



Better Training for Safer Food *Initiative*

Training course on “Animal Welfare in pig production”

Working Group N.5

CASE STUDY PRESENTATION

Question 1, for fattening pigs issues in implementing directives

Some unsuitable material use, eg wood type, chains

It was noted no derogation is available when slatted floors are used
– try rack suspended hay rack arrangement or suspended wood
Guidance on volume of straw etc to use. Recognize there should be some left at the end of the day.

Ask to see straw storage to get impression if straw usage is real?
Type of visit, unannounced or not? Italy for audits, they call first.
Denmark unannounced.

Space allowance – humidity issues indoors in summer and when large pigs they lie down on slats to cool and get very dirty

Issues with light meters? To assess 40 lux or not?

Decibel measurements? Sweden have decibel measures. Metal stalls clanking and with the ventilation systems.

Question 1, for fattening pigs issues in implementing directives

Kenya – 10% only intensive pig farms, majority are extensive.
Issues with feed supplies.

Vet visits give advice on accommodation and feed issues.

Tail docking not yet part of new animal welfare laws.

Bedding is usually straw or sawdust, as buildings well ventilated.

Group usually find enrichment on farms , whichever MS represented.
Wood is used but feel this does not allow pig to explore satisfactorily.
Bulgaria was only country present that had prosecuted for routinely
tail docking on a farm.

Question 2, which legal requirements and animal based indicators would you chose?

Pig behaviours, cleanliness, signs of fighting, pig numbers in the group,

Try to see if lots of pigs are mounting each other, does this indicate too high a SD, accompanied with a lot of squealing.

Look for skin lesions on spines

Body condition scores, unevenness in size. Dirty or clean.

Noise, to indicate signs of clinical disease. The same for faeces as an indicator of disease together with a strong smell of ammonia.

Thermoregulation, huddling.

Tail biting was discussed. Germany for example requires tail docked pigs, so this puts pressure on source countries such as Denmark to carry out this procedure, despite they would rather not.



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