

H1 - Daily supervision of weaners



Supervision

1. Inspect the weaners minimum **twice a day** - also during weekends.
2. Check the climate in the facility.
3. Check troughs / feeders.
4. Inspect the pigs when they are active.
5. Make all pigs stand up - throw some straw or use a rattler / paddle.
6. Check for pigs showing signs of disease or acting abnormal.
7. Spray mark pigs with abnormal behaviour.
8. Decide whether to treat the pigs and/or whether to move them to a hospital pen.



Be aware of

- Pigs that do not get up quickly.
- Pigs that are lame.
- Pigs that are heavy-breathing- look at the flank.
- Pigs with tail bites or pigs biting tails.
- Pigs that are not thriving (see picture).
- Pigs that do not eat.
- Restless pigs walking around when other pigs are resting.

Additional comments - Daily supervision of weaners

- 1.** Inspect the pigs minimum twice a day - also on weekends.
On farms with no post-weaning diseases, the pigs should be inspected minimum twice a day. If the pigs are fed manually, inspect the pigs during feeding.
Minimum once a day, make all the pigs stand up to be able to see if some of the pigs need special treatment.
Check and clean feed and water supplies if/when necessary.
- 2.** Take a look at the section through a window, if possible, to see how the pigs act when all is calm. Quietly, walk in, and observe how the pigs lie in the pens.
Also see Fact Sheets on behaviour and climate, for instance H3, H24, H27, H28 and H29.
- 4. +** Walk into the pens to check that all pigs get up easily. That way it is possible to check that they are healthy, if some are behaving differently and/or if there are signs of disease.

5. Supply a handful of, for instance, straw, as that will catch their interest. A paddle with a rattle is also a good tool for making pigs stand up.
- 8.** **Moving pigs to a hospital pen / relief pen:** Immediately move sick pigs from the pen to a hospital pen. Treat the pigs in accordance with instructions from the herd vet.