A short pig timeline

From a pig shot in 1859 to an official England total.

Each line has a date and a source used on pigs.farmyard.im. Official United Kingdom figures for 2025 and official England figures for 1 June 2026 are listed separately, and are not one total.

Year	What happened	Source
15 June 1859	Lyman Cutlar, an American, shoots and kills a Hudson's Bay Company pig on San Juan Island. The official park history dates the crisis from this morning.	US National Park Service, The Pig War
21 March 1860	British Royal Marines land and establish what is now known as English Camp. A joint military occupation then runs for twelve years.	The same park history
21 October 1872	A commission, through Kaiser Wilhelm I, rules in favor of the United States and a boundary through Haro Strait. Royal Marines withdraw on 25 November.	The same park history
1921	Frederick Banting and Charles Best first isolate insulin, according to a Science Museum Group collection note, which also records that pig insulin was found to be similar to human insulin.	Science Museum Group, 1994-461
10 January 1950	A Daily Herald photograph is titled, in the museum catalogue, "Happy in a 'Pigloo'," showing an aluminum pig sty at Grove Dale Farm, St. Barr.	Science Museum Group, 1983-5236/46104
1982	The same museum note says that since 1982 insulin has been made from bacteria genetically modified to produce human insulin.	Science Museum Group, 1994-461
January 1998	Sow Butch and boar Sundance break free from an abattoir in Malmesbury. Official BBC wordings later disagree about how long they were on the run.	BBC News, 1998 and 2010; BBC Radio Wiltshire, 2023
24 May 2001	The Animal By-Products (Amendment) (England) Order 2001 comes into force, providing that the definition of "swill" shall be deleted.	SI 2001/1704
2004	A BBC News report of 2010 records that the Tamworth Two's tale was turned into a comedy-drama, The Legend of the Tamworth Two, screened on BBC One.	BBC News, 9 October 2010
1 June 2026	The official England total is 3.8 million pigs. The female breeding herd, 246 thousand, accounts for 77% of breeding pigs. Fattening pigs stand at 3.5 million, 91% of all pigs.	Livestock populations in England

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