Checklist for Pastured Pig Production

The purpose of this checklist is to get you thinking about the business of livestock. Each species requires different inputs depending on the season and this is the first step in estimating the needs and costs of these items. This will help in two ways. Firstly it will allow us to source all of the things that we need to get started and it will help in setting our price points later in the course. So do your best, if you don't' know just leave it blank or not applicable and when I review them we can work together to estimate your costs.

Where will you source your animals

Estimated Cost per Pig:

Fencing: What kind (electric vs. semi-permanent)

posts? energizer? wood and or pallets? Fence Tester? misc?

Estimated Cost for system:

Water

How much water will you need (5 gallons per pig per day storage or potential) What will you water out of (bucket, tote, barrel, well)? How will you get the water to the animals?

Estimated Cost for System:

Feed

Where will you get your feed?

Does the provider have different types of pig feed for growing vs. farrowing etc? Where will you store the feed?

Estimated Cost per 50 lbs of feed:

Shelter

summer shelter? Winter shelter? Bedding?

Estimated cost to build the shelter:

Veterinary Needs

what is the name of your large animal vet

How much do farm visits cost?
What will you keep in your emergency vet kit?

Possible Sources of Supplemental Feed

What you got?

Misc Items

How will you transport the pigs?

Why do you want to raise pigs?