About Pigs

by: _____________________
The male or father pig is called a ___ ___ ___ ___.

A mother pig is called a ___ ___ ___ and a baby pig is called a ___ ___ ___ ___ ___.

When pigs are born they are called piglets. The mother pig is called a sow and the father pig or hog is called a boar. A sow may have between 6 and 18 piglets in her litter. Swine is another word used to talk about pigs.
Pigs are omnivores. That means they can eat grains, vegetables, fruit, and meat. In the United States, we feed our pigs grain like corn, wheat, and soybeans. Pigs that are fed grain have less fat and more meat.
Most hogs are raised in states where corn and soybeans are grown. The top corn states are Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Indiana, and Minnesota. Color these corn belt states—the ones with the pig pictures—yellow. Utah ranks 16th in pork production.
Can you name the pork products?
Draw a line from the word to the pork product.

Pepperoni
Hotdog
Sausage
Bacon
Ham

Hogs are raised to provide several pork products. Pig skin is used as leather to make shoes and footballs. Doctors use pig skin for people who have been burned. Pigs are also used to make some medicines.