



Better Training for Safer Food *Initiative*

Training course on “Animal Welfare in pig production”

Working Group N.4

CASE STUDY PRESENTATION

Bottlenecks and non-compliances

Weaning age – specially when weaned earlier than 28 days

Space – when near 10 weeks old

Temperature

Handling e.g. mixing of animals

Floors – to big gaps between slats

Food – transition period from milk to solid food

Enrichment

Free pen to isolate sick and injured animals

Indicators

Weaned earlier:

production records e.g. farrowing dates vs. weaning dates,
visual indicators e.g. small piglets in the weaner house

Space and flooring:

Take measures

Behavioral indicators e.g. dirty animals, fights/injuries
claw injuries

Temperature:

Own perception

How the animals are lying

Dirty animals

Indicators

Handling:

Injuries

Enough space to keep stable groups

Food:

Diarrhea

Enrichment:

Destructible materials (interaction with flooring)

Availability

Clean and safe

Free pen:

Easy to check

Validity and feasibility

Sickness and injuries important throughout the hole period

Age dependent issues:

New weaners: stability of the group, temperature, food

Animals about 10 weeks: space, redirected behavior, availability of enrichment



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