



F-5: NEEDLE USAGE & INJECTION SITE

Guide to using needles on grower pigs

For efficient intramuscular injections and to avoid broken needles in meat:

Never:

- ✦ Straighten a bent needle
- ✦ Use a chipped needle



Always:

- ✦ Prefer metal tips. Plastic tips are more fragile.
- ✦ Choose the appropriate needle length and gauge (see chart)
- ✦ Use detectable needles
- ✦ Inject a maximum of 10 pigs per needle
- ✦ Have a marker and spare needles when you do your rounds
- ✦ Dispose of dirty or broken needles safely

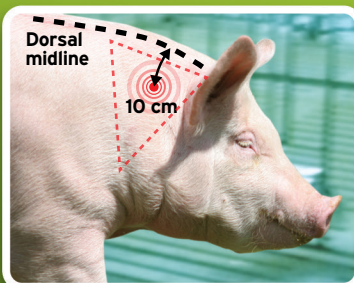
Needle selection chart

Animal weight

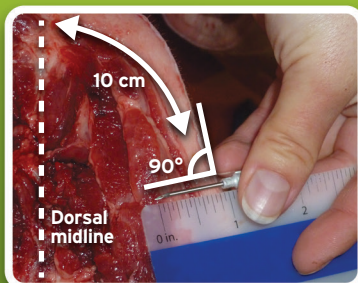
Length

 ideal
 not recommended

Gauge



90° Injection angle



Injection site:

- ✦ Closer to the ear than to the shoulder
- ✦ At least 10 cm from the dorsal midline for pigs over 25 kg

If a needle breaks:

- ✦ **Euthanize the pig OR ↓**
- ✦ **Identify the pig with a color label and...**

➔ **Piglets**

Alert your piglet buyer and the transporter **at time of transfer***

➔ **Slaughter pigs**

Immediately alert: the Marketing department

At loading*:

Alert the transporter

At unloading*:

Alert the slaughterhouse staff

* Keep proof on your copy of the invoice

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