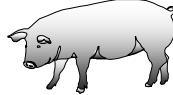


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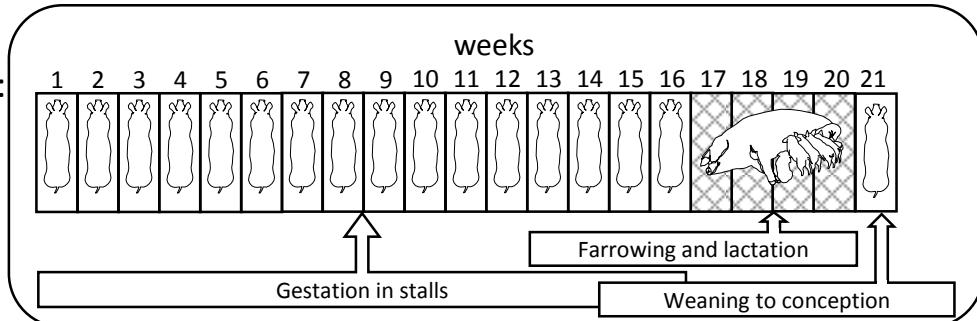
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Changes to sow housing in South Australia from 20th April 2017

As stated within South Australia's *Animal Welfare Regulations 2012*, from 20th April 2017 those SA producers with gestation stalls will by law have to make sure that no sow is confined in a stall for more than 6 weeks during any one reproductive cycle unless she is convalescing or receiving other veterinary care. The following diagrams show how gestation stall use will look before and after 20th April next year:

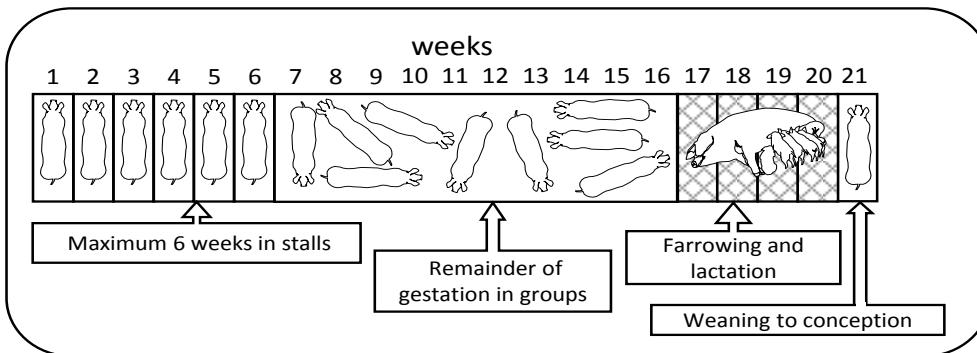
BEFORE 20th April 2017:

Maximum permissible stall use



AFTER 20th April 2017:

Maximum permissible stall use limited to six weeks per reproductive cycle



There are other options to the one in the second diagram above. For example, a producer may choose to use stalls for the first five weeks of gestation, followed by a period of group housing and ending with a final week in a stall prior to transferring to farrowing pens.

Some farms have already limited their use of stalls in order to comply with the APIQ✓ Standard GSF 1.1 (APL's voluntary gestation stall-free policy), or Standard CSC 1.2 (Coles Supermarkets Australia Pty Ltd gestation stall-free policy). Farms compliant with these Standards will satisfy the above requirement.

The *Animal Welfare Regulations 2012* can be downloaded at <https://legislation.sa.gov.au>

New version of ProHand course planned for Wednesday 7th December at Roseworthy

Stockpersons completing ProHand training gain a comprehensive understanding of how their routine pig handling behaviours can influence fear responses in their animals and therefore the ease of pig handling and moving pigs within their piggery, sow fertility, growth performance and carcase quality. The new version of ProHand can be completed at your own home or workplace, but in SA the group facilitated version of ProHand training is still available freely to producers and their staff, thanks to support from the Pig Industry Fund. The next course is planned for 2:00pm – 4:00pm on Wednesday 7th December at Roseworthy Campus.

HOWEVER, THE COURSE WILL ONLY PROCEED IF THERE ARE ENOUGH ENROLMENTS, SO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, OR WANT TO FIND OUT MORE, PLEASE CONTACT COURSE PRESENTER GRAEME POPE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON 0438 423 900. NUMBERS MUST BE FINALISED BY FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER.

Emergency Disease Watch Hotline: 1800 675 888

Protect pigs in SA from exotic disease! If you see pigs in your piggery affected with a sudden, unexpected or unexplained disease or deaths contact your private vet urgently to seek advice. If you don't have a vet or can't reach them please ring the free 1800- number.

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