

*Weaning sows is a stressful event. Stay calm and patient and allow the sows to move at their own pace.*



Positive interactions with sows on a daily basis will make the weaning process easier.



Prepare the path of movement by removing all obstacles and distractions and securing all gates.



Items leaning against a wall could fall and hit a sow. Debris on the floor could cause sows to slip or trip.



If the pigs are weaned before the sow, be aware of the sow's behavior as she may become aggressive protecting her litter.



If sows are weaned before the pigs, be aware the sow may become protective and aggressive as she will try to go back to her piglets.



Be patient when moving sows, especially around 90 degree turns. Allow them to move at their own pace and give ample time for her to explore the area.



Move sows in small, manageable groups. Small groups will move more efficiently than larger groups.



Know where your coworkers are. Don't push sows into the person in front of you.



Use gentle pressure to get a sow to enter a gestation stall. Younger sows may be reluctant to enter the stall.



Secure all gates and latches. Unsecured latches may allow a sow to back up and exit her stall. Loose gates can be knocked down, causing injury.