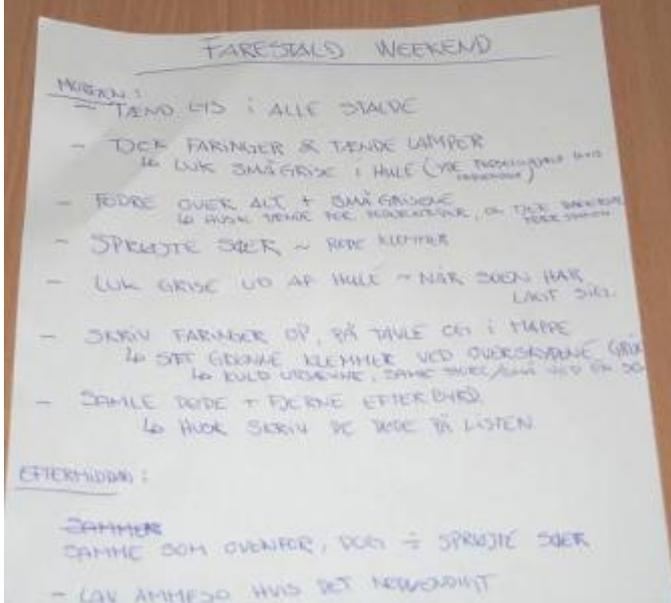


H27 - Weekend / holiday replacement in the farrowing facility

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Detailed weekend plan

When a person other than the one normally responsible tends to the farrowing facility, much information must be communicated:

1. Prepare a detailed workplan that outlines the tasks in the farrowing facility.
2. Give a thorough introduction to the work in the farrowing facility immediately before a weekend/holiday replacement.
3. Make a follow-up after the weekend/holiday with the person responsible for the farrowing facility.
4. Decide who is responsible for the communication/completion of the information/follow-up (see Appendix 27, Weekend/holiday replacement).

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Lack of workplans may result in misunderstandings.

Inadequate agreements may result in:

- Poor and varying production results depending on who tends to the facility during weekends and holidays.
- Tasks not being done or being done incorrectly.
- Misunderstandings and disagreements between staff members.
- Unfulfilled expectations from the person in charge of the facility.

Additional comments - Weekend / holiday replacement in the farrowing facility

For approx. 1/3 of the year, employees other than the person responsible will tend to the facility (weekend rota system, holidays, national holidays and absence due to sickness) in a facility with three employees.

Misunderstandings and different work routines may lead to highly varying production results in the farrowing facility.

1. All employees in the farrowing facility should make a plan together of the tasks to be done in the facility over the weekend or during holidays (week plan).

Examples of tasks in the farrowing facility (see chapter on workplans):

1. Empty troughs before feeding.
2. Adjust feed dose.
3. Treat sick sows and piglets.
4. Obstetric aid.
5. Cross-foster newborn piglets.
6. Move excess piglets to a nurse sow.
7. Feed piglets.
8. Remove placenta + dead pigs.
9. Check temperature in facility (see checklist).

2. Before the start of a weekend / holiday, the person responsible draws up a schedule (see example in Appendix 27) in which is written:

- Sows/litters that need special attention during the weekend (for instance, a nurse sow just made, sick sows etc.).
- Selection of nurse sows, intermediate nurse sows and foster sows, and notes of where in the facility they are and, if necessary, how many piglets they have.
- Sows that have just farrowed or are farrowing.
- Sows that have 1-2 piglets too many that must be moved no later than the day after, but where there was not enough room to move them before the weekend.
- Technical details to be checked (for instance, problems with a specific feed box).
- Treatments for disease (check treatment file).
- Have some sows had their feed dose significantly reduced? Which feed valves need extra attention?

Before the weekend, the weekend replacement and the person responsible for the farrowing facility go through the schedule together and take a walk through the farrowing facility.

3. When the weekend is over and the person responsible is back at work, he/she and the replacement go over what has happened during the weekend or the holiday (for instance, problems with farrowings or sick sows, sows with too few piglets, many dead piglets, etc.).

4. It is important beforehand to decide who is responsible for initiating both the replacement and the follow-up.