



“Proper planning will lead to fewer complications, greater success, and healthier pigs moving forward.”

# 1

### PREPARE THE FARROWING AREA

- Provide a **dry, draft-free shelter**.
- Use **deep, clean bedding** such as straw so the sow can build a nest.
- If possible, use **creep space with extra heat** to protect piglets.

# 2

### SIGNS FARROWING IS CLOSE (12-24 hours)

- Nest building with straw or bedding.
- Swollen vulva and clear discharge.
- Udder full with milk present.
- Restlessness or frequent lying down and standing up.

# 3

### WHAT IS NORMAL?

- Piglets typically arrive every **10–30 minutes**.
- Total farrowing time is usually **2–6 hours**.
- Piglets should **stand and nurse soon after birth**.
- Majority of **placenta** usually passes once all piglets are delivered.

# 4

### HELPING NEWBORN PIGLETS

- Keep piglets **dry and warm**.
- Ensure **ALL** piglets get **colostrum**. Help them **find a teat quickly**.
- Keep bedding **clean and dry**.

# 5

### WHEN TO HELP THE SOW

- More than **45–60 minutes** between piglets
- **Strong straining** with no piglet produced
- **Foul discharge**
- Sow appears **exhausted** or **distressed**

# 6

### FIRST FEW DAYS

- Check piglets **several times daily**.
- Make sure all piglets are **active and nursing**.
- Provide the sow **plenty of water and feed** to support milk production.