



Better Training for Safer Food *Initiative*

Training course on “Animal Welfare in pig production”

Working Group N.2

CASE STUDY PRESENTATION

Lactating SOWS

NESTING MATERIAL

What: straw,

From: 48-72 hours before expected farrowing

To: farrowing

How to assess it: see the material or animal using it

ENRICHMENT MATERIAL

What: straw, wood, paper, pellets

From: 3 days after farrowing

To: weaning

How to assess it: see the material or animal using it, see the animals performing stereotypes means that there is failure in the strategy of the farmer

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CRATES SIZE

What: too small

How to assess it:

- Measure the crate
- Shoulder sores (animal based)

PROVISION OF FIBER

What: not provided or insufficient

How to assess it: check the food, 15 % fiber

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PROVISION OF WATER

What: not sufficient flow and volume

How to assess it:

- check the water flow system in different points
- dry feces (animal based)
- performance and behavior of piglet (indirect animal based)

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HIGH TEMPERATURE IN SUMMER TIME

What: temperature out of comfort area

How to assess it: humidity, air flow, temperature
respiratory rhythms (moderate cases)
panting (severe cases)



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