Questions

whats the best time to slaughter my 2 kune kune pigs

added by bournemonkey to the River Cottage Community
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Could anyone please help.
Ive 2 Kune Kune pigs and i would like to know what i should do next. Ive rang the local vet for worming them etc but they werent helpful.
What age is it best to slaughter them. i was wondering if i could have them as a spit roast for our wedding in November or are they best for the freezer?
I live in Immingham, NE Lincs
how much is it to slaughter etc

Any help would be very grateful

Answers

answered by bournemonkey on 30th April 2012 at 14:49

We have been told by defra that we have to worm them via a vet to record all the data so we can get them killed. Otherwise a slaughter house won't kill them.
We are in lincolnshire so can not get to these places you have suggested. Thanks for the idea of prices. The pigs are a year old now and will be killed middle of this year as Kune Kune pigs are not fully grown until they are 18mnths.

answered by HarmonyHerd on 2nd April 2012 at 18:45

Kune Kunes are designed to hold fat. Be very careful with your feeding, or plan to virtually cut their feed down to very little for the last few weeks or your spit roast will be all fat and little meat. For a spit roast, you will of course need the whole pig back - it will be dehaired and gutted, but may well have the kidneys still attached. How old will your pigs be in November? I have heard they make good eating.
Have a look for a good book - Haynes pig manual by Liz is a good one and contains lots of useful information. She is a RC member and you could contact her by PM, but I think Amazon do the book.
Best wishes for the wedding!

answered by shan on 2nd April 2012 at 17:31

You should be worming them yourself. Get some pig ivomec or some panacur.

Slaughter depends on what you want from your pigs. For example, I am sending off 6 piglets next week. They are only 6 weeks old but I want them for oven sized suckling pigs. So again, what purpose do you want them for?

Slaughter cost will vary according to where you are and what you want done with the carcass. Our abattoir charges £20 for a suckling pig, £26 up to about a 90 kg live weight and about another £10 more for a bit bigger but they do have size limitations.

Ensors (another abattoir) charged us £36 for a rather large sow that our local could not do. These are only slaughter costs - we take the carcasses whole. If you want cutting up, there is a further charge.