

Group Sow Housing Feeding Systems

Choosing the system that is right for you



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Category	Floor Feeding	Shoulder Stalls	ESF	Free-Access ESF	Free-Access Stalls
Space Allowance	Moderate space requirement	Moderate space requirement	Low space requirement	Low-moderate space requirement	High space requirement
Cost	Low cost	Low cost	Moderate to high cost	Moderate cost	High cost
Daily Management	Low technology	Low technology	Automated management	Automated management	Low technology
	High management of sort groups	High management of sort groups	Technical expertise	Technical expertise	Low management of sort groups
	Find & manage drop outs	Find & manage drop outs	Ear tags	Ear tags	Find & manage dropouts
Training	No sow training	No sow training	Training required	Moderate training required	Little sow training
Welfare Risk	High aggression and competition	Aggression and competition	Precision feeding	Precision feeding	Individual feeding
			Sows compete at feeder entrance	Sows compete at feeder entrance	Many sows remain in stalls
Other	Overfeeding used to reduce aggression	Overfeeding used to reduce aggression	Automated sorting, heat checking	Automated data collection	Individual feed curves not possible
	Variable feed intake	Variable feed intake			