

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY PIG FARMERS/ENTREPRENEUR

Queries raised by the trainees:

1. Query: From where to procure the feeds?

Reply: Feeds can be procured from shops in Shillong like the Premier Feed Mill, North eastern Agency/ Banrap feeds/ Muktieh (G.S road)/ Gemini in Iew Mawlong, rice polish etc.

2. Query: Where can the farmer get the Deworming medicines and vaccination?

Reply: The Deworming medicines can be obtained from Shillong Cooperative Store, Iewduh, veterinary dispensary at block office and also from veterinary clinics. The vaccination medicines are available only with the veterinary experts at the dispensaries.

3. Query: How many days does the farmer have to separate the male and female after giving birth?

Reply: After 56 days

6. Query: what is the best season from producing piglets?

Reply: April-May and September-October when the weather is relatively favourable from easy maintenance and care of piglets.

7. Query: What is the Deworming timing for pigs?

Reply: Once in three months.

8. Query: What is the best time to separate piglets from the Sow?

Reply: After two weeks they can take soft feed and after two months later they can be separated from the Sow.

Queries raised by the participants for integrated piggery cum fishery farming

9. What is the appropriate size and depth of pond for fish cum pig farming?

Reply: Size is 0.2- 2.0 ha

Depth is 1.5-2.0 m

10. How much lime to apply at pond pre-treatment?

Reply: 250-300 kg/ha by apply as powder to the soil before it is filled with water.

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13. Query: Orientation of shed from east to west is not suitable In War Khasi areas due to the fact that rain is coming from the west.

Suggestion: Exceptional areas can be oriented in direction suited to local condition.

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16. Query: How many times in a day the piglets have to take milk from their mother?

Reply: Every one hour during the first five days.

17. Query: What is the cost of one piglet from the farm?

Reply: 2-3 months old piglet costs Rs 2700

3-4 months old piglet costs Rs 3000

6 months above Rs.150/-per kg live weight.

18. Query: How to get piglets from this farm?

Reply: The farmers need to book the piglets in advance by visiting the farm or by contact the farm head.

19. Query: How many the times mating has to be done for the pigs?

Reply: Two to three times for a single pregnancy cycle.

20. Query: How to know which type of feeds from the markets is best for the pigs?

Reply: Consult with the veterinary doctors, veterinary field assistants and existing entrepreneurs in the field.

21. Query: How the owner procures piglets?

Reply: The piglets were bought from nearby breeding units.

22. Query: What are the types of feed given to the pigs?

Reply: Pigs at this farm were given concentrated feeds along with local feeds like vegetables from kitchen and kitchen waste.

23. Query: How much amount the person can borrow from a bank?

Reply by GM, MRB: The maximum amount of loan that can be borrowed depends on the person's background who will borrow including his repayment capacity and history.

24. Query: What is the repayment period for the loan?

Reply by GM, MRB: Repayment period depends on the type of loans taken. Supposed if it is a general loan then repayment can be done anytime within the deadline of repayment. If it is a loan cum subsidy then repayment depends on the rules and regulations of the scheme.

25. Query: Can anyone take loan from the banks?

Reply by AGM, SBI: For anyone to take loan from the bank one has to have account with the bank. This is the first step of relationship with the bank. Then the person can apply for the loan with business plan in details. The bank will process the application only after proper study of the borrower capacity to repay the loan.

26. Query: What are the documents needed for opening bank account at SBI, MCAB and MRB?

Reply by GM, MRB: The people who want to open account at any banks need the basic document requirements i.e. Identity proof and Address proof.

27. Query: Can a person borrow from more than one bank?

Reply by AGM, SBI: The person who has account at particular bank should borrow from that bank only.

28. Query: Suppose a person takes loan of five lakhs on five installments of one lakh each, at what amount the interest will be calculated by the bank?

Reply by officers: The interest amount is calculated at per day basis on the amount being dispense or the current balance after repayment.

29. Query by GM, MRB: Whether mortgage has to be executed for all types of loans as collateral security?

Reply: It depends on the type of loan to be taken. If it is below one lakh no collateral security is needed. If it is above one lakh then collateral security is needed.

30. Query: How to insured the pigs?

Reply by Jt. Director, AH & Veterinary Department: The pig farmers have to inform the block veterinary doctor for applying the insurance of pigs who in turn will inform the insurance company for registering after preliminary inspections of the farm and tagging of the pigs by the veterinary doctor or veterinary field assistants in presence of the insurance company representative.