

## Attitudes to Pig Farrowing – Topline Data

### Question 1

A farrowing crate is a metal enclosure used in pig farming to restrict the movement of a mother pig for up to 5 weeks, from just before she gives birth until 4 weeks after the piglets are born.

The crate does not permit the mother pig to turn around, prevents nesting behaviour and limits a mother pig's interactions with the piglets.

The crates are used as a method by some farmers to reduce the risk of mother pigs accidentally crushing the newborn piglets. Other farmers use farrowing pens, rather than crates, that allow for greater freedom of movement and nesting for the pig, while still minimising the risk of piglets being crushed.

With this in mind, which of the following best describes your view of farrowing crates?

	N = 1,229	%
They should be banned immediately		58
They should be phased out of use within 5 years		26
Their use should continue to be permitted		6
Don't know		10

## Question 2

If pork products were labelled to show which products came from animals kept in farrowing crates, and which came from animals not kept in crates, which of the following best describes your view?

N = 1,228	%
I would be willing to pay a lot more for pork produced without farrowing crates	20
I would be willing to pay a little more for pork produced without farrowing crates	34
I would prefer to buy pork produced without farrowing crates, but would not be willing to pay more for it	17
I would prefer to buy pork produced with farrowing crates	1
These labels would not affect my buying decisions	11
Don't know / Not applicable	17

### Technical details:

- The survey was designed by The Diffley Partnership and invitations were issued online using the ScotPulse panel,
- Results based on a survey of 1,229 respondents (nationally representative), with fieldwork taking place between January 14 and January 17, 2025
- Results are weighted by gender and age to adult population estimates from 2021,