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Pig farming is productive and profitable with various bio products such as meat, manure, biogas, soap and income. There are measures that can be implemented to minimize pig farming mistakes.

Additionally, feeding takes 70 – 75% of production cost hence it is necessary to reduce the costs to maximize returns from investment. Pigs can be fed on cheap vegetative feeds such as cassava roots, leaves and peels, sweet potato veins and roots, banana leaves, groundnut cake, pawpaw leaves and fruits, cocoyam leaves, sugarcane stem and leaves.

Measures

Always find an alternative sources of cheap quality feed by mixing carbohydrates with own food in order to maximize profits.

Additionally, implement several farm bio security measures to avoid disease out break and minimize spread of infections.

Furthermore, ensure proper disease control measures such as cleaning the pen, vaccination, turning beddings regularly, clean and disinfect the sty.

Also ensure proper book keeping and weigh pigs before selling to facilitate proper pricing of animals during selling.

Feed food values

Cassava provides energy, protein and fibre however an oil should always be added before feeding animals to increase protein content.

Sweet potato this is a rich source of energy, protein while dried chopped sweet potato improves digestion.

Also groundnut cake and cocoyam provide protein, pawpaw

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