

Interpretation guidelines for Haltungssystem 4 „Auslauf/Weide“

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For pigs

Variant A: Indoor housing with permanent access to outdoor areas (Auslauf)

- Unrestricted floor area (indoor area + outdoor area*)

Average weight in kg	Floor area in m ²
over 30 to 50	0,5 + 0,25 = 0.75
over 50 to 120	1,0 + 0,5 = 1.5
over 120	1,5 + 0,8 = 2.3

* Outdoor areas can only be counted as unrestricted usable floor area if it is ensured that outdoor rearing can continue even in the event of an animal disease outbreak in compliance with the minimum requirements of the TierSchNutzTV (German Animal Livestock Ordinance) or if the pigs can be housed elsewhere. In the event of an allowance, it must be ensured that the covered portion of the unrestricted usable floor area allows all animals to stand and lie down simultaneously without hindrance.

- Minimum floor area in the outdoor area:

Average weight in kg	Floor area in m ²
over 30 to 50	0.25
over 50 to 120	0.5
over 120	0.8

- The outdoor area is a separate area, usually thermally insulated, from the fixed sty area/building, through which all animals in a crate have direct access to the outdoor area with the corresponding seasonal temperatures and humidity levels as well as changing daylight intensities.
- The outdoor area may be attached to the outside of a building or located inside the sty. At least one exterior wall or the roof of the outdoor area must be open. There must be at least 1.0 m² of open exterior wall or roof area available for every 10 animal places in the group.
- Windbreak nets are permitted in the openings. Recovery crates do not need to have access to the outdoor area.
- The outdoor area must be at least 2 m long and wide to prevent pigs from injuring themselves.
- The time during which the animals have access to the outdoor area may be reduced for the duration of cleaning or for a short period of time if this is absolutely necessary in individual cases, e.g., for animal welfare reasons.
- The temporary closure of the outdoor area must be documented.

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Variant B – free-range husbandry without a permanent sty

- Permanent outdoor farming without a permanent sty
- A thermoneutral resting area must be available
- Access to the outdoor area may be reduced for a short period of time if this is absolutely necessary in individual cases, e.g. for animal welfare reasons.
- During the period in which the animals are not kept outdoors without a permanent sty, they must be kept in a housing facility that meets the requirements of Sections 3, 22, and 29(2) sentence 1 of the German Animal Welfare Livestock Keeping Ordinance (TierSchNutztV). The temporary closure of access to the outdoor area must be documented.

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