



## 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.*