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"Survive so you can Thrive"



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IMPORTANT INDUSTRY DATES

World Pork Expo
June 3-5
Des Moines, IA

Ventilation Workshop
June 24-25
Carthage, IL

CVS Swine Conference
Sept. 9
Macomb, IL

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Survive so you can Thrive

For several years, profits flowed from sites that had poor feed conversions, loose marketing criteria, elevated utility costs, and poor individual pig care. However, in today's market, efficiencies in every area of production are necessary. I have chosen these four areas to focus on in this article.

On Tuesday, September 9th, 2008 our Annual Carthage Veterinary Service, Ltd. Swine Conference speakers will be focusing on "Surviving So You Thrive". A wide range of topics be covered during our conference.

Feed

The most cost-effective areas are to control waste and maintain your budget. Choosing more inexpensive ingredients may have negative affects on your pigs' growth.

- Adjust Feeders daily



Improved feed efficiencies and decreased cost per lb. of pork will be noticed in the picture on the left. Feed is being wasted in the picture on the right

- Adjust Feed Budget if there is a change in production. This includes adjusting if:
 - Wean age has drastically changed
 - Different number of pig groups are started in a barn
 - Mortality occurs during the growth period

- Particle Size needs to be between 600-700 microns
 - Feed efficiency decreases by 1.2% for every 100 microns over 600 microns
- Water Intake drives feed intake
 - A minimum of 1 drinker per 20 pigs and 1 extra is required
 - Ensure proper water flow for each age pig
- Feed Paylean
 - 20 pig days at 4.5-6.75 grams/ton is recommendation based on current research
- Sow Feeding
 - Gestation: Make sure that you are not overfeeding
 - Farrowing feeders: Full feed but avoid feed wastage

Marketing Decision Program

- Ensure that you are marketing at the correct weight for your packer's grid and current feed costs.
- CVS has developed a program to input your current feed prices and packer grid to help make decisions in your marketing. We would be happy to share this with you.

Utilities

- Although winter has passed, utility bills continue. Saving on electricity and LP is extremely important and can be done with proper ventilation.
- Keep your equipment clean and remove dust and debris from fan and baffles



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- Dust on fan baffles will decrease the efficiencies of your fans
- Tighten or replace your fan belts
 - Loose belts lead to fan inefficiencies
- Measure your environmental levels
 - Be sure you have the appropriate temperature setting
 - Are you below 500 fpm or above 1000 fpm for inlet speed?
 - Is your humidity in your room above 70% RH? If so, you need to ventilate more.

Individual Pig Care

- Walk pens/rows daily and treat pigs upon finding them showing clinical signs
- Early detection of clinical signs and aggressive individual treatment of pigs prevents herd outbreaks in disease and are more cost effective than mass medication

To survive the market we must look at all the inefficiencies in our systems. Perfecting the above four areas will save systems' money. There are several other areas that we can work on together. Good luck on planting this season.

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