

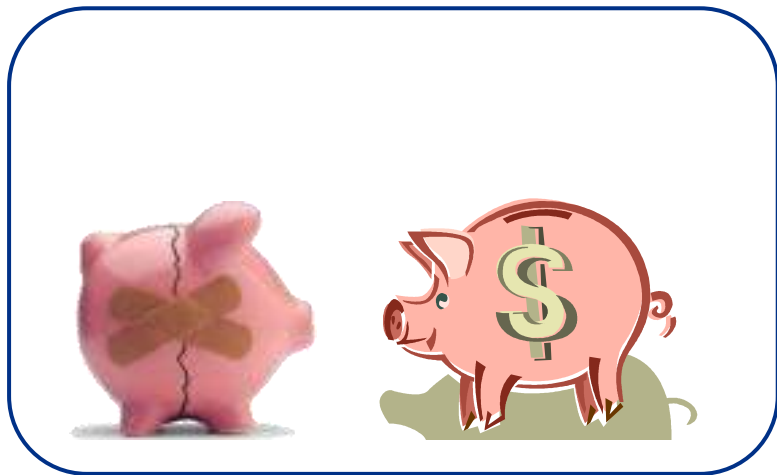
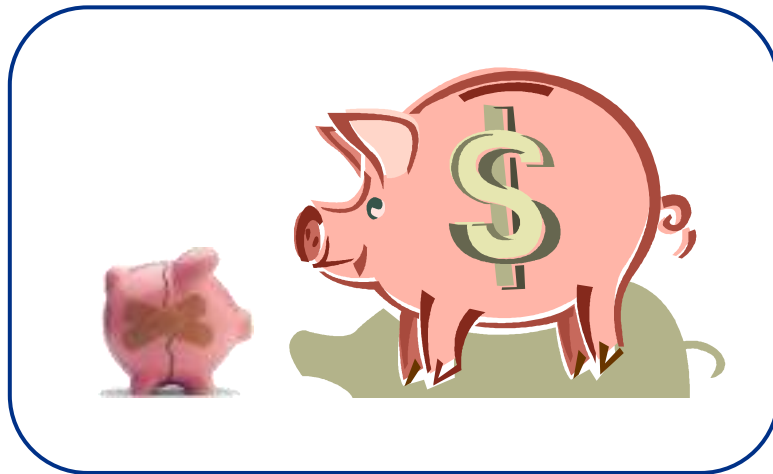
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High-quality piglet at weaning.

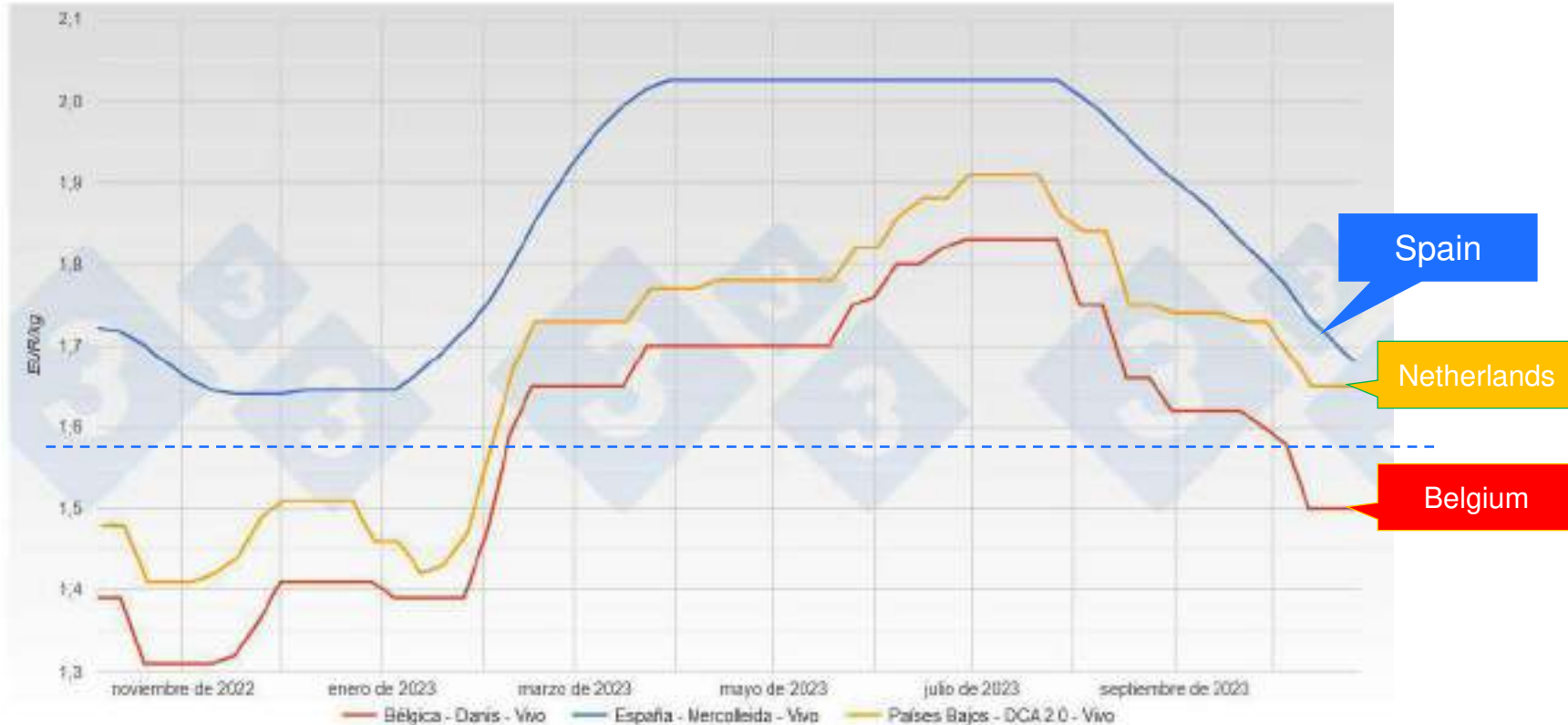
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Improving **cost**
efficiency



Currently (31/10/2023) EUR/Kg Live weight prices and margins?



Source: <https://www.3tres3.com>

Current situation

1. Modern farms

- Higher new gilts batches entrance. Higher ratio primiparous/farrowing batch.
- Antibiotic supply restrictions. OZN, Colistin.

2. Hyper-prolific sows

- Colostrum competition
- More piglets = more density
- Needed more efficient skilled personnel
 - Split nursing
 - Fostering sows

3. Animal welfare regulations

- Gestating in groups, changing disease epidemiology



THE BOSS



Increased demand for meat raised without antibiotics

UK supermarkets move to cut antibiotic use in farming

Iceland, Asda and Aldi lag behind but other major retailers make good progress



▲ Reduction of antibiotic use in farming is linked to the rise of drug-resistant superbugs. Photograph: (Bainbridge/Warwick) via Getty Images



What are the upcoming demands?

CONSUMERS

Meat without antibiotics



AUTHORITIES

Without residues or atb. resistance





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Original article

Epidemiology of *Clostridioides difficile* infection in hospitalized patients in Spain: An eight-year review (2012–2019)

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ABSTRACT

Background: *Clostridioides difficile* infection (CDI) is a disease that is potentially preventable by vaccination. A good knowledge of its epidemiology, which can change over time, is warranted for prevention purposes and to help decision-making on the use of vaccines in public health scenarios. The objec-

Patogenia
y epidemiología

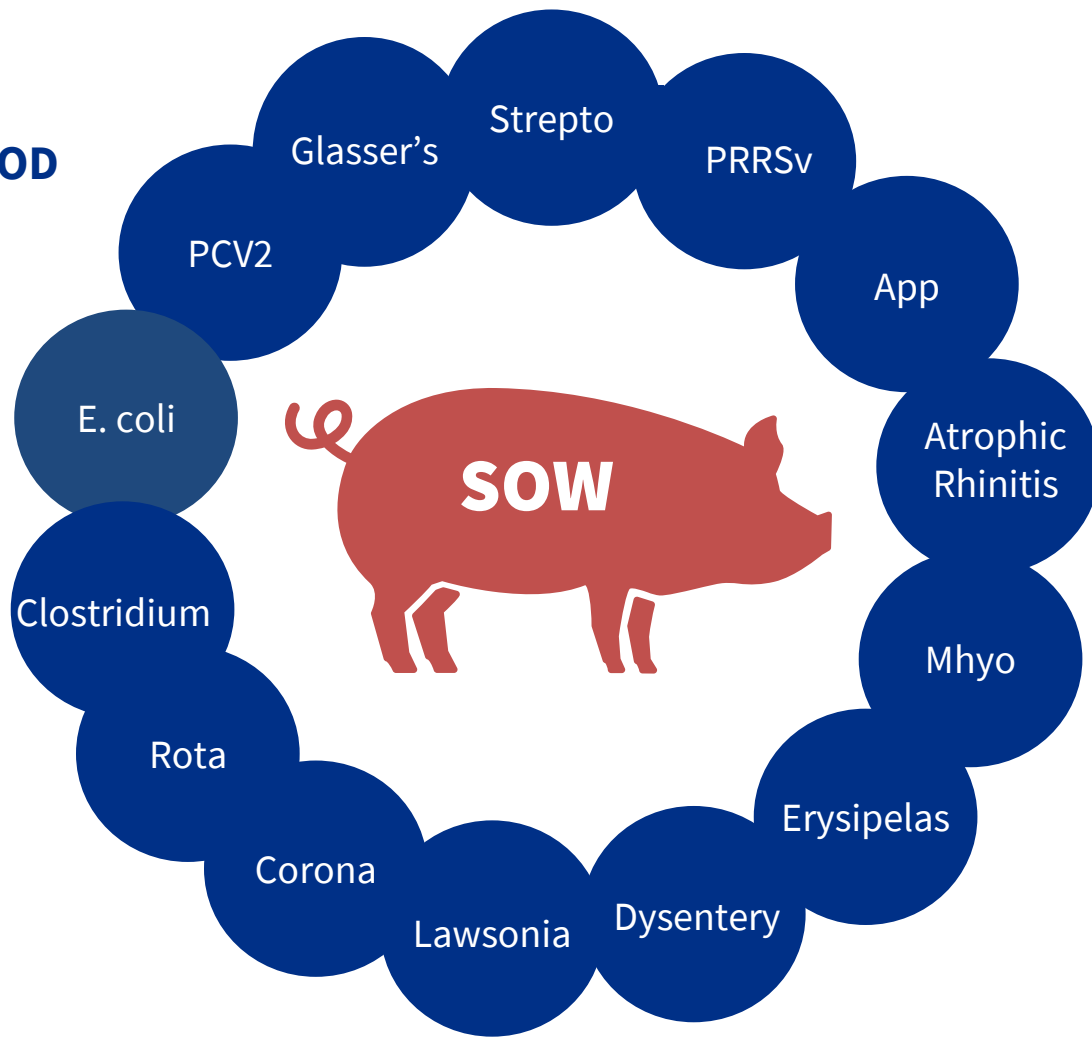
1-Prevalence of *CL.Difficile* cases in hospitalized patients increased exponentially in Spain from 1999 (3.9%) to 2019 (35.9%).

2- 87% of patients were 50 years old and beyond.





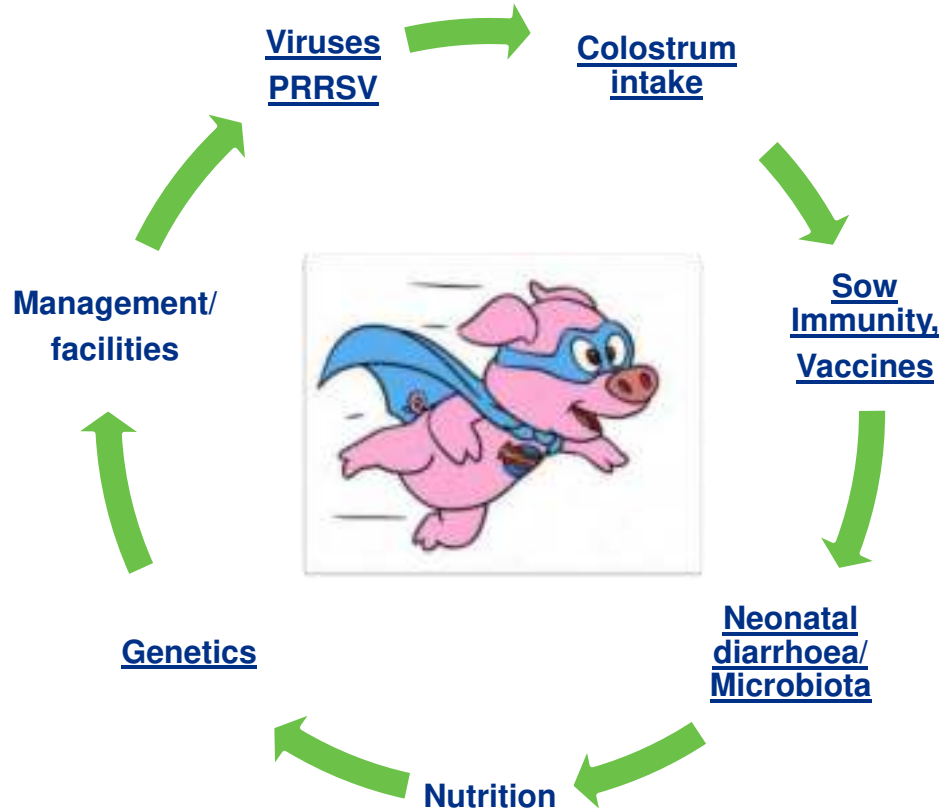
**SOURCE OF ALL
THE GOOD AND
THE NOT SO GOOD
AS WELL.**



And with all this perfect environment what do we have to produce??



Main factors to consider to obtain High quality piglets.



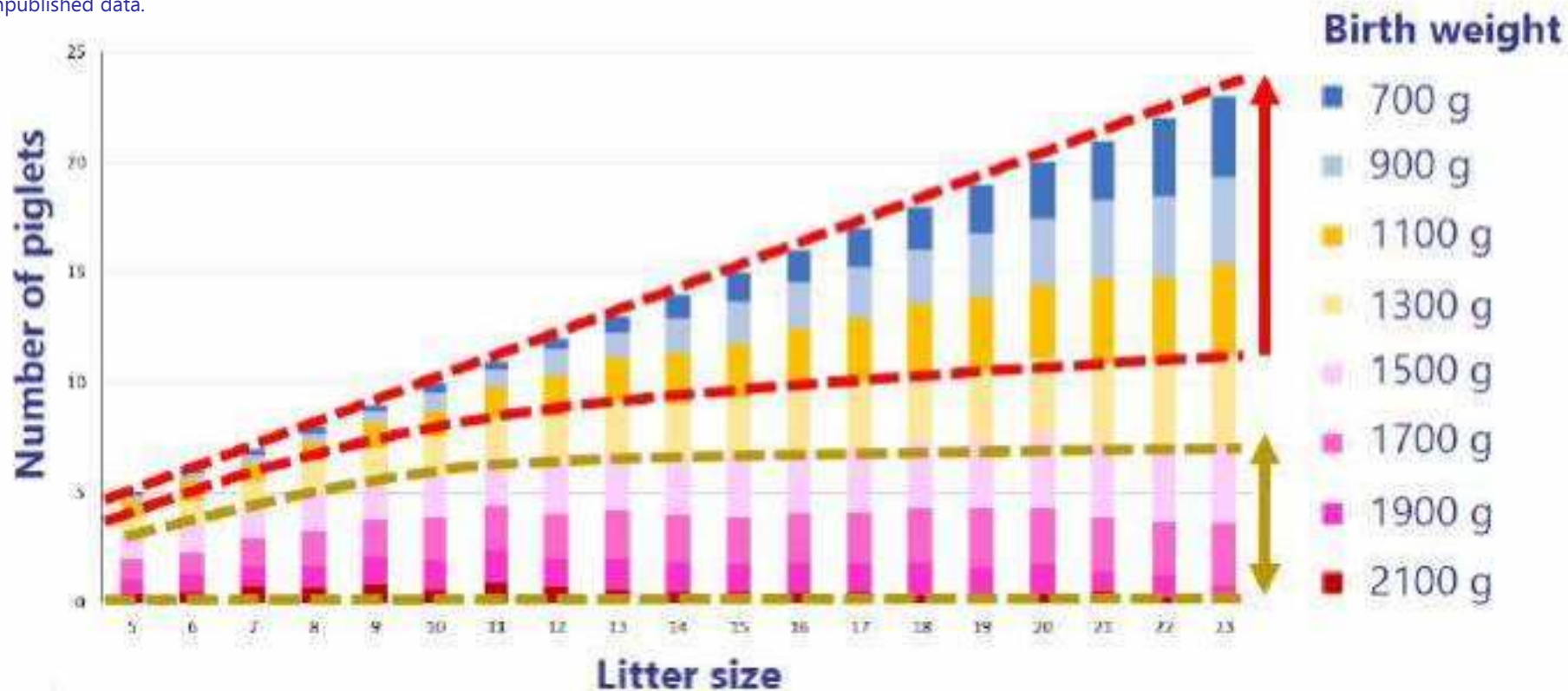
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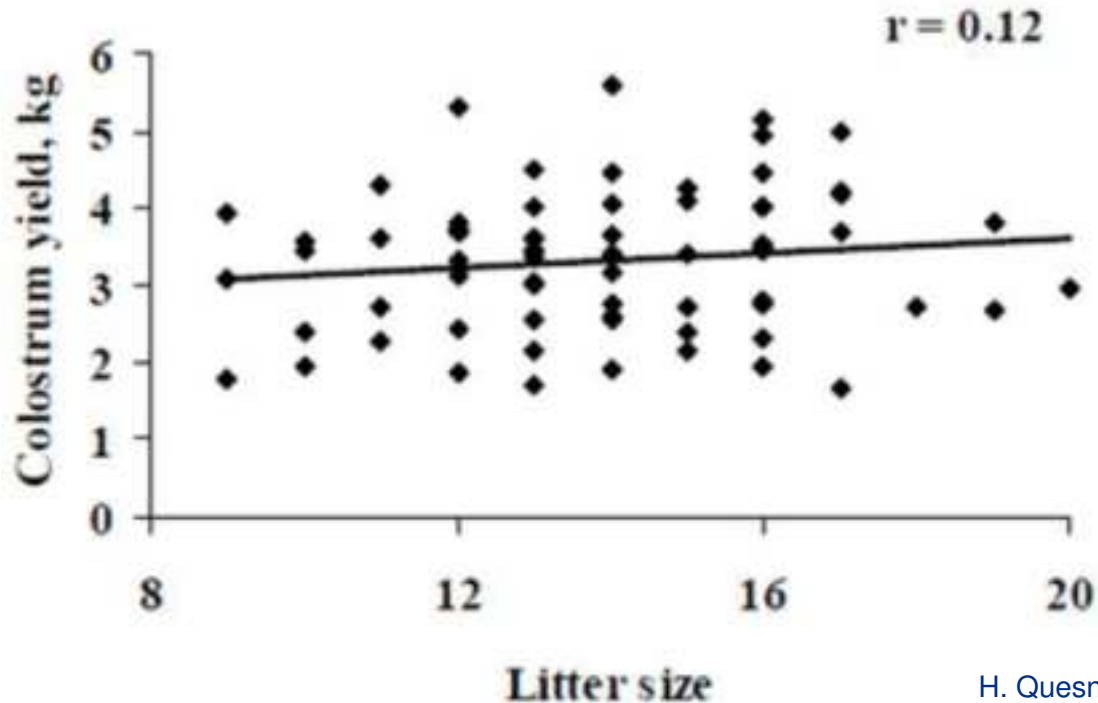


Bigger litters → more piglets with a low birth weight (<1100 g)

Dr. Francesc Molist from Schothorst Feed Research / 3113 litters / 2011-2017, unpublished data.



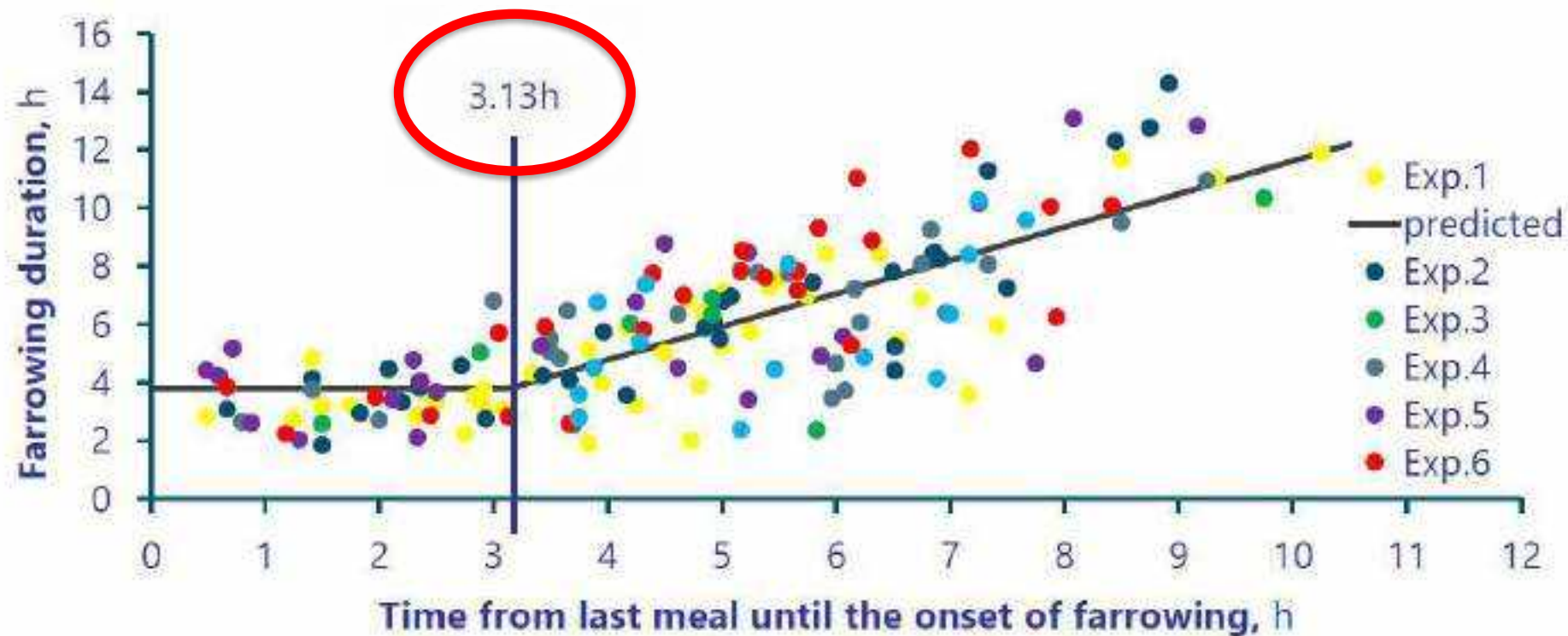
Colostrum yield is variable.



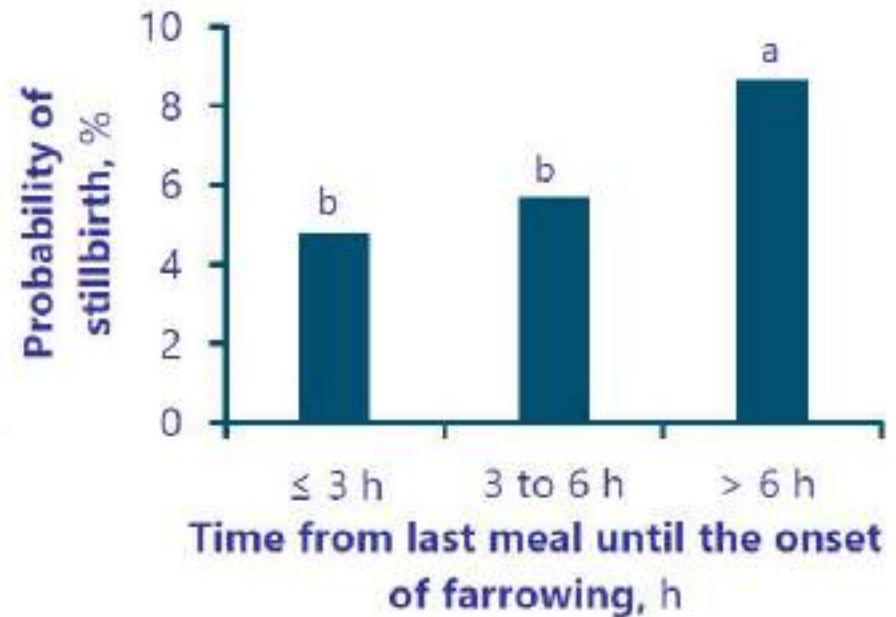
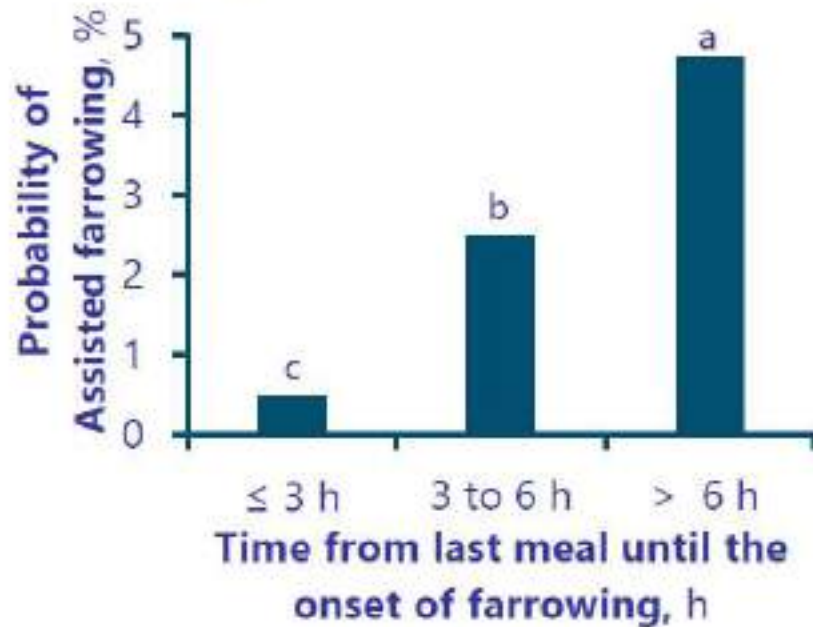
GENETICS / Hyper-prolific sows.

Main concerns

- Too restricted feed intake during lactation can provoke in the next farrowing a decrease on piglet litter size and piglet weight at weaning. (De Bettio et al. 2016).
- Sow feed intake before farrowing is important (last meal before):
 - Affect farrowing length. Longer farrowings delay colostrum intake from last born piglets, more hypoxia, less survivability.
- Cross fostering with Gilts:
 - Controversy: Supply to gilts bigger/medium piglets. Smallest piglets may not suckle and stimulate enough to gilts.
- McRebel system if there are PRRSV viraemic born piglets or PRRSV outbreak.
 - Strictly reduce piglets movements and strictly not movements after 24 of age.
 - Weaning small piglets whatever weight. Euthanise piglets if no chances to survive.
 - All in/ All out.

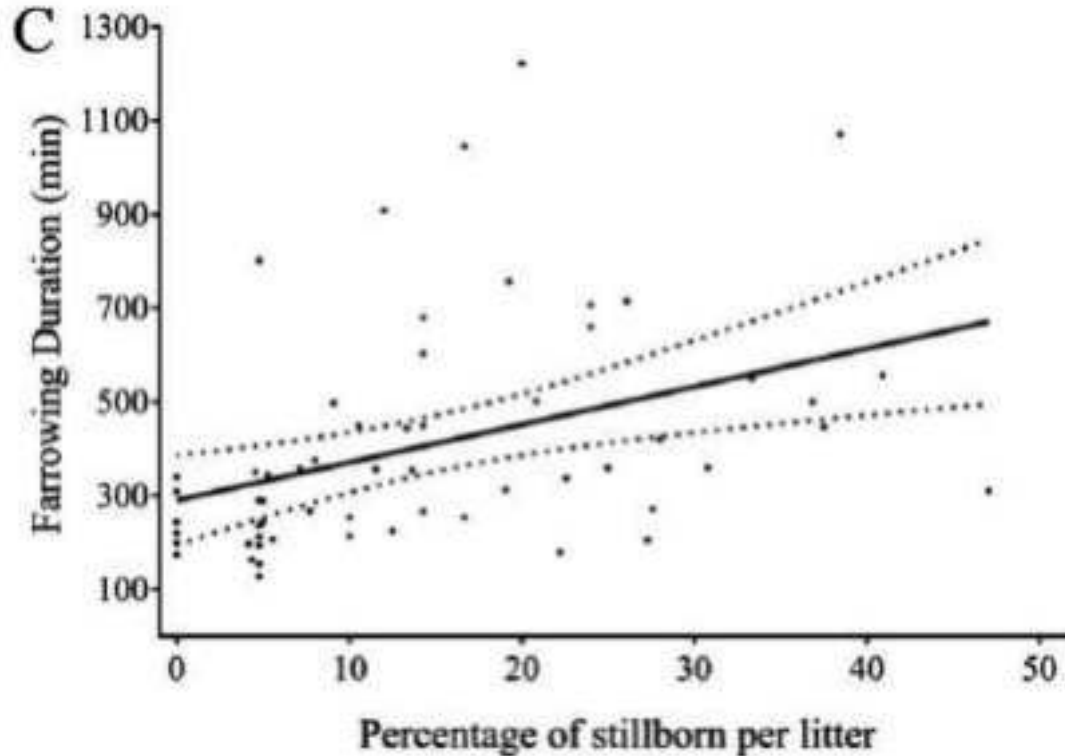


➤ Consequences

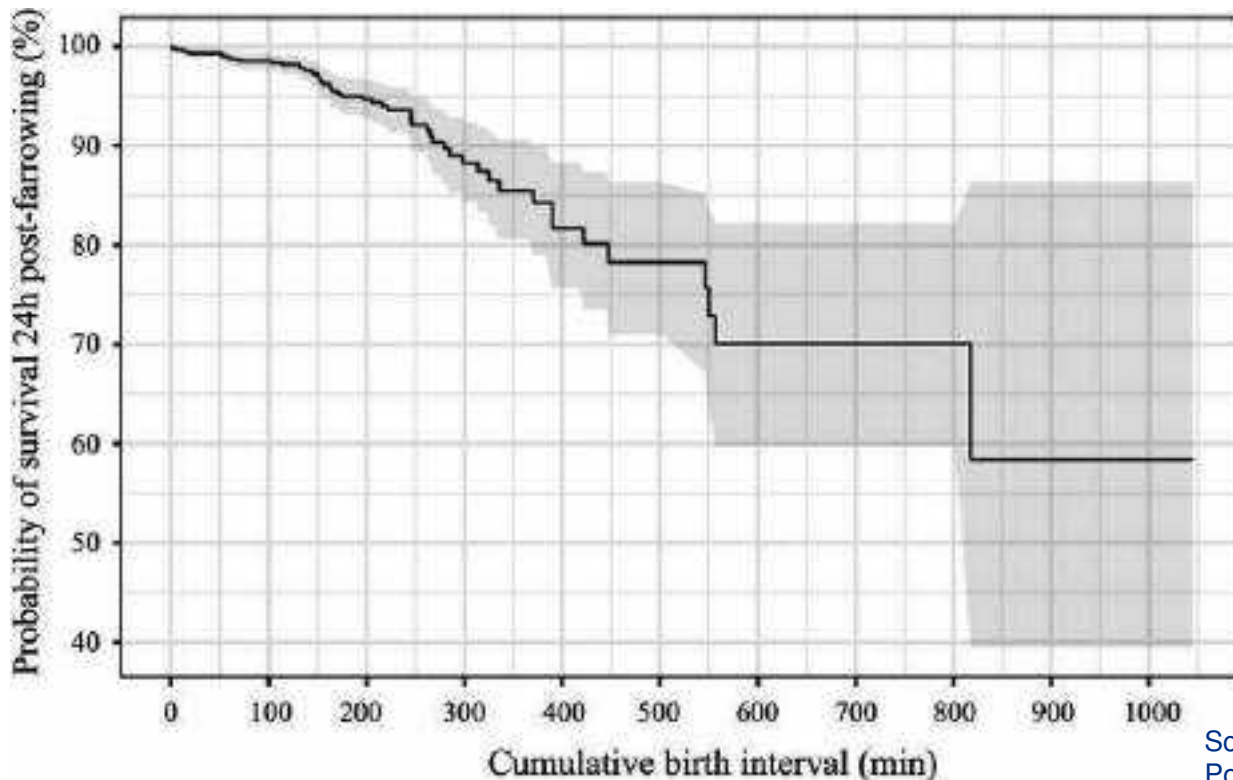


Feyera et al., 2018.

Longer farrowing duration more Stillborn



Longer farrowing duration les probability to survive



Colostrum Intake

Piglet's suckling
ability



Sow's colostrum
yield



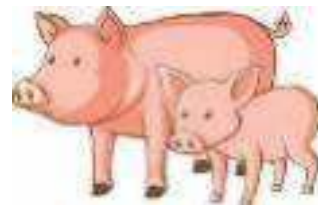
COLOSTRUM AND HYPERPROLIFIC SOWS

Split nursing



Limiting the access to the teats of the sow
in order to ensure that all the piglets
receive a sufficient amount of colostrum

Who should teat first?.



Exclusivity only for 45-60 min

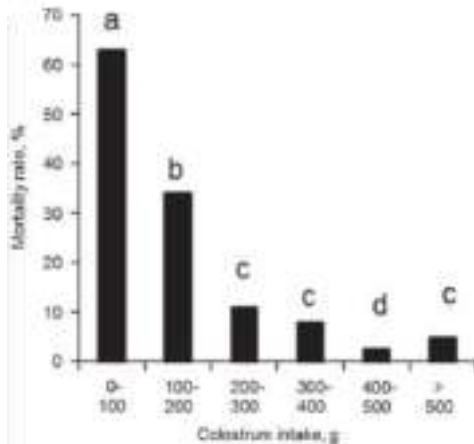
How Much colostrum? 250 g/piglet



- **Recommended intake** is 200-250 g/piglet.
- **Hyper-prolific:** Difficult to reach the recommended quantity in all the piglets.
- **Fostering:** Piglets should be only fostered once they took their colostrum portion.

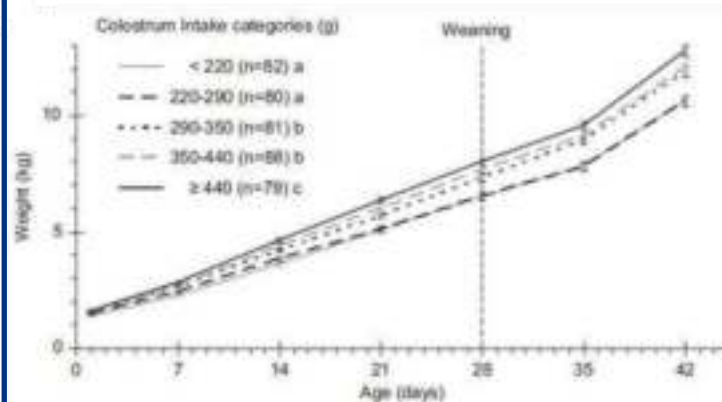
Influence of colostrum intake during the **first 24h**

Mortality rate until weaning



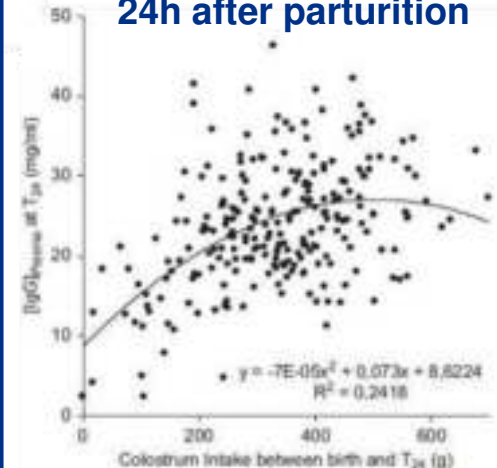
Mortality rate was as low as 7.1% when piglets ingested >200 g and **increased** to 43.4% when intake was <200 g

Piglet growth from 1 to 42 days of age



Colostrum intake has **long-term effects** on piglets' growth from 3 weeks of age **until after weaning**

Plasma [IgG] of piglets 24h after parturition

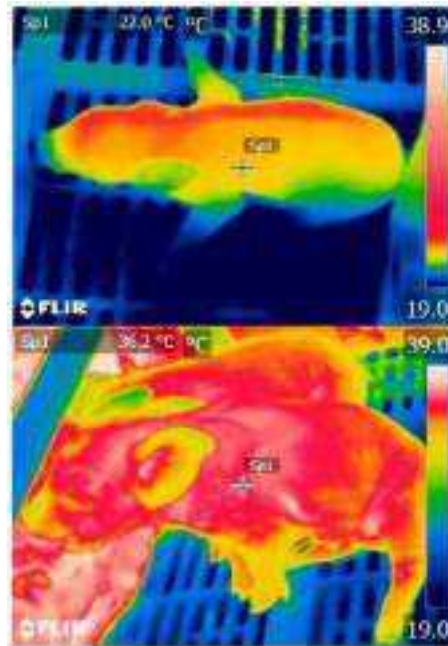


Plasma **[IgG]** reaches a **plateau** when colostrum intake increases **beyond 200-250 g**

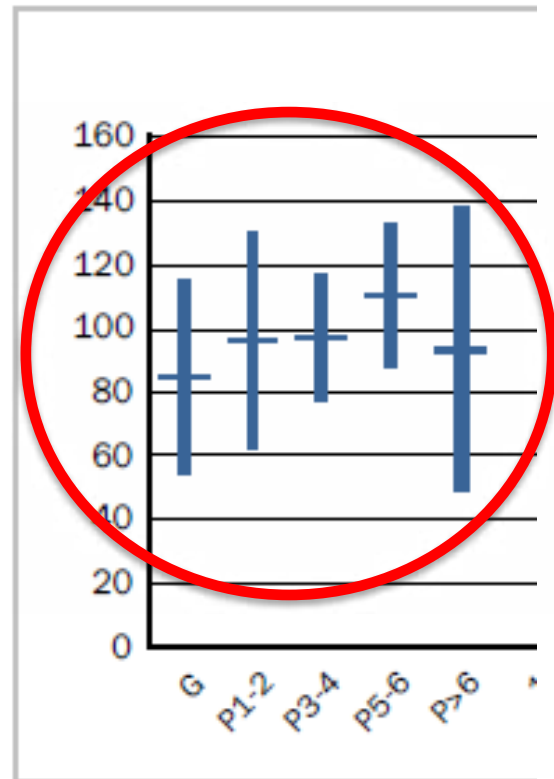
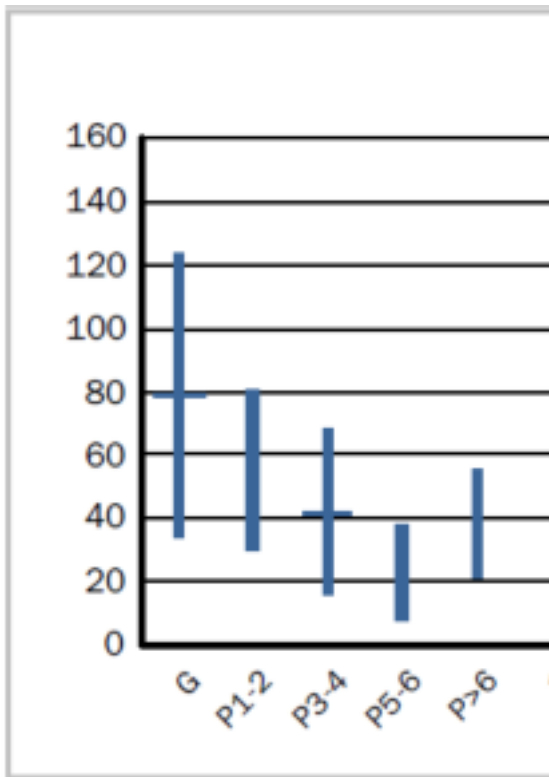
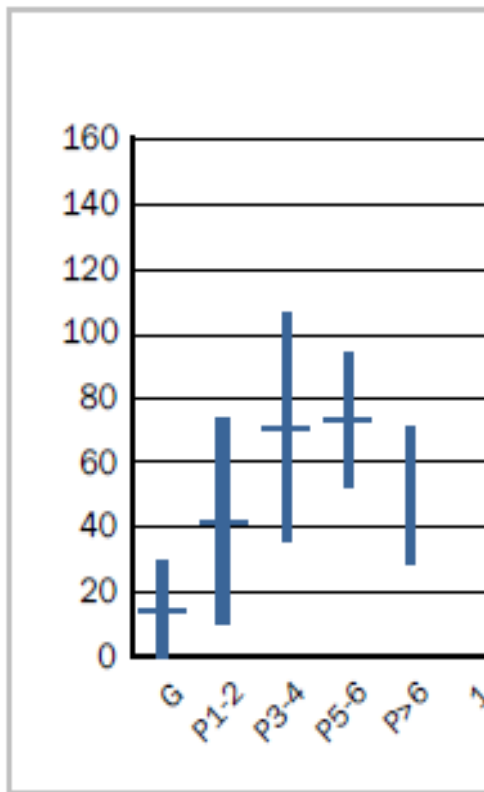
Measuring colostrum intake

Thermography

If the piglet does not take enough colostrum, there is a decrease in body temperature between 2.5°C - 4°C.



The importance of the sow age/epidemiology



Gilts/Sows vaccination can make a difference.

VACCINATION PROTOCOL

Sows/gilts: 2 ml/animal. Intramuscular (IM)

Vaccination in Gilts



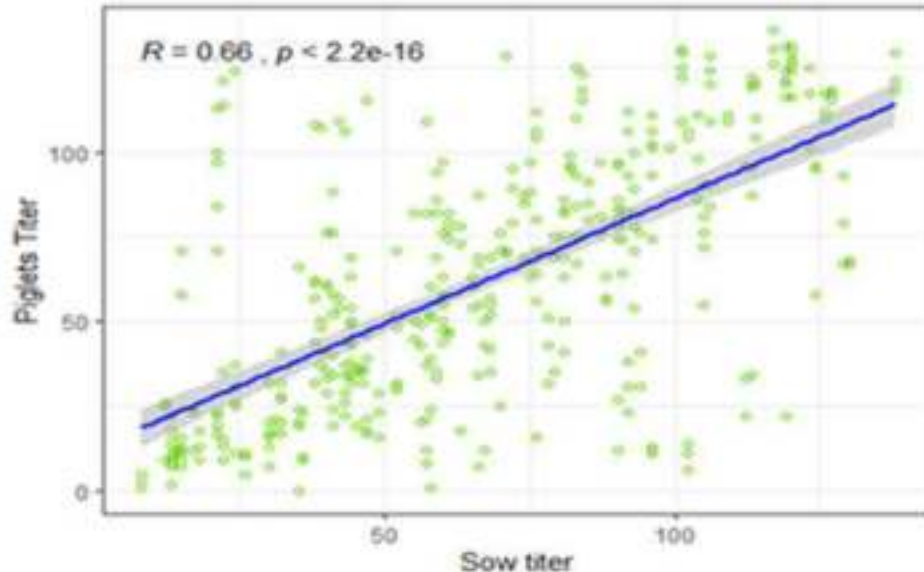
Revaccination in Sows



Hyper-immunisation: adding one dose more before farrowing in sows

Colostrum Intake occurs as expected?

To assess the correct transfer of immunity from mother to piglet.
Our farrowing crates management is doing Good for colostrum intake??



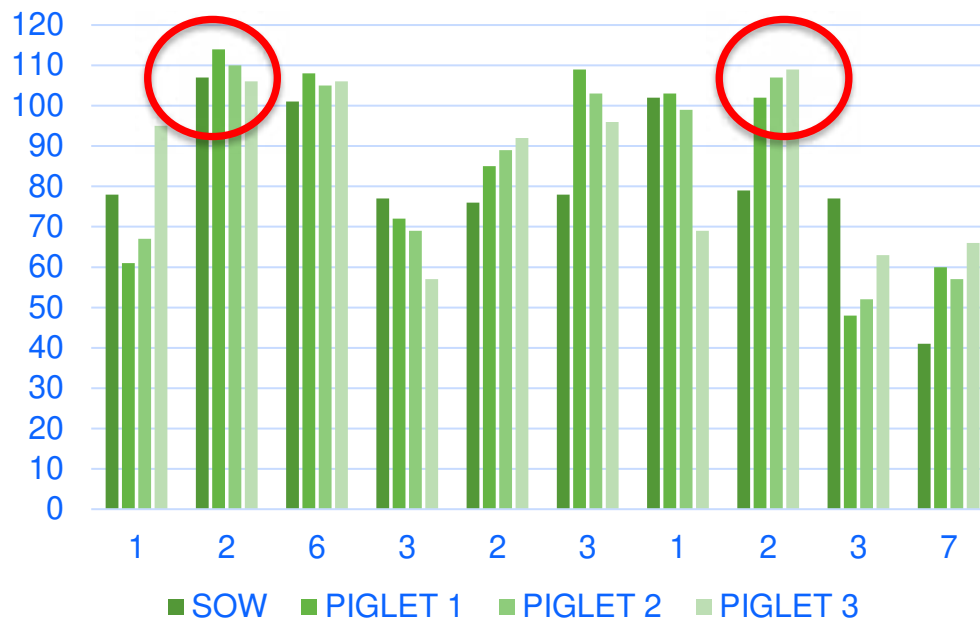
At 7 days of age Erysipelas antibody titres in piglets should be the same as in their mother sows.



MDA

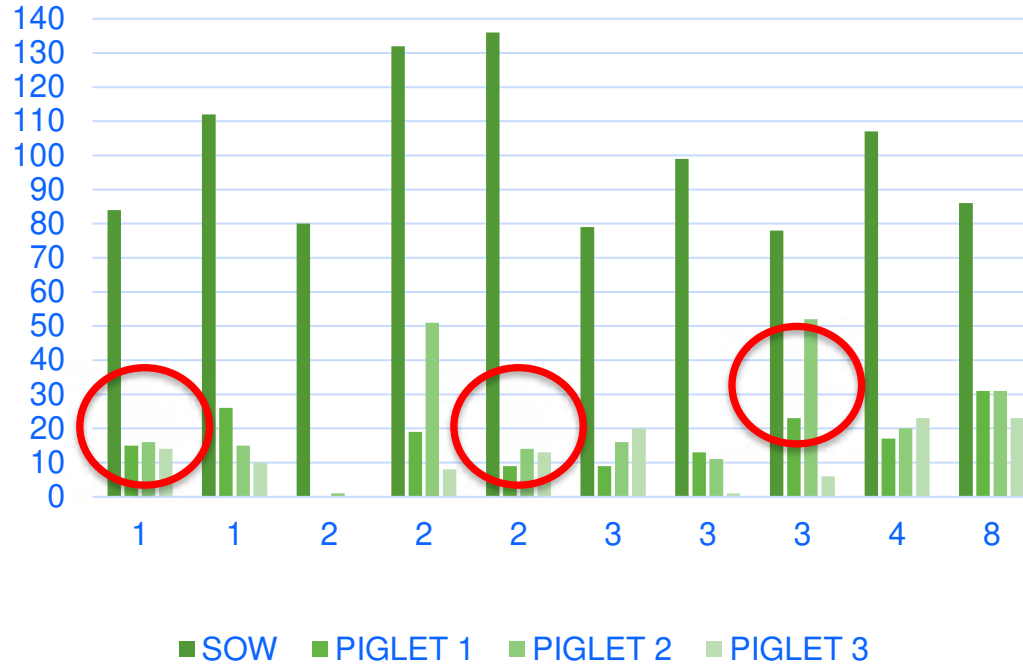
TRANSFERTEST

Right Colostrum intake management



France: 250 sows / weaning at 21 days

Wrong Colostrum intake management



Spain: 2500 sows, weaning at 24 days

Neonatal diarrhoea/intestinal integrity

- Water quality/Temperature/Sow colonization/colostrum intake.
- Neonatal diarrhoea and post-weaning diarrhoea is a disbiosis.
 - Probiotics/too much protein.
 - As more progressive changes in feeds as possible.
 - Cleaning habits/Plasmid gene transfer/antibiotic resistance features.
 - Sow vaccination.
- Clostridium sp
 - Cl.perfringens type C and A.
 - Clostridium difficile.
 - Enterocheck kits service.
- Oedema disease, subclinical effect.
 - Vaccination

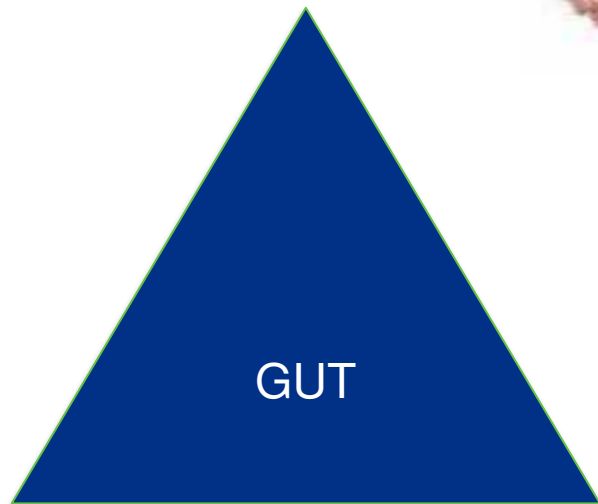
Neonatal diarrhoea

Intestinal integrity

Environment



Microbiome



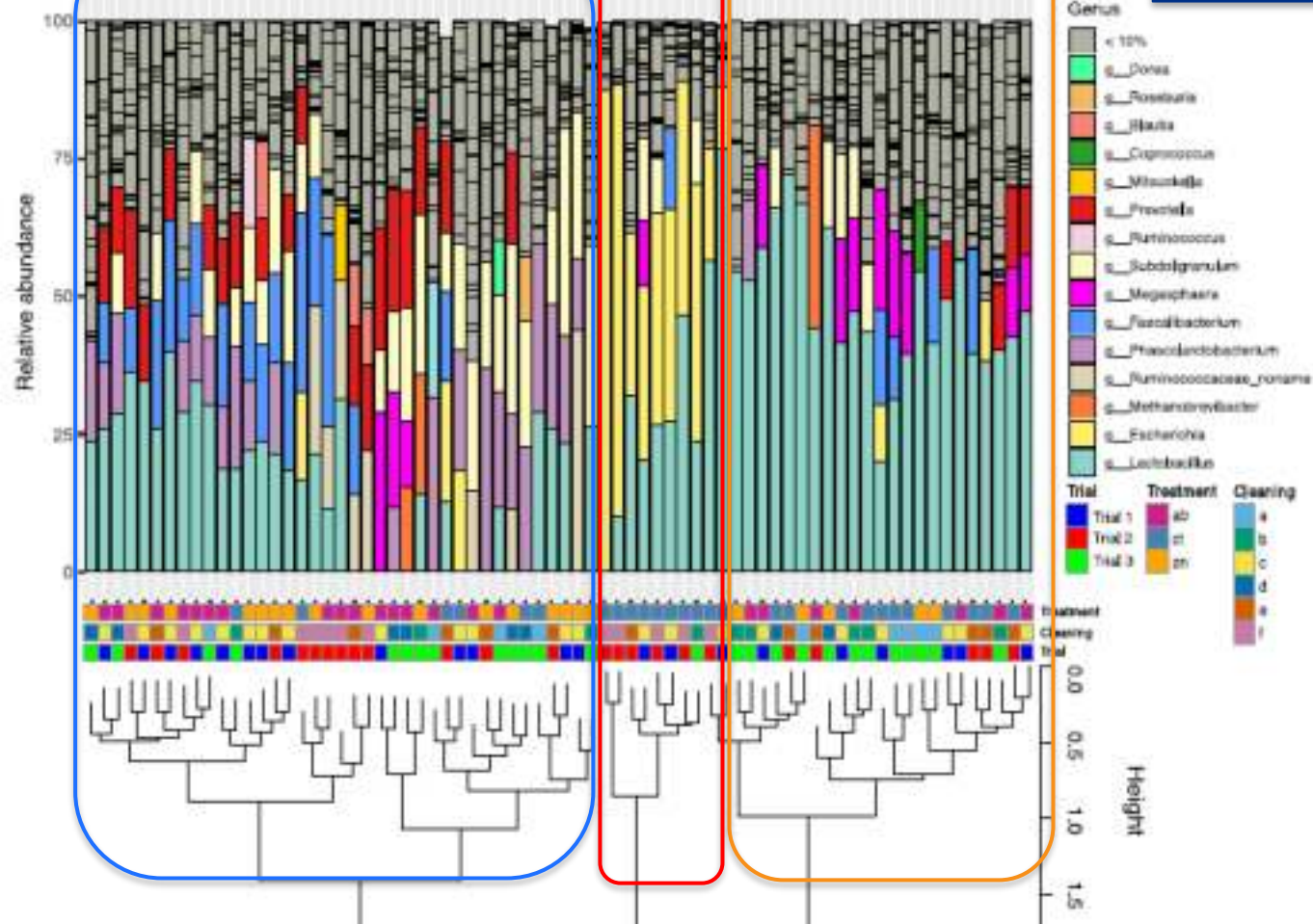
GUT

Host



B Relative abundance genera profiles

Metaphlan2



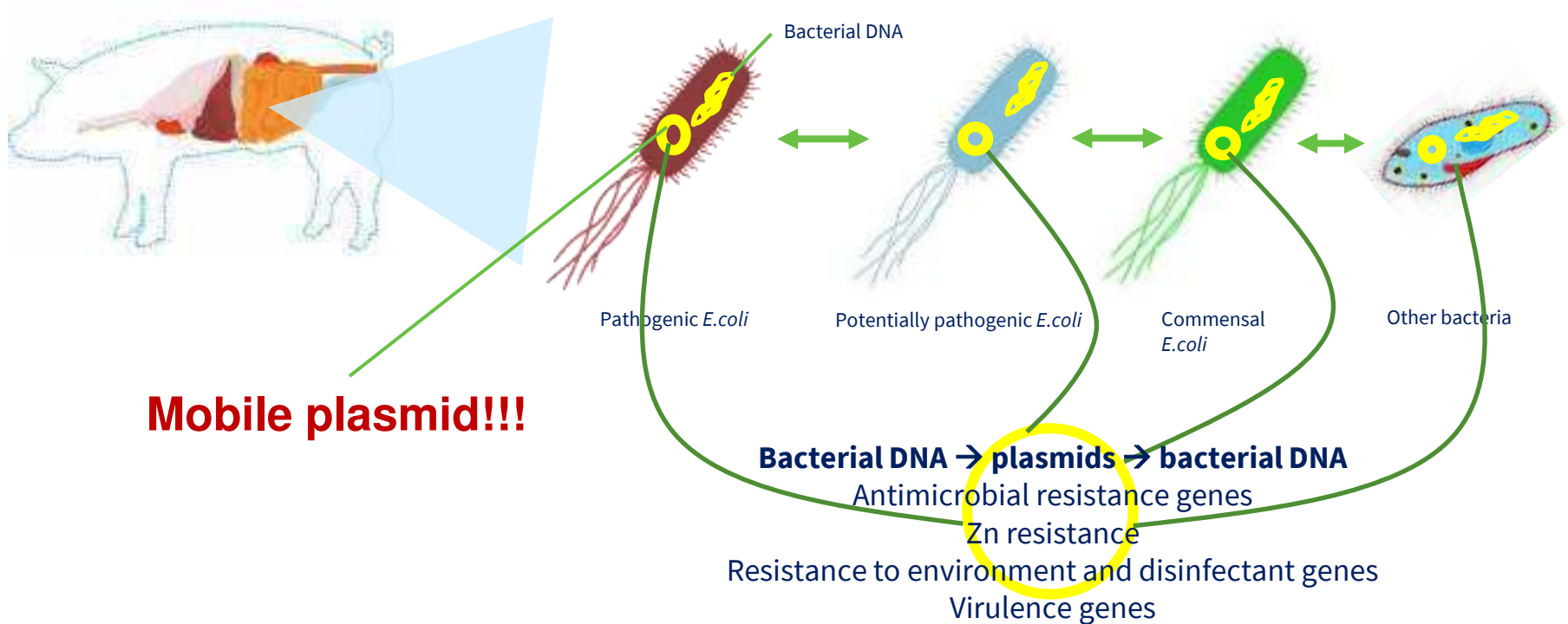
DISBIOSIS

Double pipeline

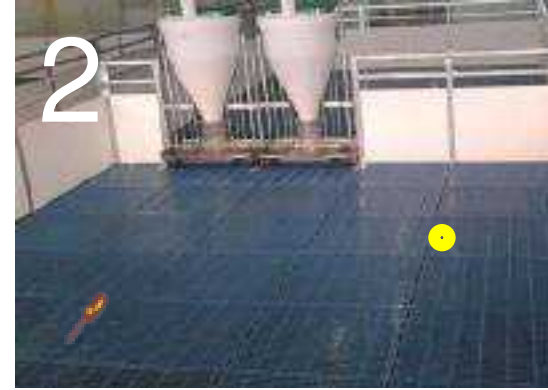


- Progressive feed adaptation pre and post-weaning.
Facilitates intestine maturity.**
- Transition solid feed before weaning.**
 - Transitional change of feeds postweaning.**

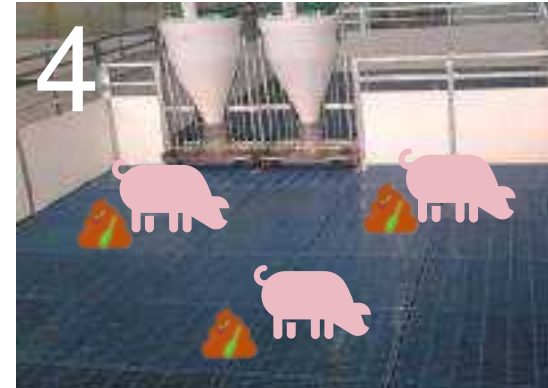
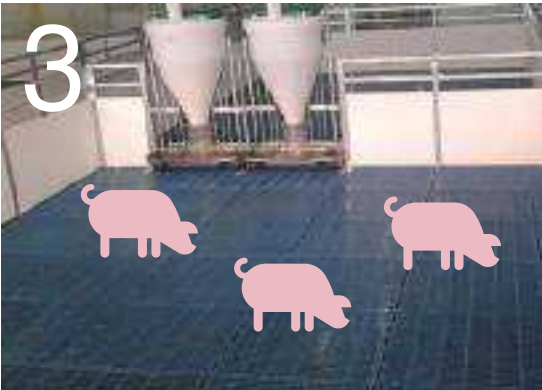
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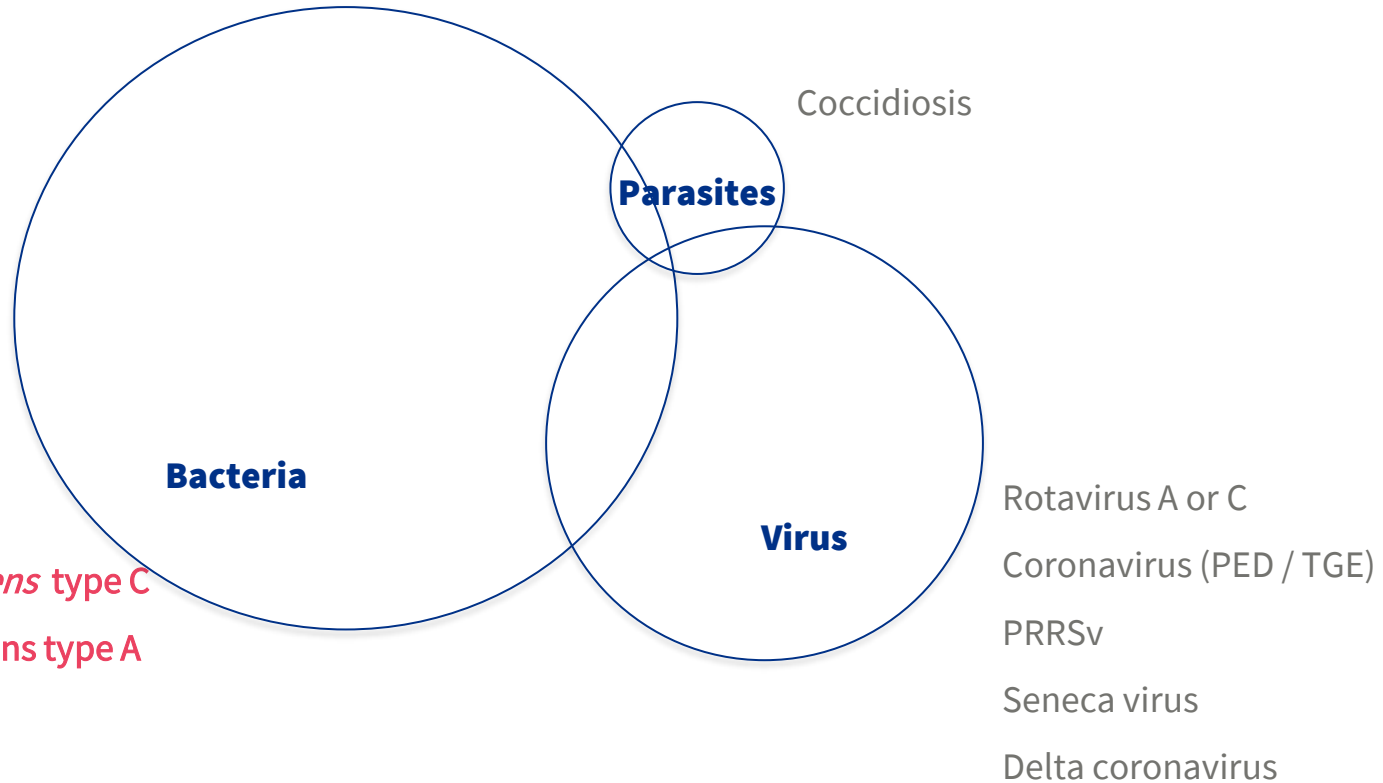
Resting period & Plasmids



2. Plasmids and multidrug resistant *E.coli* may remain in pens after cleaning



Lactation period



ENTEROCHECK Plus

E.coli
F4 / F5 / F6 / LT

C.perfringens
 α / β / ϵ

C.difficile
A / B

Rotavirus
A / C

PED



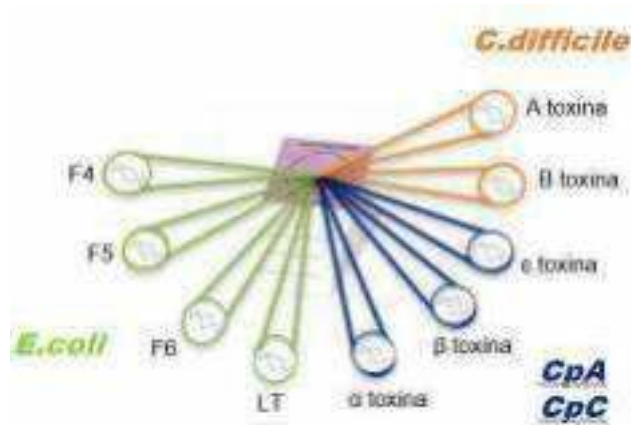
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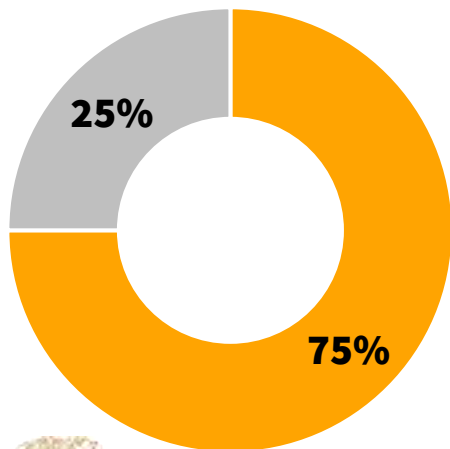


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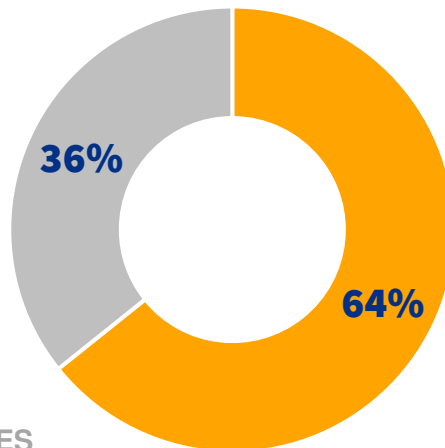


AVERAGE PREVALENCE

C.difficile A toxin



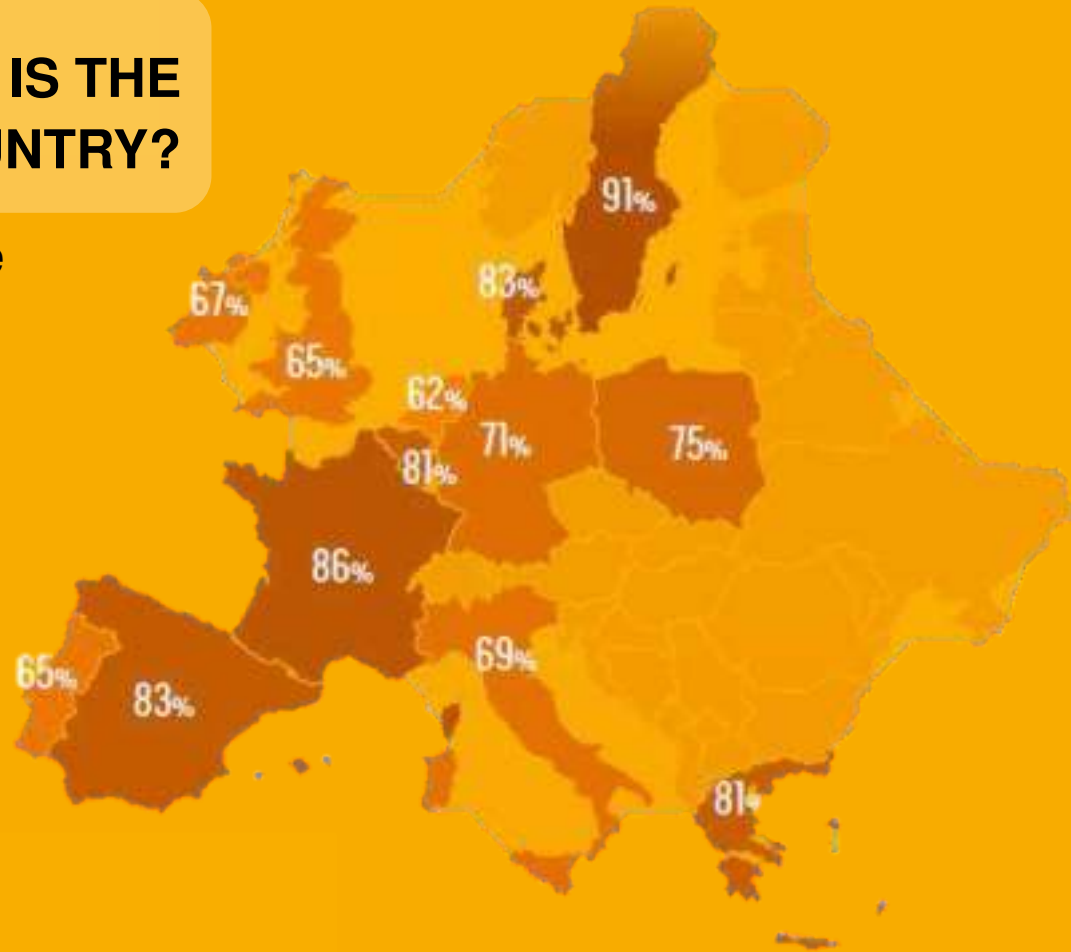
C.difficile B toxin



NEGATIVE SAMPLES
POSITIVE SAMPLES

1. HOW PRESENT IS THE BACTERIA BY COUNTRY?

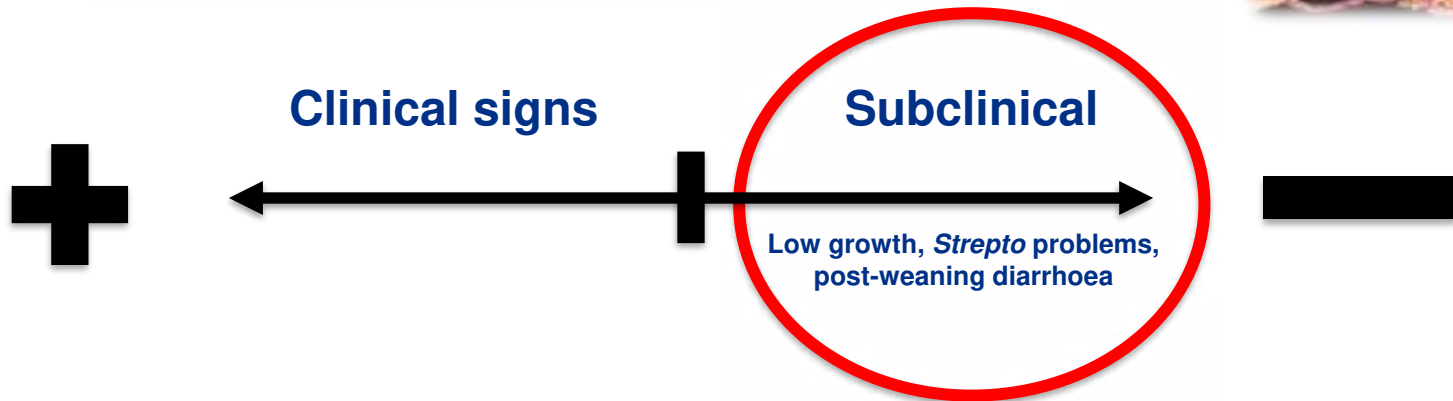
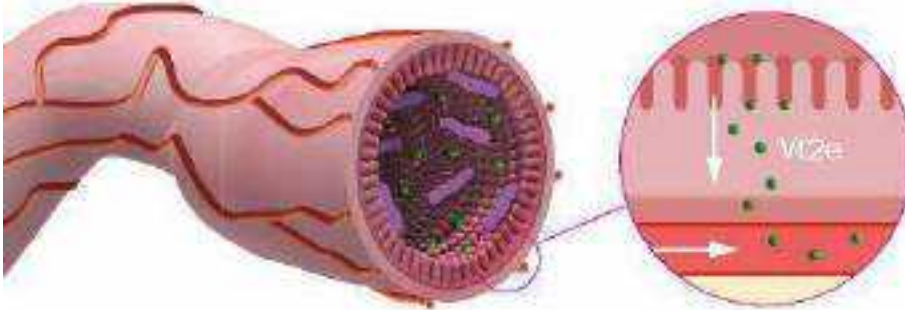
A toxin positive samples





OEDEMA SUBCLINICAL DISEASE, VTEC *E.Coli* (F18, F4)

Oedema disease: The verotoxin effect is dose-dependent



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DRUNK STAGES

SUBCLINICAL

Yummy

You're Pretty

I'm Pretty

I can dance!

I can sing!

Text the Ex!

Poop pants!

fja;dlk@&v'!!

CLINICAL

ALCOHOL INTAKE



Self-dignity
limits.

DIAGNOSTIC: Check if your farm is Vt2e +



VEROCHECK
by VEPURE[®]

Diagnostic service by Oral fluids, FTA and PCR to assess the presence of *Escherichia coli* verotoxigenic on a farm.

RESULTS

	VT2e PCR-REAL TIME
6 Semanas SS-1	POS ++ (Ct 33,5)
6 Semanas SS-2	POS + (Ct 35,5)
8 Semanas SS-1	NEG
8 Semanas SS-2	NEG
9 Semanas SS-3	POS + (Ct 38,1)

COMENTARIO

Valores de referencia para VT2e (Ct): POS < 38,5

NEG: No se ha detectado DNA bacteriano

POS (+): Se ha detectado DNA bacteriano en baja cantidad

POS (++) Se ha detectado DNA bacteriano en moderada cantidad

POS (+++): Se ha detectado DNA bacteriano en alta cantidad

DIAG. MOLECULAR

	VT2e PCR-REAL TIME
7 Semanas T2	POS ++ (Ct 33,7)
7 Semanas T2	POS ++ (Ct 34,5)
7 Semanas T2	POS + (Ct 35,5)
8 Semanas T1	POS +++ (Ct 28)
8 Semanas T1	POS +++ (Ct 27,8)
9 Semanas T1	POS +++ (Ct 29,7)

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Clinical

Subclinical

Subclinical disease - CASE 1



- No ED clinical signs
- No ED mortality
- ED suspicion – Stunted grow
- Diagnosis:

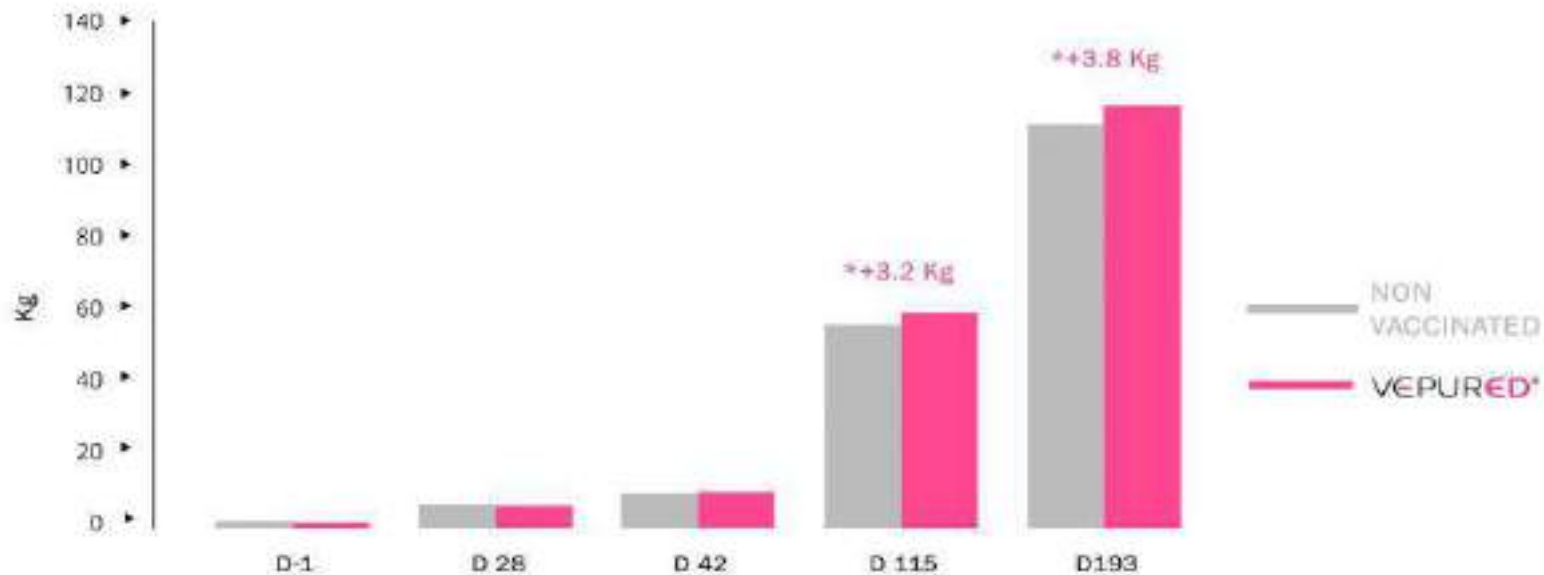
Animals in each study group

Control	VEPURED®
181	181

	Nursery	Fattening	
		<i>Beginning</i>	<i>Mid</i>
N° of samples	101	21	43
% positive IRS	0.99%	71.4%	62.4%

IRS: Incidence rectal swabs

Subclinical disease - CASE 1



Statistically significant ($P<0,001$)*

PRRSV

- Main target:** Non-viraemic born piglets.
- Gilt adaptation period is key.
 - 1 month at least to develop protection after vaccination with a MLV vaccine. Better 2 doses than one.
 - New arrival negative Gilts requires special monitoring.
- GILT MLV vaccination (UNISTRAIN-PRRS ID).
 - Two doses before first mating.
- Regular sow vaccination:
 - 3-4 mass vaccination a year.
- Piglet vaccination is worthy; ID vaccination stops spreading the virus by iatrogenic transmission.
- McRebel system if there are PRRSV viraemic born piglets or PRRSV outbreak.
 - Strictly reduce piglets movements and strictly not movements after 24 of age.
 - Weaning small piglets whatever weight. Euthanise piglets if no chances to survive.

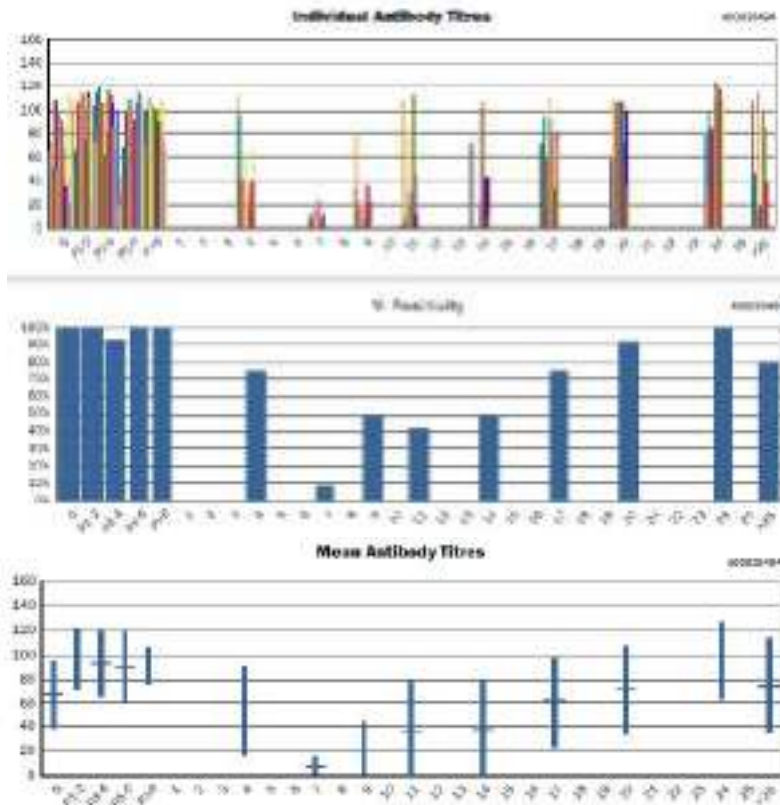
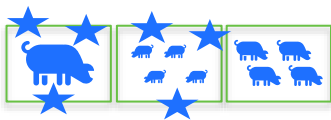
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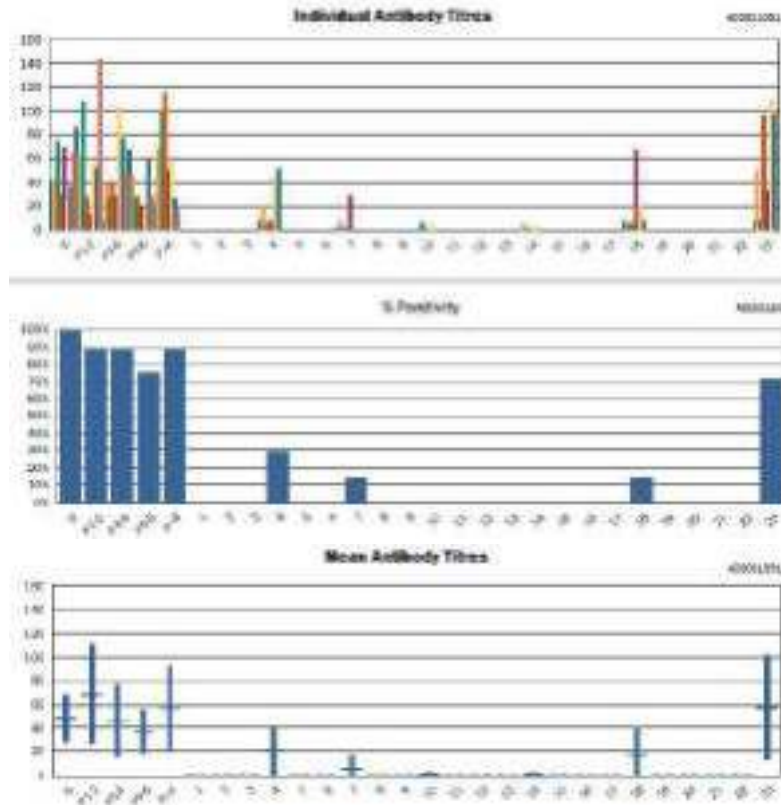
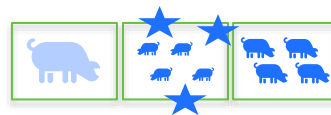
- SERUMPROFILES are ESSENTIAL.
- PCR monitoring: Processing fluids, Oral fluids, Stillbirths.
- PRRSV negative external replacement Gilts should be checked 100%.
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 - All in/ All out.

The serumprofile

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Adaptation

TEST

**individual ELISA + PCR (pooling of 5 animals each) 7 days
before entering into the sow herd**

OBJECTIVE 1:

Ensure all gilts get in contact
with the PRRSv farm strain

OBJECTIVE 2:

Ensure that all gilts stop
shedding after exposure when
introduced into the to sow herd

How many weeks for adaptation?

Ideal 12 weeks / Minimum 8 weeks

Ideal to enter gilts with 12-14 weeks of age

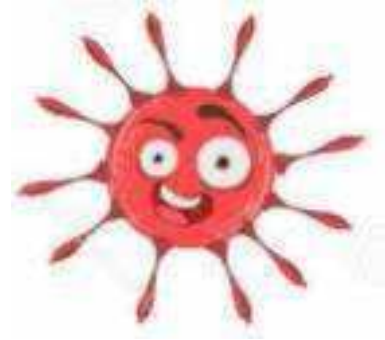
TEST

By PCR (pooling of 5 animals) 100% of animals

2 PRRS strategies for gilt adaptation



Vaccination



Exposure

About gilt vaccination, what first?

1st



2nd



- **Naive** gilts vaccinate at arrival to diminish clinical signs and start exposure 3 weeks later
- In case of doubts use always this protocol

1st



2nd



- Not important if gilts already infected at origin with a different strain



About exposure to PRRS virus



Material

Placenta  etuses

Faeces  in sows

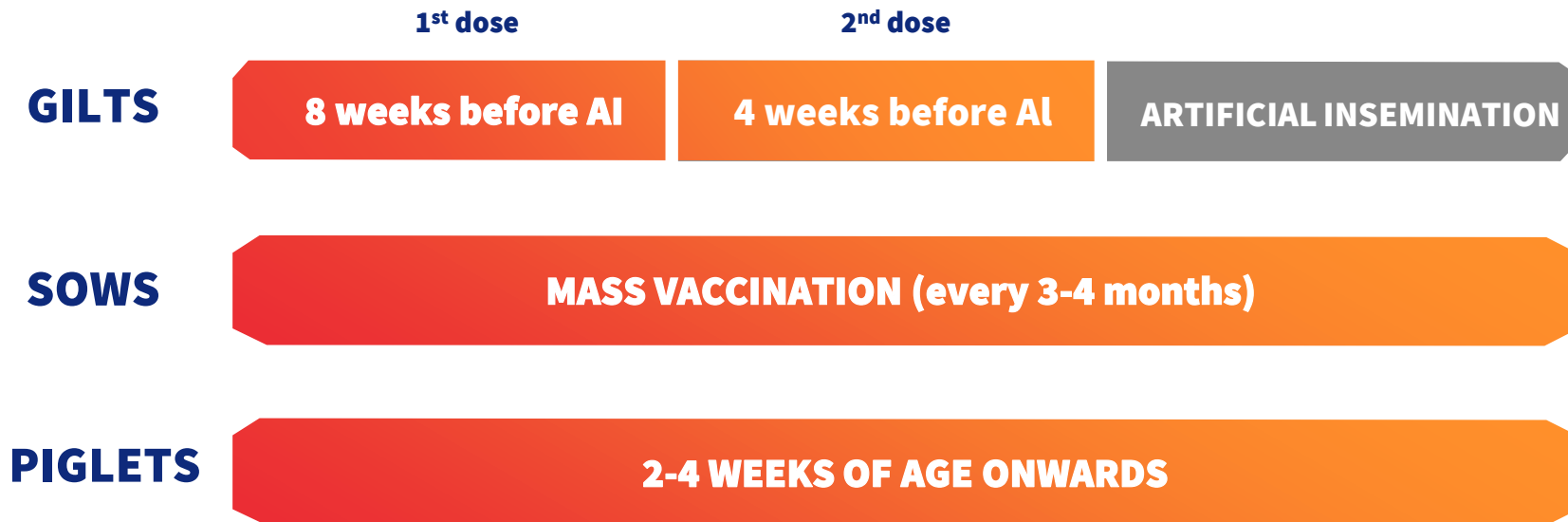
Oral fluids - ropes

Live animals

Cull  sows

Nursery pigs

Vaccination program





SIMPLICITY

Lighter and more ergonomic
2,3 times faster
Less risk self injections



WELFARE

Less stress and pain
Reduces broken needles in the carcass
Less muscle injuries and abscess



BIOSECURITY

Reduction iatrogenic transmission (ASF, PCV2, PRRSV, SE, *S. suis*, *A. suis*,
M. suis, *Leptospira*)
Reduction in the use of antibiotics



EFFECTIVE IMMUNE RESPONSE

High concentration of immune cells
Less MDA neutralization
Equal or better immune response



ECO-FRIENDLY

Less vials and cardbox used
No needles used

Hipradermic® prevents ASF and PRRS transmission



Evaluation of ASF and PRRS virus transmission between pigs when using conventional needles and a needle-free device

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The peak of PRRS and ASF viraemia in seeders was at 7 DPC



Sentinel pigs of Needle-ASF and Needle-PRRS groups were PCR positive at 7 DPI (ASF and PRRS)

Group	Seroconversion of sentinels to ASF and PRRS after ID and IM inoculation				
	0 DPI	7 DPI	14 DPI	21 DPI	28 DPI
Needle-ASF	0/6 (Negative)	0/6 (Negative)	4/6 (Positive)	6/6 (Positive)	6/6 (Positive)
HIPRADERMIC®-ASF	0/6 (Negative)	0/6 (Negative)	0/6 (Negative)	0/6 (Negative)	0/6 (Negative)
Needle-PRRS	0/6 (Negative)	0/6 (Negative)	2/6 (Positive)	6/6 (Positive)	6/6 (Positive)
HIPRADERMIC®-PRRS	0/6 (Negative)	0/6 (Negative)	0/6 (Negative)	0/6 (Negative)	0/6 (Negative)

UNISTRAIN® PRRS cross-protection

American or type II

Efficacy of commercial genotype 1 porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus (PRRSV) vaccine against field isolate of genotype 2 PRRSV

Seong-sik Ko^a, Sang-won Sim^a, Sun-young Seonwon^a, Sung J. Yoo^a, Myoung-hye Kim^a, Young S. Lyoo^{a,b}

Immune response, IL-10 and protective efficacy against a single HP-PRRSV challenge or in conjunction with PRRSV1 of pigs intradermally and intramuscularly vaccinated with modified live PRRSV1

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European or type I

Heterologous cell-mediated immune responses against PRRS virus in gilts vaccinated with UNISTRAIN® PRRS

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HP Chinese-like

Effects of challenge with a virulent genotype II strain of porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus on piglets vaccinated with an attenuated genotype I strain vaccine

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Subtype III (Lena strain)

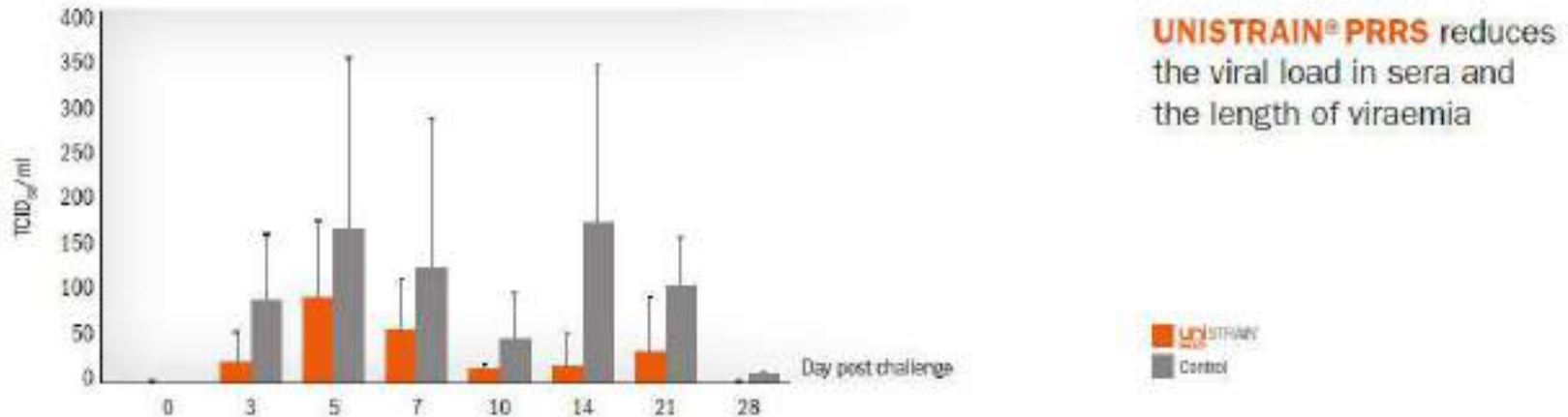
"VACCINATION WITH UNISTRAIN® PRRS IN PIGLETS REDUCES VIREMIA AND PRRSV SECRETION AFTER CHALLENGE WITH AN EAST EUROPEAN SUBTYPE 3 ISOLATE (LENA STRAIN)"

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PRRSV2 challenge trial

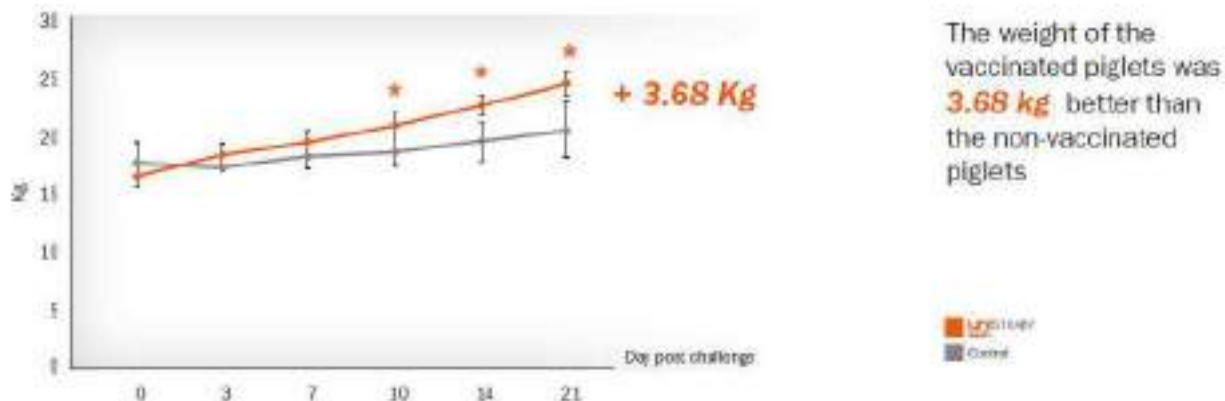
1.500 sow farm in South Korea. UNISTRAIN-PRRS Vaccination at 4 weeks of age.

VIRAEMIA OF PIGLETS AFTER CHALLENGE



Piglet performance

PERFORMANCE OF PIGLETS AFTER CHALLENGE



UNISTRIN® PRRS PROVIDES HETEROLOGOUS PROTECTION AGAINST PRRS TYPE 2 STRAINS WHICH IS A KEY POINT IN THE CONTROL OF THE DISEASE

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THANK YOU



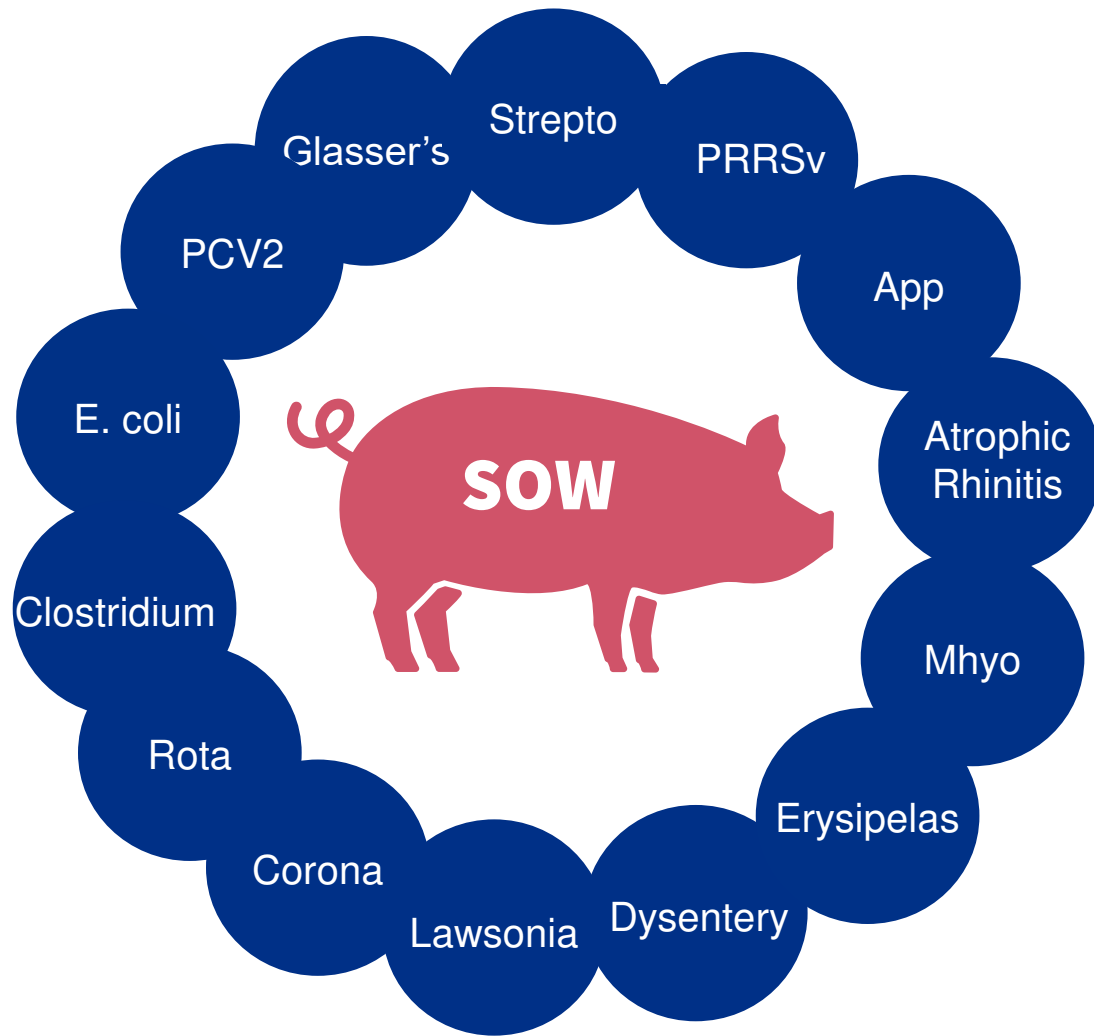
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ZnO situation from june 2022





changes on infection dynamics



Emerging reproductive diseases



PRRS
Influenza
Circovirus
Aujeszky's disease
Brucella suis
African Swine Fever



Swine Erysipelas
Leptospirosis
Mycoplasma suis
Chlamydia
Toxoplasmosis



Parvovirus
Teschovirus
Cardiovirus
Citomegalovirus
Enterovirus

Emerging respiratory diseases

PRRS

Influenza

Aujeszky's

PCV-2

Mhyo

Corona respiratory



Streptococcus

Glasser's

Bordetella

App

A. suis

Pm type A

Pm type D

Mycoplasma hyorninis

Mycoplasma suis



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Emerging enteric diseases



E. coli neonatal
C. perfringens type C
Rotavirus type C
Coccidiosis



Edema disease
E. coli post weaning
diarrhea
C. difficile
C. perfringens type A
Lawsonia
Brachyspira
Salmonellosis

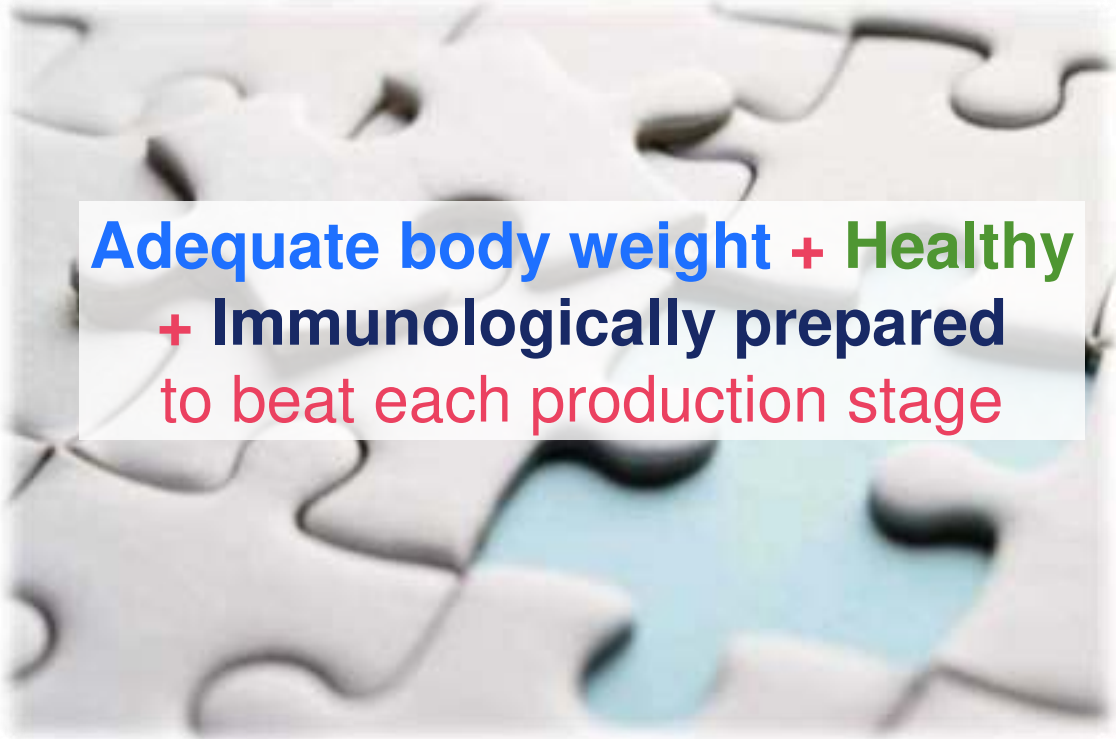


Coronavirus
Rotavirus type A



**How to raise pigs without Antibiotics,
and without Zinc Oxide?**

Antibiotic reduction is about producing a high quality piglet at weaning; at nursery and during fattening period



Adequate body weight + Healthy
+ Immunologically prepared
to beat each production stage

It requires an **holistic approach**



Diarrhea and PRDC



Gestation

Immunising gilts and sows - gilt adaptation

Feeding the sow and the piglet – the role of the microbiota

Preparing the piglet in front of main diseases it is going to be challenged in nursery unit: PRRS, PCV2, Myo vertical infection, Oedema subclinical, SIV

Lactation

Nursery

The sow:

Good farrowing duration
Good colostrum production

The piglet:

Good colostrum intake

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Building Immunity
for a Healthier World