

360 farrower – indoor freedom farrowing

Being a good source of protein, the quality and quantity of pig products is determined by the level and type of technology used in the production.

As sows are moved in when pen is clean and dry, introduce paper beddings and put on green light in the pen approximately 48 hours prior to farrowing. When sow shows nesting behaviours, there is need to put in extra bedding.

Farrow management

First, sow or gilt farrows with pen fully opened for it to choose where it is comfortable for farrowing and continue by restricting the sow's movement if it is aggressive to protect piglets and when it is settled, reopen the place. Supervise and record the farrowing.

Similarly, sow is faced in gate and once system is complete, the farrower is reopened and once farrowing is complete, separate the piglets. With point of health and safety, farrower is closed and piglets are separated from the mother regularly during the week. With large litter, it is necessary to foster piglets to a nurse sow and for protection of litter, close farrower briefly.

360 farrower is designed to protect piglets and allow sow freedom of movement and in this, there is need to observe sow lying down after her first feed post farrowing. Daily routines involve checking health of both sow and piglets and a piglet require close inspection or treatment for safety of all concerned.

Furthermore, routine treatment is made by removing all piglets to treatment bottle and return them once treated as all

farrowers are inspected daily and cleaned. Paper bedding is replenished and replaced with straw after 48 hours and straw is replenished daily. Clean feed is introduced to piglets out of reach of the sow and sows are fed semi automatically 3 times a day.

Feed labels are reduced daily according to appetite and the sow is more active in 360 farrower and feed intake is increased by 10%. Finally, sows are removed from 360 farrowers with piglets left behind and later piglets are also removed by easily opening the gate.