

Batch Farrowing Place Weaning age

The batch farrowing place easily predicts the age of the piglets at weaning.

Once the number of animals on each day post-weaning is known the farrowing date and thus the weaning age can be predicted.

It is difficult to change your weaning age unless you are going to change your weaning date. Weaning ages can only change by the length of the batch.

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Predicting your average weaning age?

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What day is your weaning day?

Lactation length weeks

Place a 1 next to your weaning day

Gestation length days

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			Wean Sows	Gilts	Returns	Into farrow	Return/gilt	Wean sow		Return/Gilt	Wean sows	Average
Sunday	<input type="text" value="0"/>											
Monday	<input type="text" value="0"/>											
Tuesday	<input type="text" value="0"/>	29/04/2010	0	0	0	19/08/2010	23/08/2010	Will not	23/09/2010	31		27.1
Wednesday	<input type="text" value="0"/>		0	0	1		24/08/2010	Will not		30		
Thursday	<input type="text" value="1"/>		8	0	0		25/08/2010	27/08/2010		29	27	
Friday	<input type="text" value="0"/>		8	2	0		26/08/2010	27/08/2010		28	27	
Saturday	<input type="text" value="0"/>		2	2	0		27/08/2010	27/08/2010		27	27	
			2	0	0		28/08/2010	28/08/2010		26	26	
			0	0	0		29/08/2010	29/08/2010		25	25	

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Assumption: Farrowing rates for:

Weaned sows mated 1-2 days post weaning %

Weaned sows mated 3-6 days post weaning %

Weaned sows mated 6 days post-weaning %

Weaned sows mated 7 days post-weaning %

Gilt matings %

If the farm practices 3 week weaning, then piglets less than 21 days of age are inevitable as the average is less than 21.

Thus these system is illegal within the EU. **91/630** This can be readily identified in farm records - farms with 3 week weaning have 20 batches of gestating sows rather than 21 as required by 4 week weaning.

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