



Take employee into the farrowing barn and demonstrate how to safely lift and set a pig down.

- Firmly grasp the pig's hind leg.
- Lift the pig until it is held vertically, hind legs are pointing to the ceiling and head is pointing to the ground.
- Lower the pig until its two front feet touch the floor and then release its back leg.



Walk the employee from the farrowing barn to the destination for weaned pigs. Demonstrate how to prepare the path of movement for the pigs.

- Clear all potential obstacles and distractions.
- Secure all gates and close all doors.
- Communicate to other employees to minimize the flow of people.



Explain the advantages and disadvantages of weaning the piglets before the sow.

- There is less room for the piglets to run, making them easier to catch.
- The handler must be cautious of the sow's protective instincts.



Explain the advantages and disadvantages of weaning the sow before the piglets.

- Chance of sow biting or stepping on handler is eliminated.
- There is more room for the piglets to run, making them more difficult to catch.
- Employees must be cautious as a sow enters an alley or hallway as she may seek to return to her litter.



Walk the employee through the farrowing barn and point out all physical obstacles in the barn that can injure employees while weaning pigs.

- Heat lamps
- Heaters
- Power washer lines



Lift a pig and show the employee the proper way to hold a pig while it receives an injection.

- Hold the pig securely with two hands.
- Hold the pig away from your body to reduce risk of accidental injection.



Demonstrate the benefits of using irregular sound versus constant sound when moving pigs.

- Constant and loud noise will frighten and agitate piglets, causing them to pile on top of each other.
- Irregular sound keeps the sound fresh and new which is effective and less stressful for pigs.



Walk the employee through an efficient pathway and explain the benefits of using straight or gently curved paths for movement.

- Pigs prefer to move ahead when they can see what is before them.
- Avoid using 90 degree turns.



Demonstrate your pig sorting protocol.

- Demonstrate how to accurately identify a fall-out pig.
- Demonstrate how to prep and fill the hospital pen.



Demonstrate how to safely lift feed bags.

- Use your legs not your back when lifting.
- Distribute the weight evenly.
- Stand up straight