



THE NEW STANDARDS ARE TESTED

The first experiences with the new standards for lactating sows are very positive



Tendency to smaller weaning weight requires extra focus on feed and feed switch

Customer experiences and our recommendations

Our recommendation is to feed for optimal milk production, which has its optimum at 7.4 g dig. lysine and about 120 g dig. crude protein.

What we have seen in practice, is generally a better milking sow, with better udder development - also on the rear teats of the sow. We haven't seen any problems with increased diarrhea in piglets, which someone might have feared. Therefore no reason for holding back on the amino acid profile in relation to a protein level of 120 g dig. crude protein.

We can ask ourselves, if there is a need to go up to the new standard 7.7 g dig. lysine and over 125 g dig. crude protein? In our opinion, there is no need for that. The only argument for such increased profile is a lower weight loss of the sow.

We have yet to determine a full quarter, so the first results depend entirely on customers feed-back on a better milking sow.

If you want to control, how much extra, the sows are milking, the easiest method is to weigh the whole litter, to get an overall picture of the number of kg gain, that can be registered. If you only weigh on the average of the weaned piglet in kg, you can get a wrong result.

If the milking improves, less piglets will fall from the litter. Thereby weaning per sow increases, but not necessarily average weight per piglet.