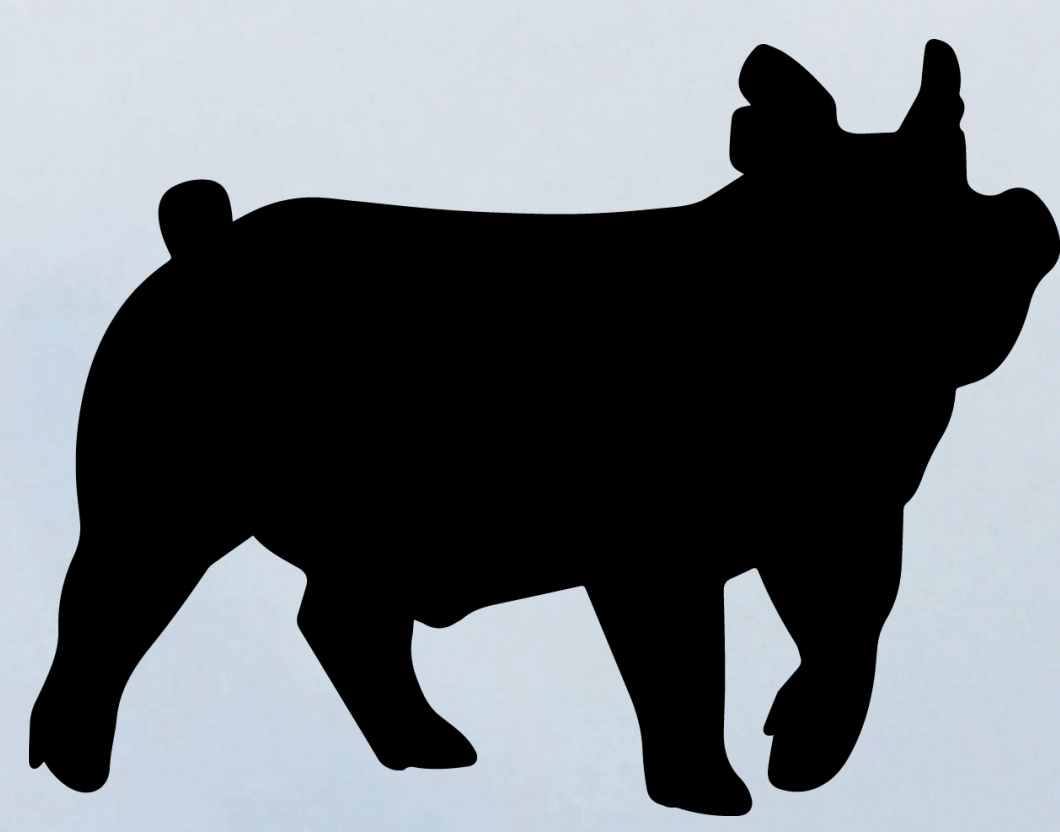


# Life Cycle **SWINE**

## FERTILIZATION



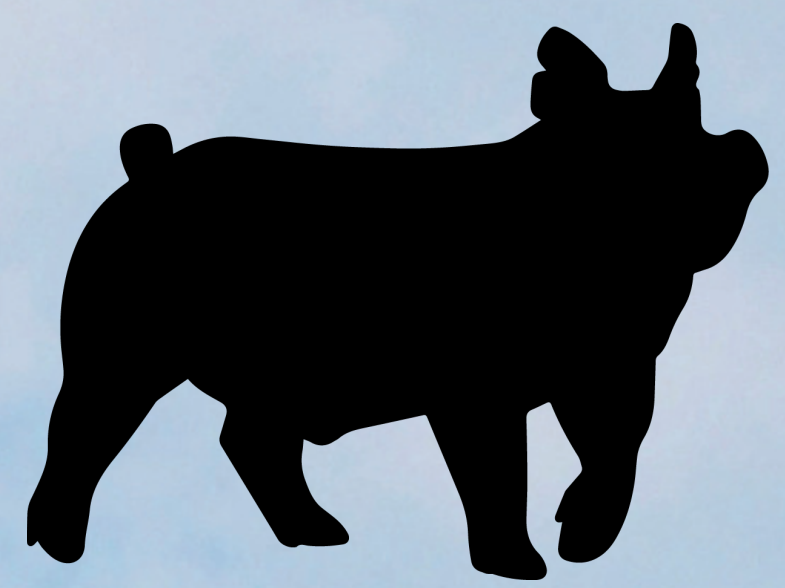
A boar will breed naturally or give semen for artificial insemination.

## GESTATION

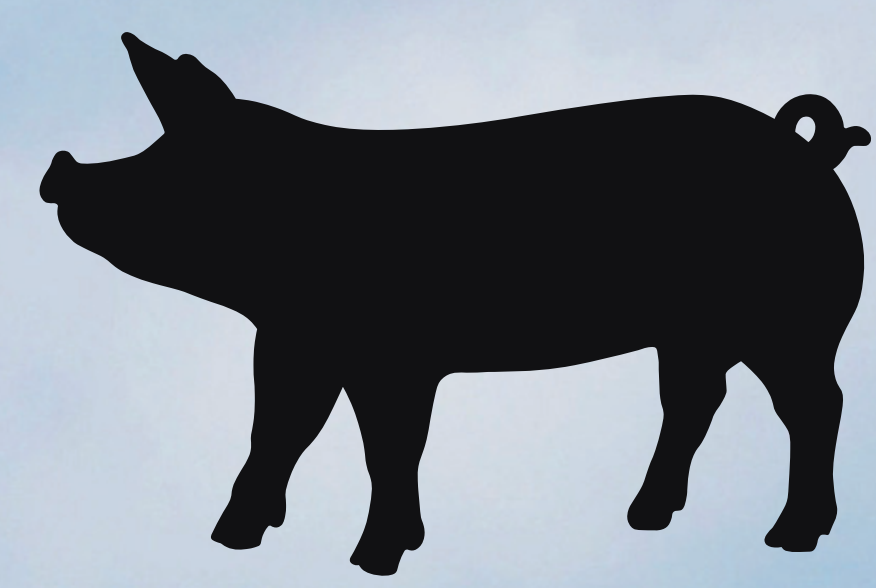
A pig's pregnancy is approximately 3 months, 3 weeks and 3 days.



## FARROW



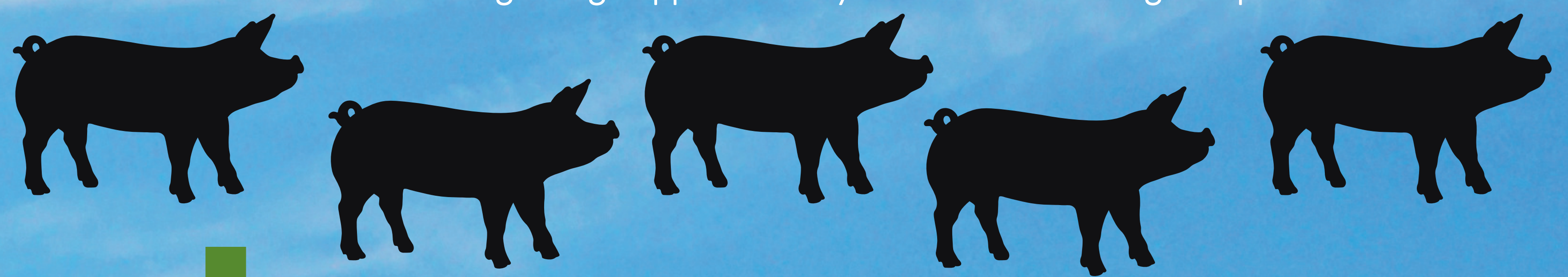
A male piglet may enter the pork production cycle as a barrow or be kept as a boar for future breeding purposes.



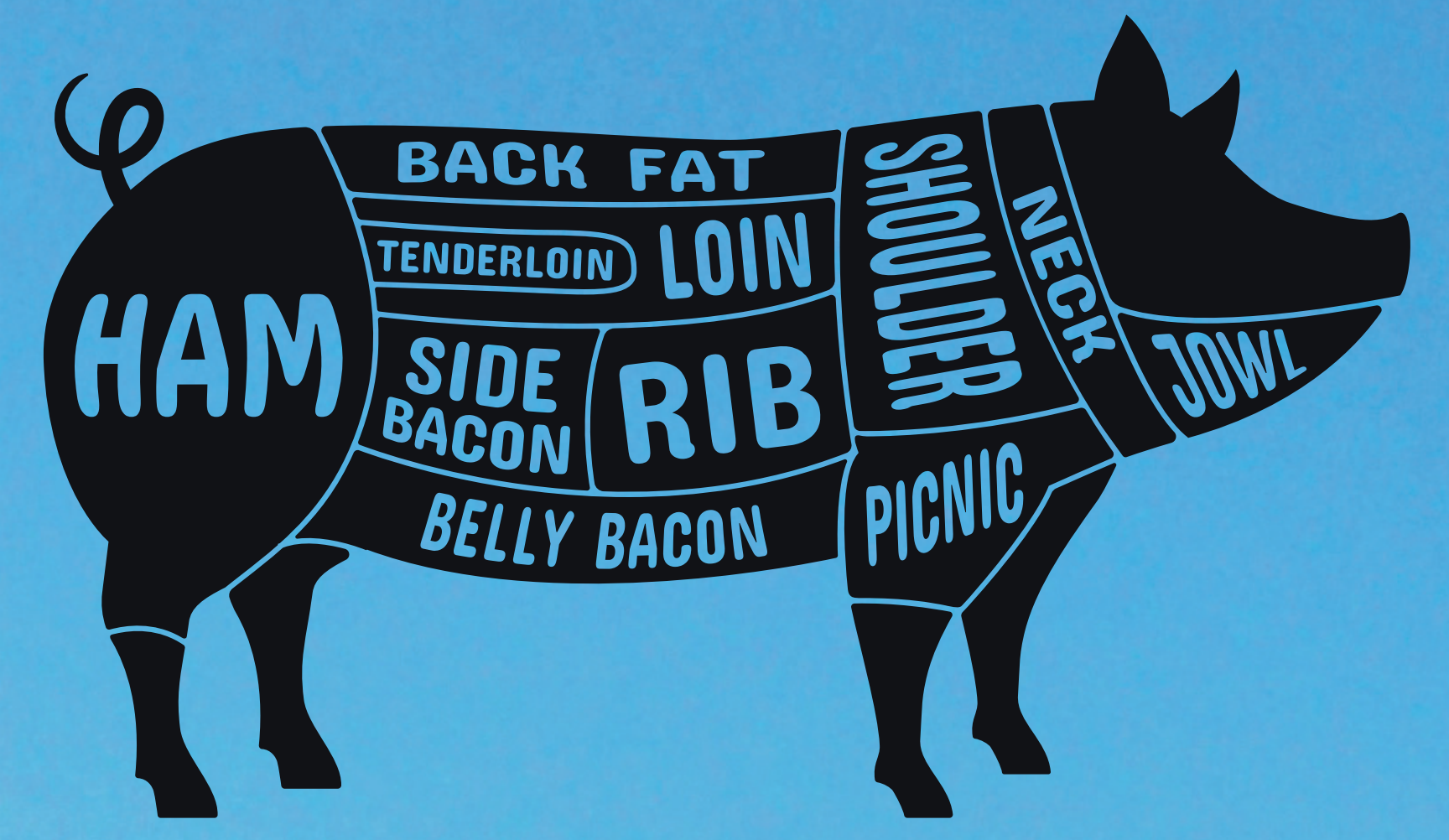
A female piglet (gilt) may enter the pork production cycle or be kept on the farm to breed.

## NURSERY

Typically a 6 to 8 week timeframe when piglets are moved into a barn to grow and eat on their own. Pigs weigh approximately 50 to 60 lbs during this phase.



## GROWING AND FINISHING



Once swine meet market weight they are sent to the packing plant.