

## Training & Handling Boars

*Boars can cause some of the most severe injuries received on hog farms. Only interact with boars after being properly trained on boar behavior and the safety tools necessary for boar handling.*



Never assume a boar is safe. Even well-trained boars can be unpredictable and dangerous.

Work in teams around boars. If you have to work alone use a boar limo or boar bot.

Avoid the boar's tusks. Tusks are extremely sharp and can cause injuries to handlers and other pigs.

Use the sort-board as a safe barrier between you and the boar.

To remove a mounted boar from a sow, place the sort-board under the boar's chin and lift up.



Use a boar culling program to replace older boars with smaller, more manageable boars.

Boar bots and boar limos are devices that allow for safer movement of the boar during heat-checks.

Provide boars lots of positive interaction at a young age so that they are easier to handle when they are older.

Routine ejaculation can make a boar calmer and more manageable. Follow your farm's protocol.

When two boars fight, sometimes the safest thing to do is not intervene.