



HOW TO CARE ARE FOR NEW BORN PIGLET

The care for newborn piglet begins before they are actually born.

The following will help you manage and care for your piglets, and thereby reduce mortality.

1. Ensure that the sow received proper nutrition during gestation/pregnancy. This is important as it will determine the quality of the milk supply
2. Know when the sow will farrow and provide clean, comfortable birthing facility, including warm bedding for the piglets
3. Once the piglets are born, it becomes your responsibility to keep them alive. (you have to work with the mother to achieve this)
4. Clear the mucus from the mouth and nostrils and secure the piglets if necessary (Some mothers tend to move around during delivery and piglets usually get crushed during this period)
5. Clip the teeth of the piglets, give them PIGGY BOOST put them back with the mother to nurse. Ensure that each piglet nurses. It is very important for them to get that first milk (Colostrum) within the first 2 hours. – Both piggy boost and teeth clipper are available at Hi-Pro Farm Store.
6. Give iron to piglets within 3-5 days. Follow the instructions of the product you choose.
7. Cut/doc the tail (about ½ way) of the piglet within 1-3 days. Pigs sometimes chew on each other's tails and this is extremely difficult to heal. Some piglets start scouring the day they are born. Whenever this happens, give the piglet a light mixture of Neo-chloro-plus (1ml) twice per day for two days.

Scouring in piglets is very common and can be caused by a variety of reasons. Most common on a number of farms is inadequate or poor sanitation. There is also the problem of wetness and overexposure to cold, if the nursery/pen is clean and dry, and the piglets are warm, the problem of scouring will be minimized.