



Welfare In Action

A producer's view

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FARM OVERVIEW: RIMBEEK





- 1400 SOW FARROW TO WEAN OPERATION
- 5 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES
- NAE PIG PRODUCER



GESTATION LOOSE HOUSING

- TRANSITION TO LOOSE HOUSING IN 2018

- AS PART OF NAE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT
- CHOPED CRATES AT 2' FROM THE FRONT AND ADDED THE HALLWAY SPACE AS PART OF THE PEN
- PENS OF 10/12 SOWS
- ONE ISOLATION/RECOVERY COLLAPSIBLE CRATE PER PEN

LOOSE HOUSING MANAGEMENT

- SMALL PENS OF 10-12 SOWS
- PENS GROUPED BY SIZE/AGE
- 1 ISOLATION CRATE PER PEN
- PENS FEEDING DONE FIRST THING
- WALK TROUGH PENS TWICE/DAY, EVERY DAY

A person wearing a dark uniform and a blue face mask is operating a red metal cage filled with piglets. The person is using a tool to handle the piglets. The cage is part of a larger metal structure, likely a farrowing or piglet management system. The background shows a concrete wall and some equipment.

STAFF TRAINING

- ANIMAL HANDLING
- ZERO TOLERANCE ANIMAL ABUSE POLICY
- SOWS/GILTS MOVING AND FARROWING ROOM LOADING
- PIGLET HANDLING/ MANAGEMENT
- MONTHLY ANIMAL HANDLING MEETING

INTRODUCED CHANGES



• PIGLET EUTHANASIA BY ZEPHYR GUN (2014)

The background features several decorative elements: a vertical dotted line on the right side, a large dotted circle on the left, a large dotted circle on the right, and a smaller dotted circle on the right side. There are also some vertical dotted lines on the left side.

• **NO ELECTRIC PROD ON SITE**
(2015)



• WEANING PIGLETS BY REMOVING PARTITION ON FARROWING CRATES (2019)

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- USE OF JUGS, AND/OR PHYTOSEN UPON MIXING GILTS
(2024)

WHAT WE SEE?

- CALM LIVESTOCK, USE TO HUMAN CONTACT/HANDLING
- CREATION OF A CULTURE OF ANIMAL WELFARE MINDED TEAM MEMBERS, WHO **REALLY CARE** ABOUT PROVIDING OUR ANIMALS WITH THE BEST CARE POSSIBLE WITHIN OUR SYSTEM
- TEAM MEMBERS ALWAYS THINKING AND FINDING BETTER WAYS TO GET TASKS DONE
- VET TEAM VERY INVOLVED AND SUPPORTIVE

WHAT WE FEEL

- AS PRODUCERS WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY WITH OUR ANIMALS, STAFF AND CONSUMERS, TO PROVIDE THE BEST CONDITIONS POSSIBLE WITHIN OUR SYSTEM TO MAKE THE LIVES OF OUR ANIMALS AS COMFORTABLE AS CAN BE.
- COMPLACENCY HAS NO PLACE IN OUR INDUSTRY, THUS WE SHOULD ALWAYS BE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO IMPROVE OUR PRODUCTION SYSTEMS, WITH A SHARP FOCUS ON ANIMAL HANDLING AND WELFARE.



THANK YOU!