

# ANIMAL SCIENCE

## COCKLE PARK PIG UNIT FACILITIES

The Cockle Park Pig Unit combines commercial and research activities in an integrated manner to demonstrate good commercial practice and show impact of applied research outcomes against this background.

Commercial activity:

- 150 sow farrow to finish unit with top third annual performance
- 3 week batch farrowing system
- Landrace x Large White damline and synthetic sireline by AI
- A range of slatted and straw-based buildings





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**nu-farms**  
Agrisystems Innovation Platform



### Research activities:

- Individual feeding for sows at all stages
- Flexi-penning within commercial buildings to allow small-group growing pig trials
- Environmental monitoring and networked video system to all buildings
- Finishing building with individual pen slurry collection
- Separate facilities for research under Home Office licence
- Slaughter and dissection facilities and laboratories for sample processing
- Experienced technical team for research implementation