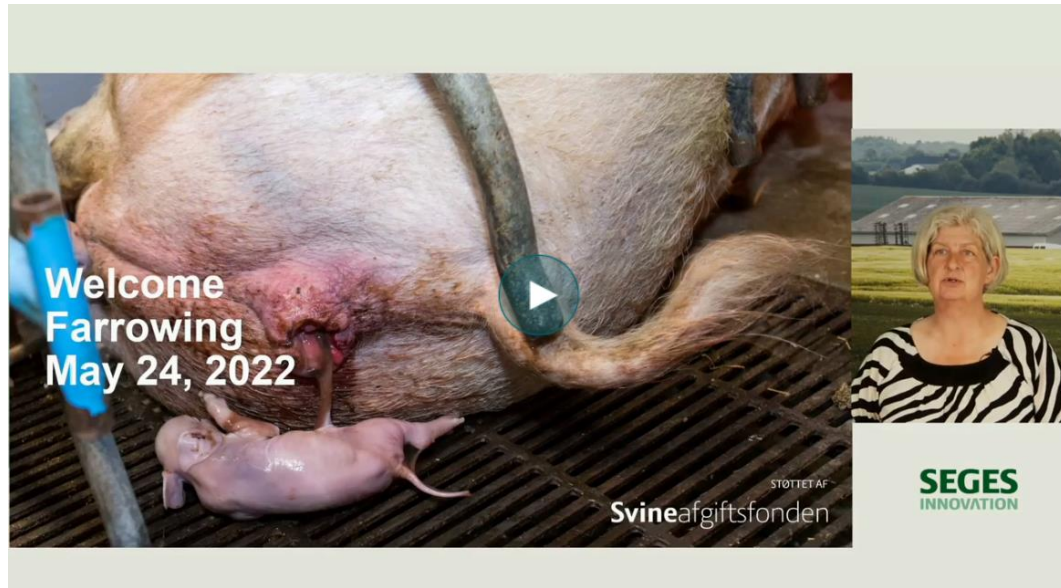


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A close-up photograph of a pig lying on a metal grate. The pig's body is the central focus, with its tail visible on the right. A newborn piglet is lying on the grate in the lower-left foreground. The pig's skin is pinkish and appears to be in the process of giving birth. A blue-handled tool is visible on the left side of the frame.

**Welcome
Farrowing
May 24, 2022**

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Svineafgiftsfonden

The speakers today



Flemming Thorup



Danni Sørensen

A photograph of a pig in a farrowing crate. The pig is lying on a metal grate floor. A newborn piglet is lying on the grate in the foreground. The pig's body is visible, and a blue object is on the left side. The background is dark and indistinct.

The agenda for today

- Danni's experiences
- The normal farrowing
- How to help the sow during farrowing
- Check if the sow is healthy
- Take home messages



Danni Sørensen, Store Vognsbæk

Farrowing

- Danish sows are pregnant for 117-119 days
- Large litters are born first
- Older sows are pregnant for longest time
- In some herds, most sows give birth when it is quiet in the evening

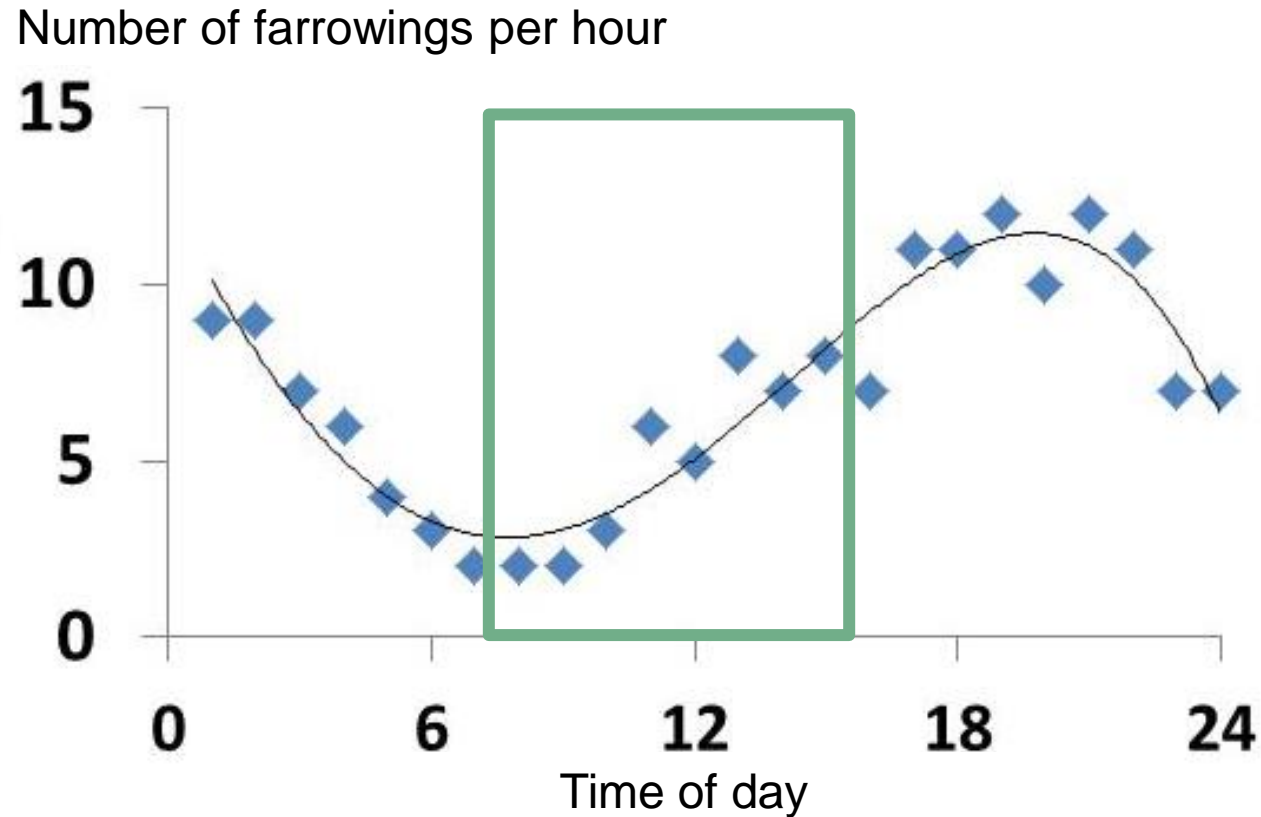


Birth of piglets



When does the sows start to farrow in your herd?

Often, most farrowings occur outside the normal working hours



Be present in the farrowing unit when....

- Many sows are farrowing
- When the oldest sows are farrowing
- When farrowing has been on for some hours



Farrowing surveillance when you are in the farowing unit

- One person is responsible for the farowings
- Check sows frequently
 - Every ½ to 1 hour
 - Has the sow given birth to new piglets?
 - Have new sows started farrowing?
- Count the number of piglets born
 - If no new piglets are born, then farrowing may have stopped
 - Has the sow finished farrowing? Check for placentas.
 - Does the sow need assistance?



When to assist the sow

- 1 or 2 piglets born
- There is averagely 40 minutes between the piglets
- Accept 1 hour without birth of piglets

- 3 to 15 piglets born
- There is averagely 10 minutes between piglets
- Accept 30 minutes without birth of piglets

- More than 15 piglets born
- There is averagely 15 minutes between piglets
- Accept maximum 30 minutes between piglets
- Has the sow finished farrowing?



Farrowing assistance. Do a clean job



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Pulling out piglets. Born forwards

- Use index finger and middle finger
- Take hold of the piglet behind its ears
- Pull gently



Pulling out piglets. Born forwards. With too little room in the sow

- Use middle finger and index finger
- Take hold of the piglet's lower jaw behind the teeth
- Be careful not to hurt your finger
- Switch to holding behind ears



Backward born piglet

- Use 3 fingers.
- The index, middle and ring fingers
- Take hold of the piglet above the knuckle of the leg



What not to do in the farrowing unit

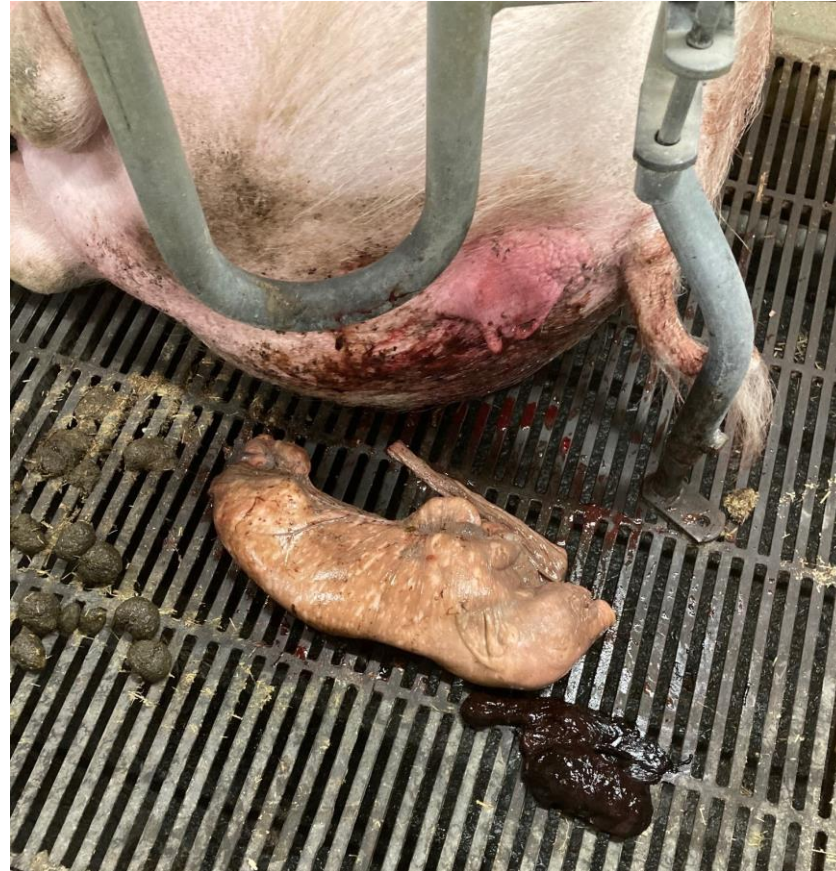
- Do not make noise in the farrowing unit
- Noise causes stress, and stress may delay the farrowing
 - Do not castrate piglets
 - Do not move sows around
 - Be gentle, if you need to handle piglets
- Work in other sections is possible, but remember to check on the farrowing SOWS



What to do while you are in the farrowing unit

- Help weak piglets to the udder
 - or under the lamp for heating
- Give energy supplement
- Adjust litter size

- Help piglets that risk being crushed
- Check the health of finished sows





More information on farrowing and lactation in English and Danish

- [Guide til farestalden \(farestaldsguide.dk\)](http://farestaldsguide.dk)

- App for your phone



Farestald

Questions?

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Take home message

1. You are present when the sows farrow
2. Count number of piglets during farrowing
3. Give farrowing assistance, if farrowing stops before time
4. Help the newborn piglets to the udder
5. Check the sow to be sure that the sow is fit after farrowing





Next session
The newborn piglet
June 8, 2022