I load hogs each Sunday evening.

II take them to Quality Meats for processing before sunup on Monday.

We load the pigs from their pasture sheds

I like to start late in the day when they are thinking about bedding down for the night.

Granddaughter Ella, who now lives across the road, has helped for the last couple of loads.

I have always preferred to work animals alone.

Most helpers make the animals tense.

Ella does not.

She is calm, patient, has good judgement and follows directions.

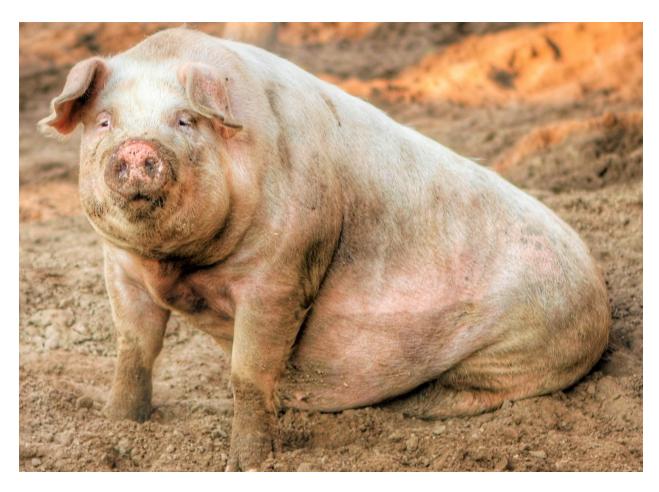
I have attached a photo that daughter Amy took after we loaded hogs last week.

You do not need to look too closely to see that loading hogs is dusty, dirty work. But good work.

It is especially rewarding to handle the animals with a minimum of stress for them. We do that.

Tom





This pig weighs over 400 pounds. She only goes where she wants to go.