

SALMONELLA CONTROLS

(Indoor Breeding Herd & Indoor Weaners & Finishers)

Staff and General Comments

- ⊗ Comply with the entry procedures at the farm gates/office as agreed.
- ⊗ Wear unit protective clothing at all times. Wash overalls regularly.
- ⊗ Wash boots after heavy dung contamination.
- ⊗ Wash boots when moving between sections.
- ⊗ Wash hands after handling pigs.
- ⊗ Use only the designated room for eating and drinking.
- ⊗ Staff should not keep or work with poultry, without express permission of owner.
- ⊗ Control other endemic diseases on the unit.
- ⊗ Do not allow young pigs to have any contact with older growing pigs or their dung.
- ⊗ Wash and disinfect all passages used by slaughter pigs as soon as they have been dispatched.
- ⊗ Review ZAP score each quarter with your vet.

Buildings

Sow yards

- ⊗ Clean out twice weekly or more often if heavily soiled.
- ⊗ Completely clean out at least twice per year.
- ⊗ Wherever possible clean and power wash and disinfect annually.
- ⊗ For weaning to service pens wash at least 4 times per year but best between each batch.

Sow cubicles

- ⊗ Clean 3 times weekly.
- ⊗ Pressure wash every 6 months.

Farrowing houses

- ⊗ Place foot dips outside all entrances.
- ⊗ Practice all in/all out by room.
- ⊗ Steam clean and disinfect between batches.
- ⊗ Do not move any pigs (piglets or sows) back into another room.
- ⊗ Wash passages daily.

Weaner Housing, 1st & 2nd stage

- ⊗ Place foot dips at all entrances.
- ⊗ Operate all in/all out by section.
- ⊗ Steam clean and disinfect between batches.
- ⊗ Do not move piglets outside their section.
- ⊗ Wash all passages weekly.
- ⊗ Maintain in good repair.

Straw yards

- ⊗ Yards should be concrete based.
- ⊗ Pressure wash and disinfect as often as is practical.
- ⊗ Use clean straw for filling and bedding.

Finishing houses

- ⊗ Operate all in all out by section.
- ⊗ Do not move pigs outside their section.
- ⊗ Pressure wash and disinfect sections after each batch, or at least 3 times a year.

Concrete areas/passages

- ⊗ Wash weekly.

Hospital pens

- ⊗ Place away from healthy pigs with separate air space and separate drainage.
- ⊗ Use foot dips on entry and exit.
- ⊗ Review occupants daily, destroy those not recovering.
- ⊗ Provide several pens to allow regular emptying, cleaning and disinfection. Do not have continuous flow hospital pens, fill over max 10 days then close.
- ⊗ Provide pens for each section.
- ⊗ Empty, clean and disinfect at least once a month.
- ⊗ In a row of pens, a pen made up of poor pigs should be positioned at the end of a scrape through not the beginning.
- ⊗ **Do not move recovered stock back into mainstream production.**

Vermin Control

- ⊗ Bait continuously.
- ⊗ Keep the unit tidy, destroy potential cover for rodents.
- ⊗ Ensure that remaining straw is moved before new straw is stacked.
- ⊗ Ensure well fitting lids are used for feeders and water tanks.
- ⊗ Disinfect all water supply lines and tanks regularly.
- ⊗ Store bulk food in vermin-proof bins.
- ⊗ Store bagged food on a pallet in a clean, dry area. Put down bait.
- ⊗ Do not leave feed in open feed barrows.
- ⊗ Keep food spillage to a minimum.
- ⊗ Ensure food troughs are well maintained and do not leak.
- ⊗ Sweep all passages regularly.

Dead Pigs

- ⊗ Preferably use an on-farm incinerator. Do not allow to stack up near incinerator.
- ⊗ Dispose of dead stock safely and frequently.
- ⊗ Provide a leak-proof container to hold carcasses awaiting collection.
- ⊗ Put the container in a secure place off the unit – see separate advice note.
- ⊗ Use boots and overalls provided for the purpose and not brought back onto the unit.
- ⊗ Do not return to the unit the same day after taking out deadstock.