

to her neighbors who may have already farrowed can help save their piglets as well.

The thermal environment is probably the second most critical aspect to which to attend. Ensuring that the sow is not too hot and that the piglets are plenty warm can be tricky. However, success in both areas will allow the sow to have a maximum feed intake which will provide the pigs with greater nutrition, and it will help the pigs combat the challenges of malnutrition and disease.

As always, a clean environment goes a long way in providing a disease free state for both the sow and the piglet. Sow health can not be overlooked. Unhealthy sows, lame sows, and sows with pressure sores are less likely to be adept at lying and responding to their piglets and thus have a higher incidence of crushing.

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