

H18 - Driving and pick-up of pigs



Perfect for driving of pigs



Mirrors at corners may ease driving of pigs

Use the pigs' natural behaviour during driving

1. Act calmly around the pigs in your everyday work. This will teach them positive contact to humans.
2. Take your time - stressed pigs are difficult to drive.
3. Use driving boards and paddles.
4. Turn on lights in the direction you would like the pigs to go.
5. Use remote-controlled gates / doors.
6. Shut off blind corners by doors etc.
7. Make driving alleys "uninteresting" without differences in levels.
8. Shut off open pen partitions underway.
9. Shield the loading platform from headwind. Install reversible ventilation.
10. Put up mirrors to ease driving the pigs around corners.



Do not arouse the pigs' curiosity or fear

- No mess in the alleys.
- Fix cracks in floors.
- Turn / move gratings across the alleys.
- Do not use rods, shovels or brooms etc. for driving the pigs.
- Do not change the colour of your clothes.

Additional comments - Driving and pick-up of pigs	
1.	Pigs that are used to being around humans are not timid.
2.	It is impossible to make stressed pigs move in the same direction.
3.	With brooms and shovels as driving tools, the pigs are often treated roughly, which creates agitation and anxiety in the group making them more difficult to handle. These tools are not good for holding pigs “circling back” either. Electric rods are illegal.
4.	Pigs prefer to move from dark areas towards light areas.
5.	When pigs are driven down the alley it is practical to be able to open the door ahead without having to walk through the group. A remote-controlled sectional door system is the “Rolls Royce model”.
6. +	The pigs’ way through facilities and alleys must be as “boring” as possible to avoid arousing their curiosity unnecessarily. Cracks, gratings etc. in the floor arouse their curiosity / fear and will make them stop.
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9.	Pigs do not like headwind.
10.	Use a polished steel plate as mirror as that will not break.