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The registration fee is covered by grant funds. Enrollment to this farrowing management discussion group is limited to 20 operations.

Internet hookup is strongly recommended. The workshops will also be by phone, but visual access to the materials will be available at any high speed Internet site. If you do not have high speed internet access and a separate phone line available, county Extension offices can help you. Mark the box below or call (712) 225-6196 if you want to find a computer to watch from a county Extension Office.

- I will link up at home with my high speed Internet and call in on my phone
- Please arrange for me to hookup at an Extension Office
- I will look at the slides off the CD (will be mailed to you) on my computer and call the toll free number to connect from home.

Questions? Contact Dave Stender at 712-225-6196 (office) or 712-261-0225 (cell) or at dstender@iastate.edu



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Call in Times:

Tues., Dec. 4th: noon-1:30 pm – 1st call
Tues., Dec. 18th: noon-1:30 pm – 2nd call
Tues., Jan. 15th: noon-1:30 pm – 3rd call
Tues., Jan. 29th: noon-1:30 pm – 4th call

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Niche Sow Farrowing Discussion Group



Learn at home on your computer or at your local Extension Office

Meet with other producers over the phone during Dec. 2007 & Jan. 2008

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Why join this discussion group?

Participating will be a great way to conveniently connect with niche producers to discuss common issues and effective strategies to keep pigs alive in pen farrowing systems.

There will also be opportunities to devise operation-specific solutions to your primary farrowing problems. Having the opportunity to interact with others who share your interests and challenges will be rewarding.

What will be involved?

Participants will use a common set of educational materials and shared teaching experiences to improve critical skills for success in pen farrowing systems. The materials will be sent ahead of time.

Some homework assignments will be included. During calls you will have opportunities to discuss the pros and cons of options with your peers as well as Swine Specialists. This type of peer-to-peer learning through shared experiences will deepen your knowledge on effective pen farrowing techniques.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

Note: The subject matter for each of the calls will be different.

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Do I need a computer?

Yes, but there are options:

1. Access at home through high speed internet connection (you will also need a separate phone line to participate in the discussion)

2. Access at your Extension Office
3. Run the presentation from a CD (mailed in advance) and call in on your phone

How do I hook up?

Option 1. If you have high speed internet access and a separate phone line, you will need to open the following web page:

<http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/niche>

Then you will type in your name, enter the meeting room, and follow the instructions, after which we will call you.

Option 2. Same as option one except at an Extension Office.

Option 3. Put the CD you are mailed in your computer to look at the slides, and you call a toll free number to join the discussion.

Note: option 3 will be less interactive.

Note: Please indicate on the registration form if you need a county office hookup.

What, homework?

Homework assignments and quizzes will be mailed. Completing these will be important so we can discuss results and target issues important to your farm. There will be at least 9 options to choose from. You will pick one or two to complete, which should take less than an hour. Assignments will be due Dec. 14th and Jan. 14th.

Questions?

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Gary Huber @ 515-232-5661 (x103) or gary@practicalfarmers.org.

Who are the Group Leaders?

Dr. Christa K. Irwin, DVM, Adjunct Instructor, VDPAM, Iowa State University
Dr. Duane Reese, Extension Swine Specialist, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Dave Stender, Extension Swine Field Specialist, Iowa State University

Is enrollment in the group limited?

Yes. In order to have a "small group" feel and to ensure the phone bridge functions properly, enrollment is limited to 20 people.

General Information

This discussion group is designed for people who work in hog production that involves farrowing sows in pens. It will cover the basics in lactating sow and piglet care. Although it is designed for beginners, it will also served as a refresher for people experienced in pen farrowing management. Below is a partial list of tasks that you should be able to perform or perform better as a result of participating in this discussion group:

- ✓ prepare the sow and farrowing space
- ✓ know when and how to assist a sow to farrow
- ✓ process piglets
- ✓ manage the sow to maximize feed intake during lactation
- ✓ identify and treat pig and sow health problems
- ✓ identify disadvantaged pigs and improve their survival rate
- ✓ know when and how to euthanize disadvantaged piglets
- ✓ keep records
- ✓ recognize normal pig and sow behavior