA) are dedicated to working together for both the education and the betterment of the IPP breed. The two groups are comprised of different board members and are two different entities but strive to work together to build awareness and education within the breed.

- The primary focus of the IPPR is the Registration of the Idaho Pasture Pigs, continued education regarding the breed standard, overall care, feed, importance of minerals, shelters, best way to promote grazing, and a YouTube channel dedicated to education of all things related to Idaho Pasture Pigs.
- The primary focus of the IPPBA is to build a diverse community of IPP owners & breeders all over the United States. They focus on Shows, Conventions, Expos, and Educational Clinics to help educate and spread the word about this amazing breed of pig.

The Society is NOT affiliated nor is she working with the Idaho Pasture Pig Registry in any way.

Caring for IPP's in the Summer

By Jennifer Twait – Drift Oak Ranch, TX

School's out, vacations are planned, and the heat is here! No matter what state you're in, you will deal with some degree of unbearable heat this summer. If you think you're struggling in the heat, just imagine if you couldn't sweat to cool off! That's a pig's problem in a nutshell. Pigs cannot sweat. That's why it's so important to provide extra care and attention during these challenging months.

Most animals sweat and pant to stay cool (biological evaporative cooling). Pigs do not sweat and they also have relatively small lungs compared to their size. Add to that their extra layer of subcutaneous fat, it can be miserable being a pig in the summer. Heat stress and high temperatures not only make a pig sick and miserable, but they also can affect growth rate and performance. In breeding stock, heat stress can affect reproductive efficiency and can cause smaller litters, as well as affect lactation. It's important to understand your climate and take steps to create the most hospitable environment possible for your valuable and beloved stock.



No matter where you live, the three most important things you need for your pigs to stay cool; Water, Shade and Wallows! It's a no brainer!

Age of Pig	Daily Water Requirements (gallons/day)
Lactating Sow	6+
Dry Sow and Boar	4+
Grower - Finisher	1.5+
Weaner	<0.5

Water – This is an obvious one. Clean, cool water is your #1 priority. Pigs should have access to water at all times! A lactating sow can drink 6+ gallons of water a day! If you bucket fill your waters, check on them several times a day because it's likely your pigs have spilled them to cool down. Have the water in the shade if you can. I use nipple waterers on barrels. During the hottest days of summer, I check the waters mid-day and make sure what is coming out of the nipple is cool. Pigs won't drink hot water. If it's warm, I use the hose to overflow the barrel from the bottom, pushing out the hot water.

Shade – Our property has a lot of oak trees. It was essentially wooded when we purchased it almost five years ago. As we have cleared, we have intentionally left plenty of trees for shade. We also leave both ends of our shelters open during the summer to maximize air flow. Breeders with few trees for shade need to provide other shelters or methods of creating shade. I see a lot of breeders using old trampolines which is a great way to repurpose. You can usually get these cheap or free. Lean-to's, A-Frames, anything that can get these pigs out of the sun. Lighter colored pigs can even get sunburned.



Wallow made from tractor tire with trampoline for shade.
Image provided by A&E Farms – Westfield, IN

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*Homemade shade structure.
Paul Caudill, Richwood, OH*



*Homemade shade structure.
Fly Over Fram, Centre Hall, PA*



*Trampoline.
E&A Acres, Seadrift, TX*

Wallows - Pigs NEED a wallow. If you don't provide one, they will try to make one by their water source. Although wallows are essentially a mud pit, they should have more water in them than thick, sticky mud. If I see my pigs walking around with thick coats of mud on them, I know I need to add water to their wallows. In our experience, wallows directly in the sun will fill up with algae quicker, so try to keep your wallows in the shade. They dry up slower that way, too. Although none of my pigs root, the DO use those snouts to make their wallows bigger. If your soil doesn't retain water, then you may have to resort to things like kiddie pools and rubber or plastic tubs. Just know that pigs tend to spill them rolling around in them, so they may need to be refilled multiple times a day.

I feel like Southern IPP's are heat-hardy as most of them have grown up in it and acclimated along the way. And since our winters are relatively mild, they don't get the rapid and drastic season changes. Some breeders have additional ways to cope with summer, some of which include;

- Using sprinklers or mister systems to keep pigs cooler.
- Frozen fruit as treats is always enjoyable and a good excuse to check on the pig's welfare.
- Supplementing electrolytes in the water.
- Feeding earlier and later in the day, so that the pigs aren't creating heat digesting in the hottest part of the day.
- Don't move pigs during the hottest part of the day.
- Consider not breeding during the hottest time of the year, as boars will tend to forget to drink when "working".
- High humidity? Keep in mind that pigs can develop heat stress at a much lower temperature when there are high humidity levels. Fans may help if feasible.



Drift Oak Ranch, Weatherford, TX



Peaceful Pastures Farm – Shelton, WA

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In Texas, we are experiencing record heat levels already this year which doesn't bode well for the rest of the summer. We haven't lost a pig to heat stress in almost five years of raising them, and plan to keep it that way. During the summer, I check on all of my pigs several times a day. The main thing I'm looking for are signs of heat stress. I'm always on the lookout for any pig that seems "off". And obviously, the earlier you catch a problem and start to treat it, the better the possible outcome will be.

Some signs of heat stress in pigs include;

- panting or open-mouthed breathing
- loss of appetite
- reluctance to move
- increased water consumption
- diarrhea
- muscle tremors and weakness
- excessive drooling
- vomiting
- glazed over eyes
- disorientation



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If you suspect heat stress, it's important to get the pig cooled down. You may be tempted to spray the hose directly on the overheated pig, but cold water directly sprayed at a pig can send it into shock and could kill them. Use cool, wet towels applied to the neck and back of the pig. Change the towels regularly. You can also use wet towels in the groin area to help cool your pig down. Alcohol or diluted vinegar can be applied to the legs and feet for extra evaporative cooling.

If a pig has been experiencing heat stress and drinking a lot of water, they will also have a loss of electrolytes. You can give your pigs electrolytes. If they won't drink water directly, squirting some diluted electrolytes into their mouth with a syringe may help. Avoid too much of things like Gatorade, as these contain salt and pigs are prone to salt toxicity.

If caught early, your pig can make a quick recovery, but it's important to understand why the pig was affected in the first place. Did they not have access to water or shade? Did they get worked up over a change in their environment? Once you treat your pig for heat stress, figure out the cause and make sure it doesn't happen again!



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2023 Idaho Pasture Pig Breed Association Show & Expo

By Julie Wu – Hollow Hill

This year's Idaho Pasture Pig Show and Expo was held at the beautiful Audrain County 4H Center in Mexico, MO June 16th through 18th. This wonderful venue is also a wedding venue and has a nice open-air livestock building, large pens and ceiling fans. There was a great effort to have biosecurity for the safety of all the pigs with the place being sanitized prior to pigs arriving and the show ring being sanitized between pigs. The pigs had around the clock monitoring by a designated show official who was responsible for monitoring their health, staying cool and making sure that they all always had water.



This year's show covered some great topics and demonstrations. Aloha Acres brought a litter for the evaluation and one person castration demonstration. Topics covered included "Adding a new pig - from transport to quarantine to integration", "Farm Husbandry – Lessons learned and learning", "Alternative Feed", "Pig First Aid", "Summer Setup and Care", "Ways to tape your pig for the most accurate weight", "Ultrasound demonstration", and "Judging your pigs". One fantastic demonstration that was made possible was the accuracy and importance of weighing your pigs. If you have ever wondered how accurate your weighing estimates are with measuring your pigs, then you would have enjoyed this demonstration as there was a scale onsite and all animals we were weighed upon arrival. Then a few of the adult pigs were weighed using two additional taping methods and the measurements were compared to the scale and each other."



We had wonderful sponsors this year who sponsored classes, donated food and products for our amazing raffles. Those sponsors are Farmer Boy, Nature's Seed, Delicious Horse Treats, Green Thicket Farms, White Bison Farm, Rockin' 8 Farm, Oklahoma Sniff Ranch, Cook Family Farms, Drift Oak Ranch, Druid Dream Acres, Hollow Hill, Mouse Creek Farm, Aloha Acres, Thome Grown, and Chestnuts 3Js Farm.

Each morning was started off with coffee and donuts and Friday and Saturday night we had wonderful IPP pork meals generously cooked and donated by Caleb Howerton of Green Thicket Farms. Our wonderful vendors, Aloha Acres, Annie Cooney, Colleen Gordon and The Wrights Homestead were in attendance as well as Quitugua Food Services with Friday's BBQ lunch.

We had 23 great raffle prizes which included five breeder piglets from five different farms. The raffle proceeds from the breeder piglets raffled from Silver Fox Pastures and Drunken Arrow Farm went to the Wisdom Fund, a fund started to aid in bringing in speaker, demonstrators and judges in the future years.



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The other raffles where five books “Raising Pigs on Greener Pastures” by Jodi Cronauer, four 20 pound bags of pasture pig seed mix made by Natures Seed, four 1.5 pound buckets of Delicious Horse Treats, and an IPPBA mug and apron. The seed mix is a product that was launched after the IPPBA reached out to ask if they would be interested in making a pasture mix that was not only formulated for our pastured pigs but also safe for the other livestock that is commonly on a homestead. The county is split into twelve regions and each region has its own mix made up specifically for that region, all with no fescue of any kind.



Looking forward to another great show and expo in 2024 on the west coast, location and date will be coming soon.

- Adult sow with a score of 76 went to SNIFF Snowflake I1130 aka Cocoa, owned and shown by Payton Knauss and bred by Chanteil Sniff of Oklahoma Sniff Ranch
- Junior gilt and best female with a score of 84 went to SNIFF Snowflake K0819 owned by Mike and Terri Robbins of Robbins Acres, bred and shown by Chanteil Sniff of Oklahoma Sniff Ranch
- Adult boar with a score of 85 went to LLA Oreo I2076 aka Lono, owned and shown by Jacques Balish and Denise Nakasone of Aloha Acres and bred by Clare Lozano of Luna Acres
- Junior boar with a score of 84 went to MTR Max K0364 aka Maxwell owned, shown and bred by Mike and Terri Robbins of Robbins Acres.
- Intermediate boar, Best Boar and Best in show with a score of 89 went to GTF Bandit J5678 aka Coppa bred, owned and shown by Caleb Howerton of Green Thicket Farm



In the Kitchen with Idaho Pasture Pigs



This month's recipe comes from Spring Chicken Farms in Lyons, OR

Sausage & Hamburger Roll Up (for 2 people)

Pre heat oven 375°

Ingredients:

1/2 lb. Sausage (ours, grown at Spring Chicken Farms)
1/2 lb. Hamburger
Salt/pepper/onion powder

Filling:

2c. mushrooms - Chopped
1 large onion- diced
1 T. Garlic- finely diced
1/2 T. Worcestershire sauce
1 t. Rosemary - dried (from our herb garden)

In large skillet saute onion & mushroom over low heat with 1 T olive oil for 3-4 minutes. Add in rest of filling ingredients & continue to saute until onions are translucent. Remove from heat.

In large bowl, add sausage, hamburger, salt, pepper & onion powder. Mix well.

On a large sheet of wax paper or parchment paper, place meat mixture and pat thin making a square. Put sautéed mushroom onion mixture evenly over meat mixture

Fold over by rolling the wax/parchment paper, making it into a log, transfer meat to a large piece of tin foil (discard wax/parchment paper) Roll log into foil & twist each end of foil. Place in baking dish. Bake for approximately 50 minutes. Enjoy



Farm Story – Junior Breeder Payton Knauss with Oklahoma Sniff Ranch

Erick, Oklahoma

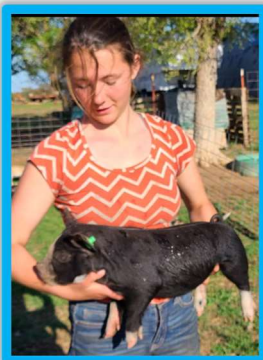
Not all breeders are adults! There are some amazing young men and women that have gotten into pigs as well. Most of them have family that also raises Idaho Pasture Pigs, like Payton Knauss, daughter of Chanteil Sniff, but there are others that just have a love of pigs and convinced their family to allow them to raise pigs. For all of these young adults (ranging from 10 years old thru teenagers) they found a breed of pig that fits into their family & farm. The next farm story we have gives all of us a new perspective on raising this amazing breed of pig . . . the view from a teenager! Payton is a remarkable young lady who immensely loves animals and being able to raise her own pigs is not only a matter of pride, but also something she enjoys very much. I saw this with my own eyes at the IPPBA Show & Expo in Mexico, MO this past June. But don't take my word on it. Let's enjoy what Payton has to say:



Images provided by Oklahoma Sniff Ranch



Hi, my name is Payton Knauss from Oklahoma Sniff Ranch. I got my love for animals from my mom. When we got Idaho Pasture Pigs, I thought it was another hog breed that destroys everything, but they are kind gentle giants that snuggle, sit for treats, take naps with me, and more. So, I asked my mom if I could become a registered breeder, and she said yes almost instantly. She reminded me of all the negative things about owning livestock and how much responsibility it is. I said "mom I really want this" she said "ok". So, on my 16th birthday, the paperwork came back. The perfect birthday gift ever. I like Idaho Pasture Pigs because they don't destroy everything in their path. They keep the grass low and healthy. They love our company and the love that we give them. They love all our other animals like our dogs, cats, chickens, etc. Even though they are 3 different breeds of pig. I love that they made the perfect pig breed for all of us to enjoy. I hope you guys enjoy Idaho Pasture Pigs as much as my family does.



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