

Batch farrowing Place Monitoring the batch performance in the farrowing area

The batch farrowing place makes it easy to monitor, in real time, the performance of the farm. On this page, we will examine the farrowing area in particular. For the whole farm please visit this link.

The calculations require a target total born and target number weaned. The spreadsheet then provides targets for the number of live piglets at each stage of lactation. When the actual number of piglets are counted, the spreadsheet then offers a comment.

Monitoring the farrowing area production

The yellow boxes can be customised to suit the farm's flow

Farrowing place	20		Input actual numbers in each farrowing area		
Total born	260	pigs	Week 1	222	OK
Total born alive	234	pigs	Week 2	218	OK
Total born dead	26	pigs	Week 3	214	OK
Weaning age	4	weeks	Week 4	210	OK
Numbers to be weaned	210	pigs	Actual pre-weaning mortality		
Pre-weaning mortality	10.3	%	10.3%		
Target pigs within each batch			Mortality percentage		
Week 1	222	50 %	What was the weight weaned from the last batch?		
Week 2	218	20	1680	kg	OK
Week 3	214	15	Target batch weaning weight		
Week 4	210	15	1680	kg	
			Expected weight per pig		
			3 weeks	6 kg	
			4 weeks	8 kg	
			5 weeks	10 kg	

Note the most important production result is the total weight weaned.

The actual pre-weaning mortality reviews the number of piglets weaned - looking at all reasons for failure achieve target numbers, including failure to farrow sufficient sows.

If your born alive or born dead are not on target, then instigate an investigation.

The pre-weaning mortality number is not relevant to the productivity of the farm.