Title	Describe sow husbandry management practices and artificial insemination on a pig farm		
Level	4	Credits	5

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe: husbandry management practices that contribute to optimal sow productivity; and artificial insemination on a pig farm.
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Classification	Pork Production> Pig Husbandry
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Available grade	Achieved
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# **Guidance Information**

None.

# Outcomes and performance criteria

### **Outcome 1**

Describe husbandry management practices that contribute to optimal sow productivity on a pig farm.

# Performance criteria

1.1 Describe on farm husbandry management practices that contribute to a prompt return to oestrus in the sow following weaning.

Range nutrition, sow condition, boar contact, oestrus detection, sow

health, record keeping, post farrowing problems;

evidence of five is required.

1.2 Describe on farm husbandry management practices which contribute to optimal conception rates.

Range natural and supervised mating, artificial insemination, fertility,

animal health, feeding, stock condition, minimal stress;

evidence of five is required.

1.3 Describe on farm husbandry management practices after mating which support healthy pregnancy and successful farrowing.

Range

embryonic and foetal mortality nutrition, sow condition, condition scoring, sow health, housing, environment, husbandry, handling, and minimal stress;

evidence of five is required.

1.4 Describe reproductive factors relating to the sow and litter in terms of their effect on the reproductive performance of the herd.

Range

farrowing rate, litter size at birth, birthweight, colostrum at birth, pre-weaning mortality, milk quality and quantity at lactation, weaning to oestrus interval, postpartum problems;

evidence of five is required.

1.5 Describe on farm husbandry management practices at mating which maximise boar performance.

Range

nutrition, health, handling, timing, usage;

evidence of three is required.

### Outcome 2

2.2

Describe artificial insemination on a pig farm.

#### Performance criteria

2.1 Describe artificial insemination in terms of the advantages of, and reasons for, carrying it out.

Range genetic progress, number of boars, herd health status, economics; evidence of three is required.

Describe artificial insemination in terms of the procedures.

Range semen handling, storage and preparation, hygiene requirements,

insemination equipment, insemination timing and procedures;

evidence of five is required.

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