

INDIVIDUAL SOW CARE FROM ZOETIS

Individual Sow Care is a comprehensive training program from Zoetis that teaches caregivers and production managers the value of conducting health, welfare and performance assessments — on every sow, from every breed group, every day.



WHY IT'S NEEDED

Pig health and performance begin with the sow. It's therefore imperative for caregivers and managers to learn how to evaluate each sow's health, body condition, comfort, behavior and overall well-being.

Being cognizant of each gestating and lactating sow's environment — barn temperature, flooring, air quality, pit levels, feeders and water availability — is also critical.

WHY ZOETIS?

Since introducing Individual Pig Care in 2005, Zoetis veterinarians have helped train hundreds of caregivers and production managers on the importance of walking the pens and checking every pig, every day, to help ensure optimum health, welfare and performance.

The success of that program, combined with the surge in sow mortality rates,¹ led Zoetis to create Individual Sow Care.

¹ Pairis-Garcia M. Sow Mortality in the US — 1 Year Later. Pig Progress. March 11, 2019.

WHAT THEY'LL LEARN

Individual Sow Care from Zoetis is a practical, 1-day program that combines classroom instruction with hands-on training in the barn. Participants learn to:

- Approach the sow in a calm, assuring manner
- Observe sow behavior and patterns
- Evaluate sow environment
- Check feed and water availability
- Rate sow posture, body condition, lesions, teat condition
- Examine sow for vulva damage, vaginal discharge
- Inspect stools and urine
- Watch for signs of lameness
- Assess lactating sow's milk supply, as well as the health and behavior of her pigs
- Take and record sow temperature
- Contact the veterinarian at the first sign of trouble*

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