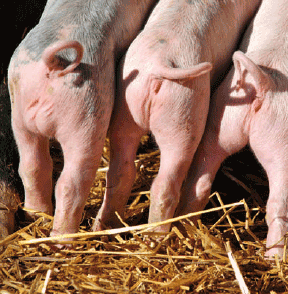
Table: Advantages and Disadvantages of Castrating male pigs (boars).

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| Advantages | Disadvantages |
| Decreased aggressiveness: easier to handle (restraint); reduced fighting within herd | The procedure in piglets is painful |
| Prevents boar taint of meat | Can have high piglet mortality rate throughout recovery period |
| Prevents unwanted reproduction/pregnancies |  |
| Production of higher quality end product |  |
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View link for more info on swine castration: <https://www.fawec.org/en/fact-sheets/36-swine/113-effect-of-castration-on-the-welfare-of-pigs>

Picture 1: Boar with scrotum and testicles intact.

Picture 2: Castrated boars (barrows)