

HIGH SOW SURVIVAL

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FOCUS ON GILTS

- Check gilts at 6 months and before mating. Focus on even claws, straight legs and body condition
- Recommended sticking rate in gilt pens:
 - 0.75-1.0 m² (50-85 kg)
 - -1.0-1.5 m² (85-110 kg)
 - -1.5-2.0 m² (from 110 kg to mating)
- At mating, the young females must
 - -weigh 140-160 kg
 - have a back fat thickness of 13-15 mm
 - be 32-34 weeks old.

FOCUS IN THE FARROWING SECTION

- Focus on quality of feed. From storage of dry grain in clean silos, to clean mixing facilities to clean feeding devices
- Check farrowing sows frequently.
 Assist with farrowing assistance if no piglets are born within ½-1 hour
- The weaned sow can be mated again if body condition is acceptable and if the fundament is right for another pregnancy.

FOCUS IN THE GESTATION SECTION

- Gestating sows must be housed in stable groups
- One or two persons are responsible for a daily check of every pregnant sow
- Have at least 5 % sick pens with drained floor and sufficiently straw bedding
- Remember to have a journal at each sick pen
- The ventilation system should be dimensioned for air replacement of:
 - 125 m³/hour (gestating sows)
 - 375 m³/hour (nursing sows)
- Remember to have a sprinkling system for the entire activity area.

