

# Commercial Piggery

## Farrowing Shed Routine

### 1 SET UP OF FARROWING PENS

- Pressure wash pens and disinfect
- Install bulb over creep and test
- Clean, disinfect all feeders
- Put in and secure milk feeder bowl
- Check water flow

### 2 SOW ENTRY TASKS

- Write correct sow number on board
- Inject with BOMECTIN 6ml on entry to shed

### 3 FARROWING TASKS

- Clean faeces from behind sow when farrowing begins
- Have available gloves and soap for internal examination
- 2ml oxytocin to ensure afterbirth all out
- Clear afterbirth and dead pigs

### 4 FIRST 24 HOURS TASKS

- Disinfect Navels (Iodine spray) on first check
- Iron injection 1ml per piglet
- Cut teeth and tails
- Baycox
- Recording
  - Born Alive
  - Born dead
  - Mummies
  - Mixed

## Castration

Castration is no longer practiced in commercial farms where improved genetic pigs grow fast enough to reach sale weight before sexual maturity. This obviously applies to the sale of smaller live pigs for functions. However, with slower growing pigs (over 6 months to maturity) there is a chance a pig will reach sexual maturity. With boars this causes them to start mounting and fighting each other

## 5 FIRST WEEK TASKS

- Give milk 3x day
- Wash and disinfect bowls each change
- Check sow for milk flow
- Ensure light is still working

## 6 GENERAL TASKS

- The Pen must always be clean.
- Remove all debris and dead pigs early each morning.
- There should always be creep feed in the bowl
- Refill creep twice during the day AND once at night.
- Feed little and often.
- Wash pens Daily but do not wet piglets
- Store all equipment cleanly and safely.

## 7 SOW FEEDING UP TO THREE TIMES PER DAY

Sows should never be hungry

Do not allow stale feed to remain in feeders

Feed more to sows with most piglets

Morning	Grower ration
Afternoon	Dry Sow ration
Night	Grower ration

## **8 REHYDRATION SALTS**

To make 1 bucket (18 lt.) add  
400 ml Glucose syrup  
55g salt  
25g potassium chloride  
50g Citric acid  
40g baking soda

## **9 MEDICATION USAGE**

Store all medicines in the fridge.  
Only use 1 bottle at a time.