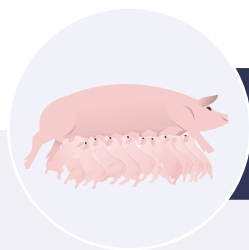


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1 / FARROWING AND LACTATING SOWS

Priority areas for action to improve welfare

GILTS AND SOWS



Provide more space for the animals

- > Stop use of farrowing crates
- > Provide more space for animals in group housing



Increase amount of fibre in feed

- > Bulk out diet with straw



Keep floors in good condition

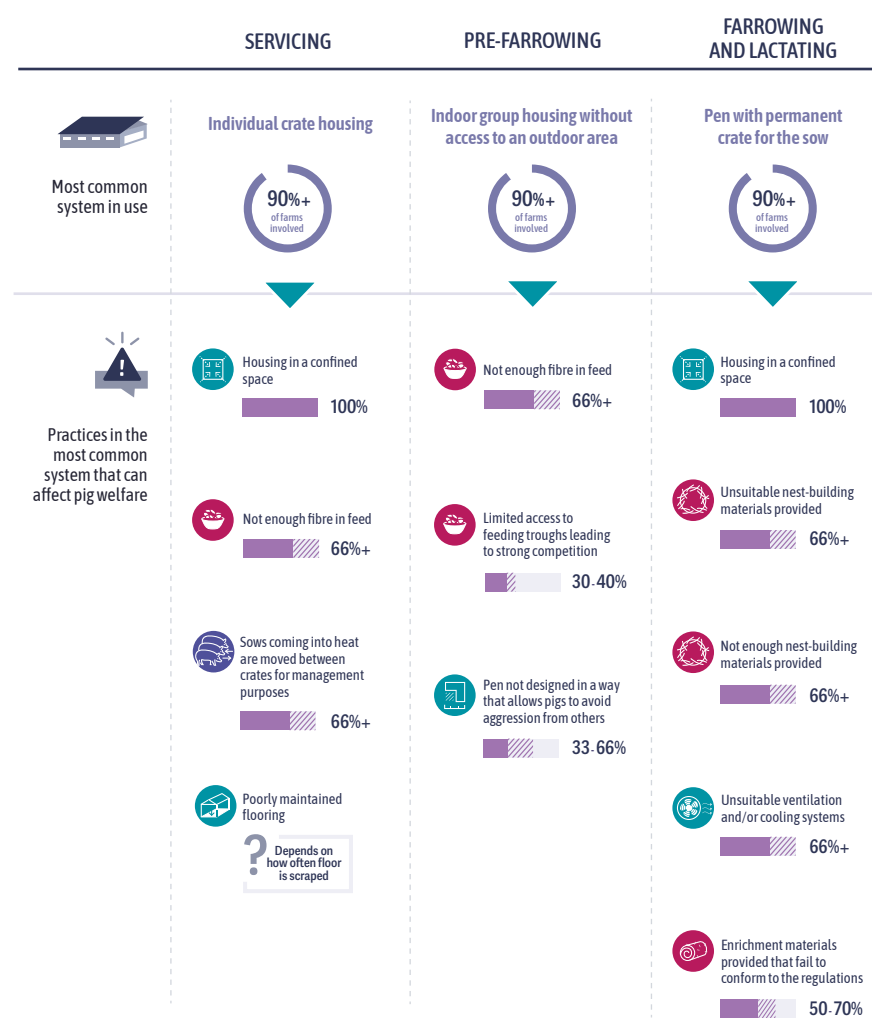
- > Make sure flooring is clean
- > Choose comfortable flooring materials
- > Repair damage from wear




Provide nest-building materials for pre-farrowing sows

- > Provide suitable nest-building materials in sufficient quantity

Occurrence (%) of the most common farming practices in France that can be harmful to pig welfare



The bar  shows that 50 to 70% of French farms that house farrowing and lactating sows in pens with permanent crates provide 'enrichment materials [...] that fail to conform to the regulations', according to the expert panel.

PLEASE NOTE

Percentages relating to livestock systems and practices that can represent a risk to pig welfare in France have been provided by the expert panel consulted by the FRCWA. They are based on the panel's knowledge of current practice and the inspections they have carried out. Only potentially harmful practices considered by the experts to be present on more than 20% of French farms are shown here, for ease of reading. In formulating the priority areas for action to improve pig welfare in France, the FRCWA experts have drawn, in particular, on the occurrence figures (%) provided by the expert panel, but have also taken account of their additional experience on the ground.

USEFUL LINKS

The priority areas for improvement were selected by the expert panel based on the recommendations set out in the EFSA opinion on pig welfare:

[Go to the EFSA opinion](#)

The full FRCWA report including other areas for action is available here:

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