

Melbourne Pig Save

Australian Piggery and Slaughterhouse Investigations



Here is a list of undercover investigations conducted in New South Wales and Queensland since 2012, with text and images from Aussie Farms Incorporated, Charity No. CFN 23231 (www.aussiefarms.org.au/ and www.aussiepigs.com/).

Wally's Piggery (*Owned by: Wally Perenc; Status: Closed*)

This sow-stall-free pig farm was in complete filth and disrepair, with many piglets and sows suffering injuries or death due to beatings by employees, the crumbling structure, and a high prevalence of disease. The owner bludgeoned his pigs to death with a sledgehammer for private sale.

Tennessee Piggery (*Owned by: Wally Perenc; Status: Closed*)

Wally's second pig farm showed many of the same problems as the first, with the addition of sow stalls.

Allain's Piggery (*Owned by: Allan & Elaine Howard; Status: Open and operating*)

A smaller pig farm than Wally's and Tennessee, it exhibits many of the same industry-standard problems, with pigs confined to sow stalls and farrowing crates.

Lansdowne Piggery (*Owned by: Ean Pollard, Chairman of the NSW Farmers Pork Committee (Westmill Products); Status: Open and operating*)

In one shed, somewhere between 700 and 1,000 sows displayed signs of insanity while confined to sow stalls, screaming and thrashing. In August, 2013, more footage was released, showing dead and dying piglets in farrowing crates.

Strathvean Piggery (*Owned by: Lloyd Gaskin & Lynette Meredith (Navhold Pty Ltd); Status: Open and operating*)

This piggery is an example of the industry standards, with farrowing crates and sow stalls, and the usual issues of confinement, dead and dying piglets, and uncleanness.

Boen Boe Stud Piggery (*Owned by: Charles & Elvira Zammit; Status: Open and operating*)

Boen Boe Stud Piggery at Joadja NSW keeps pigs confined to tiny metal and concrete cages in farrowing crates, many with bleeding wounds, beside dead and dying piglets; several sows had particularly severe cases of ear cutting, a painful process inflicted at a few days of age for identification purposes.

Pine Park Piggery (*Owned by: Agnes & Peter Cartwright (Pine Park Pig Co); Status: Open and operating*)

Pine Park Piggery in Temora NSW keeps pigs confined to tiny metal and concrete cages in farrowing crates and sow stalls, showcasing industry-standard, legal cruelty.

Wongalea Piggery (*Owned by: Andrew Reilly (Reilly Pastoral Co); Status: Open and operating*)

Wongalea Piggery in Quinalow, Queensland keeps pigs confined to tiny metal cages in farrowing crates alongside their dead and dying piglets for up to 6 weeks at a time, before moving them out to be forcefully reimpregnated.

Cumbijowa Piggery (*Owned by: Unknown; Status: Open and operating*)

A sow was discovered with severe maggot-infested prolapses pushing through both her anus and vagina. As a result she was unable to sit down, and kept pacing back and forth and rubbing up against the back of her cage. There was no evidence that the wounds were being treated.

Dead Horse Gully (DHG) Piggery (*Owned by: Edwina Beveridge (Blantyre Farms); Status: Open and operating*)

Blantyre Farms' grower facility, with over a dozen large sheds of pigs aged 2-6 months. Pigs are crammed into overcrowded sheds where they do not see sunlight until they are being trucked off to the Cowra abattoir. Out of boredom, they eat at the stubs of each others' tails, leaving large bleeding wounds. (See image on next page.)

Golden Grove Piggery (Owned by: *Edwina Beveridge (Blantyre Farms)*; Status: *Open and operating*)

Blantyre Farms' breeder facility, with sows and piglets confined to farrowing crates. Sows are routinely beaten and jabbed with oars and other implements by the staff, while piglets are thrown carelessly into trolleys as they are taken forcefully from their mothers.

Wonga Piggery (Owned by: *Walker & Rowntree Family (Windridge Farms)*; Status: *Open and operating*)

Owned by the family of Edwina Beveridge, Wonga Piggery is one of the industry's best in terms of animal welfare, but this really means very little, with the supposedly great welfare advancement of "group housing" shown to be nothing more than larger cages, where pigs still have very little room to move and are now vulnerable to frustration-induced aggression.

Templemore Piggery (Owned by: *Walker & Rowntree Family (Windridge Farms)*; Status: *Open and operating*)

Templemore Piggery is a large farrow to finish pig farm in Murringo NSW, just outside of Young, owned by Windridge. Templemore features a large, filthy group housing shed - the industry's new standard to eventually replace sow stalls.

Springview Piggery (Owned by: *Geoffrey & Eileen Baker*; Status: *Open and operating*)

A sow was discovered in a terrible condition, unable to move, with large bloody wounds on both of her front legs. She could not reach food or water. Many other sows were found with large untreated injuries, most of them in the apparently undersized sow stalls.

Corowa Piggery & Abattoir (Owned by: *Rivalea Australia*; Status: *Open and operating*)

The largest piggery in the southern hemisphere and the largest pig slaughterhouse in Australia, killing up to 1 million pigs per year. Hidden cameras reveal the suffering behind the so-called "humane" stunning method of carbon dioxide gas.

Brentwood Piggery (Owned by: *Terence & Florence Reed*; Status: *Open and operating*)

Brentwood Piggery near Dalby QLD is another example of industry-standard cruelty in farrowing crates, sow stalls and group sow housing. In the aisle of the farrowing crates, a severed piglet head was found; the rest of the body was nowhere to be seen.

CEFN Breeder Piggery (Owned by: *Jones family (CEFN Genetics)*; Status: *Open and operating*)

One of 3 breeding facilities owned by CEFN near Clifton, Queensland. Between these three sites, CEFN confines 4,000 sows to tiny metal and concrete cages within sow stalls and farrowing crates for the majority of their lives until slaughter. CEFN is owned by the family of Ian Jones, the former mayor of Clifton Shire, and supplies the Pilton Valley Pork brand of pig meat.

Grong Grong Piggery (Owned by: *Pig Improvement Company (PIC)*; Status: *Open and operating*)

One of the largest piggeries in NSW, featuring the largest sow stall shed we have ever received footage from, with 8 rows of tiny metal cages stretching far into the distance, confining hundreds of pregnant sows for up to 16 weeks at a time. Several piglets were found in pieces, and trolleys were found full of rotting piglet tails.

Please also see: Free Range Fraud, <http://freerangefraud.com/> and <http://vimeo.com/73065361> (Animal Liberation Victoria). Excerpts:

- "Our investigation has shown that 'free range' pigs being bred and killed as part of the RSPCA Approved Farming Scheme are living lives of misery in disgusting unsanitary conditions." (<http://freerangefraud.com/free-range-fraud/>)
- "The investigations found the whole property to be run down and dilapidated with dead bodies in various forms of decay left lying around to rot, pigs living up to their shoulders in their own waste, filthy water troughs, rat infested eco shelters, barren muddy areas for mothers to raise their young and pigs cannibalising the bodies of other dead pigs." (<http://freerangefraud.com/free-range-hell/>)



Image: Aussie Farms