

GIF User Manual	Presentation of GIF - Pigs
Barn / Building	8230 – 8238 (Sb30-38)
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<i>Topics</i>	<i>Description</i>
General Information about GIF - Pigs	<p>The pig housing facilities at AU Viborg – Foulum Research Centre cover more than 5,500 m² and are designed to support a wide range of research and development projects. The unit has capacity for an SPF-approved nucleus herd of 150 sows, with an annual production of approximately 6,000 piglets and finishing pigs.</p> <p>The facilities are equipped with flexible housing systems that enable experimental studies in areas such as nutrition, health, welfare, climate emissions, and human models.</p> <p>The facilities include, among other things, gestation barns for both individually confined and loose-housed sows, farrowing units, nursery barns, and finishing pig facilities with both individual and group housing.</p> <p>The unit also includes dedicated areas for digestion and balance trials, as well as advanced feeding systems capable of handling more than 30 different feed mixtures simultaneously.</p> <p>Research activities include areas such as nutrition, health, behaviour, breeding, and reproduction, with a particular focus on sustainable food production. Studies are conducted using both conventional and genetically modified animals, and several of the barns have periodically been used for trials with transgenic pigs.</p> <p>The respiration chambers enable precise measurements of greenhouse gas emissions and energy metabolism, contributing to the development of more climate-friendly production systems.</p> <p>The facility is also used for projects related to housing equipment, ventilation, information and communication technology (ICT), and other technical solutions relevant to commercial pig production.</p> <p>The research centre collaborates closely with external partners and has access to laboratory facilities for the analysis of samples such as feed, blood, urine, and tissue.</p>
Overview of GIF – Pigs Barn Facilities	<p>GIF – Pigs includes the following barn facilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finishing Pig Barn (Building 8230 – Sb30) 2. Digestibility Barn + Climate Barn (Building 8233 – Sb33_1 and Sb33_2) 3. Under renovation (Building 8234 – Sb34) 4. Feed Storage and Support Room (Building 8235 – Sb35) 5. Weaner Barns (Building 8236 – Sb36) 6. Farrowing Barn and Service Area (Building 8237 – Sb37) 7. Gestation Barn (Building 8238 – Sb38) 8. Staff Facilities (Building 8232 – Sb32)



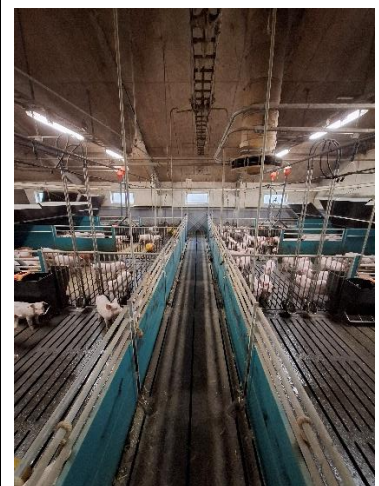
Figure 1. Aerial view of GIF – Pigs






Descriptions of GIF - Pigs Experimental Barns

1. Finishing Pig Barn (Building 8230 – Sb30)


The barn consists of four identical sections designed for loose-housed pigs. Three of the rooms are equipped with pens for pigs ranging from 30 kg to 200 kg, while the fourth room is intended for pigs from 7 kg to 35 kg.

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2. Digestibility Barn + Climate Barn (Building 8233 – Sb33_1	<p>A large, open room with the option to install digestibility crates or create flexible rooms and pen layouts.</p> <p>In addition, there are four respiration chambers that can be used to measure, among other things, methane emissions.</p>	
(8233 - Sb33_2)	<p>Consists of four separate rooms with flexible layout options suitable for all animal categories.</p> <p>The barn can house animals of all sizes, and both manure, air, and climate conditions can be separated and measured individually in each room.</p>	
3. (Building 8234 - Sb34)	<p>Under renovation</p>	
4. Feed Storage and Support Room (Building 8235 – Sb35)	<p>Feed storage facility supplying the barns via the central feeding system.</p>	
5. Weaner Barn (Building 8236 – Sb36)	<p>Ten identical rooms designed as weaner sections with flexible pen layout options.</p> <p>The rooms are intended for loose-housed individual pigs or groups of pigs ranging from 7 kg up to 30–50 kg.</p> <p>Ventilation is provided by a neutral pressure system with mechanical air intake and exhaust.</p>	



6. Farrowing Barn and Service Area (Building 8237 – Sb37)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some rooms are designed as farrowing units for sows kept in conventional crates – one pen per sow/litter.• Other rooms are designed as farrowing units for loose-housed sows – one pen per sow/litter.• One room is set up as a service area, with pens for loose-housed sows and fixed crates for servings. <p>Ventilation is based on a negative pressure system with diffuse ceiling inlets and outlet vents.</p>	
7. Gestation Barn (Building 8238 – Sb38)	<p>The barn is designed as a conventional gestation facility.</p> <p>It includes 12 traditional pens and 4 large loose-housing pens with the option for deep litter and cafeteria-style feeding.</p> <p>Ventilation is provided by a neutral pressure system with mechanical air intake and exhaust.</p>	