



Setting of feeders for finishers

Feed wastage is expensive. A 5 % feed wastage costs approx. DKK 10-15 per finisher depending on the feed price.

Correct setting of feeders:

1. The pigs have easy access to feed, but without wasting feed.
2. There is feed on the board, but little feed by the nipple drinkers.
3. Check the settings **every day**.
4. When the pigs weigh 60-70 kg, it may be necessary to further restrict their access to feed.

Light:

5. Leave the light on in the facility, e.g. from 7 to 22, to avoid fighting by the feeders

Pigs per tube feeder:

6. Depending on brand, a tube feeder can serve 35-40 pigs (16-20 pigs per side).

Inadequate focus on setting of feeders

- Too open: increased risk of feed wastage. Use a flashlight to see through the slats and check for feed.
- Not sufficiently open: the pigs do not have easy access to feed.
- Not sufficiently open: increased risk of blocked feed pipes.
- If the pipes are blocked, check for old/wet feed stuck in the feed pipe.

Reduce blocking by

- Hanging a chain inside the feed pipe.
- Placing a flat bar in/under the feed pipe that the pigs can activate.
- Placing nipple drinkers in an adequate height and reducing the pressure to prevent water from splashing directly onto the board.
- Drilling a hole in the upper part of the water trough to prevent overflow.

Check the settings of all feeders before pigs are transferred to the facility.



Pictures 1 and 2 show feeders set correctly. There is feed under the pipe, but not in the water trough.



This feeder is not sufficiently open and must be adjusted. There is very little or no feed available.



This feeder is too open, which leads to a large feed wastage.