

Title	Prepare sows to farrow		
Level	3	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare the farrowing area for a new intake of sows; move sows to the farrowing area; monitor sows during farrowing; and assist sows to farrow.
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Classification	Pork Production > Pig Husbandry
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 All evidence presented in this unit standard must be in accordance with:
 - Manufacturer's instructions
 - Animal Welfare Act 1999
 - Animal Welfare (Pigs) Code of Welfare 2010
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; and any subsequent amendments.
 - 2 Definition
Workplace procedures refer to the policies and procedures set by the employer or organisation on workplace safety, procedures, and conduct. This includes standard operating procedures.
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Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Prepare the farrowing area for a new intake of sows.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Prepare farrowing area for farrowing without damage to equipment and fittings.
- 1.2 Check equipment and fittings to ensure they are operational.
- 1.3 Carry out maintenance of equipment and fittings.

Outcome 2

Move sows to the farrowing area.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Check farrowing area is clean, dry and the drinkers and feeders are working.
- 2.2 Identify sows that are due to farrow in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 2.3 Treat sows as required in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 2.4 Move sows with minimal stress and without harm to animals or handlers.

Outcome 3

Monitor sows during farrowing.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Identify imminent farrowing in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 3.2 Monitor farrowing progress in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 3.3 Check on a sow's udder in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 3.4 Keep records of sow monitoring in accordance with workplace procedures.

Outcome 4

Assist sows to farrow.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Observe sows and identify any problems during farrowing.
- 4.2 Carry out, when necessary, internal examinations of sows under hygienic conditions.
- 4.3 Keep records of assistance in accordance with workplace procedures.

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Comments on this unit standard

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