



## Lactation Management Recommendations

- 1) Use summer feeding diet from May through Sept. or when temperatures are above 75\* F.
- 2) Top dress up to 1 lb. of 47.5% soymeal daily for gilts or sows with low feed intakes.
- 3) Feed at least 2 times daily, consider feeding 3 times during hot weather. If feed is not cleaned up at the next feeding then skip a feeding. If not cleaned up at the following feeding, clean the feeder feed the sow and treat the sow with injectable antibiotic.
- 4) Feeding recommendations:

Day 1	2 lbs.
Day 2	2 lbs. A.M. & 2 lbs. P.M.
Day 3	3 lbs. A.M. & 3 lbs. P.M.
Day 4	4 lbs. A.M. & 4 lbs. P.M.
Day 5	5 lbs. A.M. & 5 lbs. P.M.
Day 6	6 lbs. A.M. & 6 lbs. P.M.
Day 7	7 lbs. A.M. & 7 lbs. P.M.
- Continue with this regimen until sows are up to full feed. Do NOT bring sows up on feed too soon as they will probably have stomach upset and never attain full feed intake level.
- 5) Monitor water flow. Lactating sows need a flow rate of 8 ounces in 7 seconds to meet their needs.
- 6) Use drip coolers on hot weather. Consider using stirring fans over the front of the farrowing crate also.
- 7) Increase feed intake 2 lbs. daily during the last 7 to 10 days of gestation. May need to increase more on thin sows.
- 8) Reduce feed intake to 2 lbs. the last 24 hours prior to farrowing if possible. This helps to clean up the digestive tract and assures that sows will be hungry after farrowing
- 9) Consider feeding sows housed outside every other day. This helps to reduce the problems associated with boss sows and thin sows.
- 10) Full feed wet sows during the breeding period. This helps to regain any lost condition. After breeding go back to normal limit feeding program.



11) Consider using 400 grams of Aureomycin per ton in the breeding diet. This helps to clean up any lingering infections in the reproductive tract and improves conception rates.

12) Move sows to their home pen as soon as possible after breeding. This needs to be done prior to embryo implantation. Do not move sows again until they are bred at least 70 days.

13) Begin heat checking for rebreeds on day 18 after breeding. Sows will normally stand for the boar on Day 21. Do this again 21 days later.