



Work of the Subgroup on the welfare of pigs of the EU Platform on animal welfare

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Work of the Subgroup

3 meetings since last EU Platform

- 13.12.2022 – space allowances & floors for gilts and sows, piglets, boars and particular cases
- 16.01.2023 – genetic selection in pig production
- 08.05.2023 – specific questions (tail docking/enrichment/space allowances)

Space allowances & floors - sows

Farrowing

- Zero vs temporary confinement
- Pen design vs outcome indicators
- Size of pen

Grouped sows

- Space allowance - weaning to insemination & insemination to farrowing
- Pen side/Flooring/Free access stalls

Space allowances & floors – particular cases

Recovery pens

- Number of pens
- Space allowance
- Other features

Mixing pens

- Escape & hide structures
- Limitations on mixing of piglets/
rearing pigs

Group housing of suckling sows

- Commercial systems
- Welfare concerns for piglets & sows
- Gaps of knowledge to legislate

Genetic selection in pig production

Presentation

Options for legislating genetics

- EFFAB
- Specific figure on litter size
- Number of sow teats corresponding to number of piglets
- Nursing capacity of sow
- Approval or authorisation of breeding program
- Label with genetic criteria
- Outcome indicators
- Weaning age & management of big litters
- Inspections to verify farmer competence
- Free farrowing (zero confinement)

Specific questions

Tail docking

- Need for derogation?
- Conditions for docking?

Space allowances rearing pigs

- Space allocation based on formula or weight categories?

Enrichment material

- Compatibility with floor & slurry?
- Transitional measures?
- Amount around farrowing?

*Thank you for your attention
& to Subgroup members for their work*

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