

## Pig Digestion

Food digestion begins in the **mouth** of the pig. Food is chewed into smaller pieces and mixed with saliva so that it is easier to swallow. As food is swallowed, food moves down the **esophagus** and into the **stomach**. Once in the stomach, the food is mixed with more enzymes to help break down the food. The partially digested food, now called chyme, moves to the **small intestine** where most of the broken down food is absorbed. The food particles then enter the large intestine. The large intestine is composed of two sections, the **cecum** and the **colon**. Food travels very slowly through the cecum into the lower part of the colon, where the remaining nutrients and water are absorbed into the body. The colon is where feces are formed and are later expelled through the anus.

# Digestive System of a Pig

