Questionnaire: Sows Pregnant

General

This first set of questions (General) can be completed prior to entering the animal facility.
For the actual scan (following section) it is recommended to start at least one hour after feeding.

Farm management

If you completed this scan already in the past, you will see the previously introduced answers for some of the questions.
Please, check whether they are still valid and modify the answer if required.

Date of the scan

Your name (or description) for the unit
The purpose of this name is to distinguish between your own buildings or units if you have multiple ones.

Enter the total number of pregnant sows present:

What type of housing system do you have for this unit?
(1 optie aanduiden)

- barn with attached outdoor area
- (mobile) huts

Are there any parts of the outdoor area that are rarely used?

- Ja
- Nee

Which housing system is in place for the majority of the pregnant sows?
(1 optie aanduiden)

- individual housing
- group housing (stable groups)
- group housing (dynamic groups)

Which floor type(s) does the indoor housing unit have?
You can select multiple options.

(Meerdere opties mogelijk)

- [ ] fully slatted floor
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- [ ] solid concrete floor (without straw)
- [ ] deep litter
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- [ ] soil
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Which floor type(s) does the outdoor range have?
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Which type(s) of enrichment is/are provided indoor?
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- [ ] soil
- [ ] pasture (grass)
- [ ] wallow
- [ ] other
- [ ] none

Are (some of) the sows nose ringed?

- ○ Ja
- ○ Nee

Do you observe sows with signs of sunburn at any point in time during the year?
This occurs in white/light coloured pigs on the exposed body areas (back, ears, flank). Signs of sunburn are **reddening**, **oedema** and possibly **scabs** and **peeling** of the skin.
(1 optie aanduiden)

- ○ Yes
- ○ Occasionally
- ○ No

Group Observations

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Have the sows been housed in this group for at least 14 days?

- ○ Ja
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How many pregnant sows are observed for this group assessment?

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Individual Observations

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Score the confidence in humans for this sow:

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- score 1
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Does the sow display laboured breathing (pumping)?

- Ja
- Nee

Score the body condition of the sow (see images):
The **spine**, **hip** and **pin bones** are visually inspected (and then palpated if possible).
(1 optie aanduiden)

- normal
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End of Assessment
Please, confirm that these results are valid and accurate?
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You will receive an automated report of the uploaded results in any case.

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