RAISING PIGS YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Before you watch Raising Pigs Yesterday and Today at OhioPork.org, put yourself in the shoes of an Ohio Pig Farmer.

100 years ago...
• Hogs lived outside in 3 acre dirt lots.
• Temperatures outside got very cold and very hot.
• Mud dried and there were odors.
• Baby pigs were born outside in the dirt.

Today...
• Modern buildings are designed to create a better environment for hogs.
• Technology and science research improve the care of hogs.

Randy Brown’s Maken Bacon farm has 600 pigs. How would you design an environment to take care of 600 pigs? Be an engineer and draw your design below. Use the checklist of things a pork producer needs to consider. Draw and use words to describe how your design and the use of technology might meet these needs:

Temperature and air flow ____________________________________________

Feeding __________________________________________________________

Cleanliness _______________________________________________________

Care of new baby pigs _____________________________________________

Odors ___________________________________________________________

Health care ______________________________________________________

Go back to your design and make any changes that you believe might improve your hog barn.

What did you learn from listening to Pork Producer, Randy Brown? When you listen or read for information, it is important to know the difference between facts and opinions.

**Label each statement either opinion (O) or fact (F).**

- The US pork industry generates more than $72 billion in total economic activity. **Fact**
- Ohio is the best place in the world to raise hogs. **Opinion**
- Pork producers do things differently than they did 100 years ago. **Fact**
- Randy Brown is proud to be an Ohio Pork Producer. **Opinion**
- The outside dirt lots and huts were not very attractive. **Fact**
- Ohio ranks 9th in pork production in the US. **Fact**

**Definitions**

**Fact:** Something known to be true. (Hogs are animals.)

**Opinion:** A judgment formed about something that is not necessarily based on facts, a personal view or attitude. (Hogs are cute.)