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Keeping Them Keen By: Ken Palen

Baby piglets after weaning are precious little creatures that tend to go through a sulking period and are not keen to eat or drink. That of course is to be expected considering the fact that they are only two to four weeks old. They just got taken away from their mothers and thrown together in a new room with a bunch of piglets they have never met. If that is not enough stress, they are in many cases expected to eat a salad diet out of a trough, drink cold water out of a nipple and buddy up to some dude he or she has never met to keep warm. All of the above in place of suckling mother's warm, perfectly nutritionally designed milk, tucked up tightly to their brothers and sisters right beside mother's udder. Oh! And I forgot these little piglets were probably poked with a needle, typically with a vaccine which may make some of these babies not feel good for a day or so.



Okay so let's think about how we can make things better for these new babies. We could give them a little treat of creep feed every day, a week or so before weaning. This could be a really good tasting high milk or even milk replacer product nutritionally designed close to mother's milk. If they ate

all creep feed and did not drink any of mother's milk, they would only consume about 250 to 300 grams per day max. Now we could also vaccinate them a week before weaning (if the vaccine is compatible with the procedure on the vet's and manufacturer's advice) while these babies are still with mother. If they feel a little tough they can have a nice warm drink of milk before going to bed or just wait until two weeks after weaning to vaccinate them after they get settled into the move.

Having some water available in little water bowls in the pen for the first one or two days or at least having one bowl and one or two nipple
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We use the milk replacer with the piglets that fall back on the sows. With the larger litters we see, it is important to have this option available and we find that these runt piglets can usually be weaned at the same time as the rest of the litter.

Brian McNichol
Blyth, Ontario

If you would like to try firstSTART[®]P with your pigs, contact your Kenpal Sales Representative.

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drinkers for easier access, thereby warming the water up a little and making it easier to find. Without a drink of water with dry feed it is like people trying to eat soda crackers without a drink. After a couple you cannot swallow.

Keeping a high quality, nutritionally designed dry piglet feed easily accessible and tasty, with lots of milk for two or three days after weaning to teach these little piggies how to eat and drink is a good plan. Only one-half to one kilogram per piglet of feed will get them started well. Then providing a really good second feed you can keep them eating till they are a week old. Piglets not eating usually show up by day three after weaning with their little bellies tucked in and then laying in the corner or nosing at the bellies of other piglets. If necessary, these little guys will be separated and gruel fed with milk replacer or feed and water to save them. The key is to minimize the numbers of off feed pigs. The second week after weaning the ration can contain more corn and less milk and other goodies, but don't change too fast on them completely. By week three the simpler corn soya diet can be introduced in a couple of phases over the next couple of weeks.



Room environment being clean, dry, warm, fresh, etc. are all other major things to control but most folks are getting real good at doing these tasks and providing these amenities. My farm visits are showing that this is an opportunity to KEEP THEM KEEN from one week before till 2 weeks after weaning and these piglets are off to the races. A small investment here can pay off big time in less time spent treating piglets and improving performance long term.

Enjoy the great early May weather and be safe at planting time. Thank you!

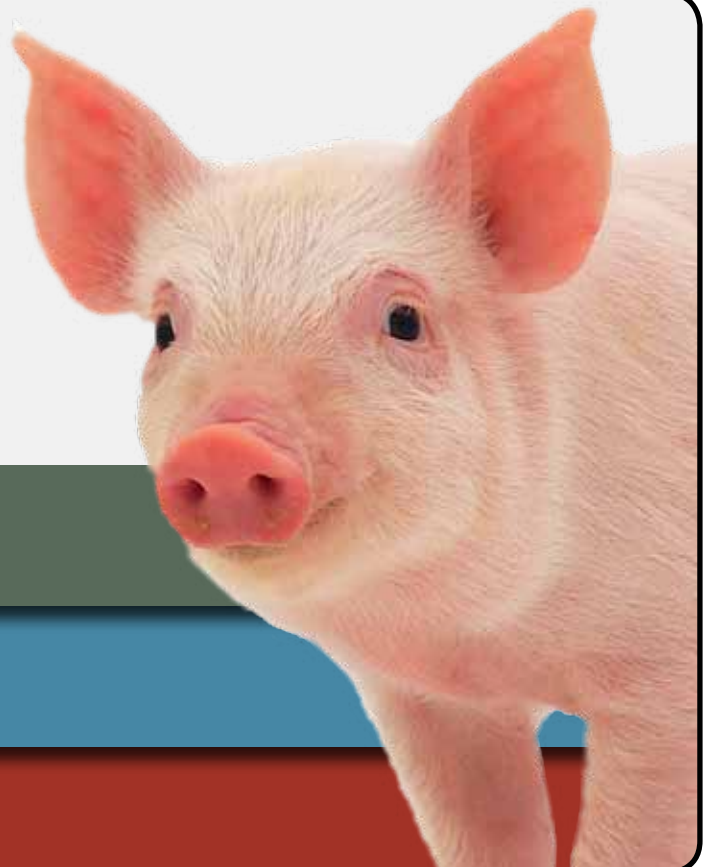
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