



Pigs make a great additional enterprise!

When Stephen Cowper, an arable farmer from Warwickshire was looking for an additional enterprise to complement his existing business, he started to look into the potential of growing chickens or pigs.

Despite never having pigs before, the team members from BQP provided the sound advice and support Stephen needed to make the final decision!

Within a year, Stephen's farm had two new pig buildings, housing c. 1000 pigs in each. The pigs take a few hours per day, allowing Stephen to continue with his electrician trade.

It's been a learning curve for Stephen throughout the process but the knowledge and dedication of the BQP fieldspeople continues to fill him with confidence.

They are able to advise on all areas of rearing pigs; from husbandry to welfare, along with veterinary support and regular farm visits.



In addition to combining multiple jobs, Stephen has also learnt the value which the pig manure brings. Although he doesn't grow enough straw to bed his stock all year round, he exchanges with a local farmer for mutual benefits and reduces his artificial fertiliser bill by spreading the pig muck on his arable crops.

To learn more on the opportunities with BQP follow the link below

<http://www.dalehead.co.uk/about-pig-farming.html>

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