





Policies of UK Supermarkets – Pigs

Retailer	Own brand fresh pork	Other own brand pork products (such as bacon, sausages and ingredients)	Other info
<p>ASDA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard pork (EU) • Red Tractor • Outdoor Bred 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard pork (EU) • Red Tractor • Outdoor Bred 	
<p>The Co-operative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Tractor • RSPCA Assured • Outdoor Bred 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard pork (EU) • Red Tractor • RSPCA Assured • Outdoor Bred 	<p>From July 2018 all own-brand fresh pork, bacon, sausage, gammon and ham will be sourced from outdoor-bred pigs on RSPCA Assured farms.</p>
<p>M&S</p>  <p>All fresh pork is reared to higher welfare standards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSPCA Assured (Outdoor Bred) • Outdoor Bred • Free Range • Organic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Tractor standard, or equivalent (EU and UK) • RSPCA Assured • Outdoor Bred • Free range • Organic 	<p>M&S received CIWF's Cage-Free Award in 2017 for committing to end the use of sow stalls and farrowing crates across their full range of pork products.</p>

Morrisons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard pork (EU and UK) • Red Tractor • Outdoor Bred 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard pork (EU and UK) • Red Tractor 	
Sainsbury's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard pork (UK only)* • RSPCA Assured • Outdoor Bred/Reared (All Sainsbury's Taste the Difference pork and Pork products) • Organic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard pork (EU and UK) • RSPCA Assured • Outdoor Bred/Reared (All Sainsbury's Taste the Difference pork and pork products) • Organic 	<p>*All British produce at Sainsbury's adheres to Red Tractor standards but do not use the certification</p>
Tesco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard pork (EU and UK) • Outdoor Bred/Reared (Tesco Finest range) • Organic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard pork (EU and UK) • Outdoor Bred/Reared (including Tesco Finest bacon, sausage and ham) • Organic 	
Waitrose  <p>All fresh pork is reared to higher welfare standards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Bred • Free-Range • Organic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard pork (EU speciality meats such as Parma ham and chorizo) • Outdoor Bred • Free-Range • Organic 	<p>Waitrose received CIWF's Cage-Free Award in 2017 for committing to end the use of sow stalls and farrowing crates across their full range of pork products.</p>

Overview of standards

EU Conventional Production:

- Tethering of sows prohibited and use of sow stalls restricted to the first 4 weeks of pregnancy (farrowing crates permitted)
- Pregnant sows must be given sufficient fibrous or bulky food, as well as high energy food
- Nesting material must be provided to sows before farrowing
- At least 1.3m² per sow area must be continuous flooring
- Pigs must have permanent access to a sufficient quantity of material to enable proper investigation and manipulation activities, such as straw, hay, wood, sawdust, mushroom compost, peat or a mixture of such (pigs are typically reared in barren environments regardless of this law)
- Routine tail docking and teeth clipping and grinding is prohibited (but commonly practiced)
- Surgical castration permitted up to 7 days of age
- Minimum space allowance prescribed by weights
- Piglets typically weaned at 28 days (minimum 3 weeks)

EU Organic Production – additions or differences compared to conventional legislation

- Sow stalls and farrowing crates banned
- Provision of ample bedding material
- Pigs must have access to pasture or an open-air exercise area or an open-air run. The final fattening stage (maximum 1/5 of total lifetime) can take place indoors
- Piglets weaned at 40 days
- Routine tail docking prohibited
- Greater space allowance given compared to EU conventional legislation – specified by weights

UK production

- In line with EU legislation except sow stalls banned throughout gestation

Outdoor bred – UK production standards plus

- Sows are outdoors where crates and stalls are not used. The piglets are then brought indoors for fattening at weaning (around 3-4 weeks old).

Outdoor bred and reared – UK production standards plus

- 'Outdoor reared' means the meat pigs are reared outside for around half their lives (approximately 3 months). During this time they won't necessarily have access to pasture, but will be kept in an outside pen. Throughout their lives they should have access to plenty of bedding such as straw. Sows are outdoors where crates and stalls are not used.

Free range – there is no legal definition but should mean born and reared outdoors throughout life

Certification schemes

Red Tractor Assured Pork – UK production standards plus

- Castration prohibited

RSPCA Assured

- Sow stalls and farrowing crates prohibited
- Castration prohibited
- Greater space allowance than UK production standards – specified by weight
- Bedding material provided
- Tooth clipping and grinding prohibited
- Routine tail docking prohibited – veterinary sign off to derogation

Soil Association

- Meat pigs kept free range for at least 80% of their lives
- Sow stalls and farrowing crates prohibited
- Castration prohibited
- Greater space allowance than UK production standards – specified by weight
- Bedding material provided
- Tooth clipping and grinding prohibited
- Routine tail docking prohibited