

Introduction

Outdoor pig farming is rapidly expanding in the UK, creating exciting opportunities for farmers, landowners and the wider supply chain from premium markets to flexible land-use arrangements within crop rotations.

However, with opportunity comes responsibility. Outdoor systems can support biodiversity and soil health, yet they also pose risks such as nutrient runoff, soil erosion, and ammonia emissions. These can impact water quality, air quality, soil health, climate and local ecosystems if not managed effectively.

This series of downloadable guides is designed to help outdoor pig farmers take practical steps to reduce environmental impacts while maintaining animal welfare and business viability. Here you will find:



Context and challenges

Understand the environmental footprint of outdoor pig farming with a focus on water, air, soil and climate.

Action pages

8 practical strategies to mitigate emissions, protect soil, and safeguard biodiversity.

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Our goal is to ensure outdoor pig farming remains both a viable and responsible agricultural practice in the UK.



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