


THE PIG ISSUE



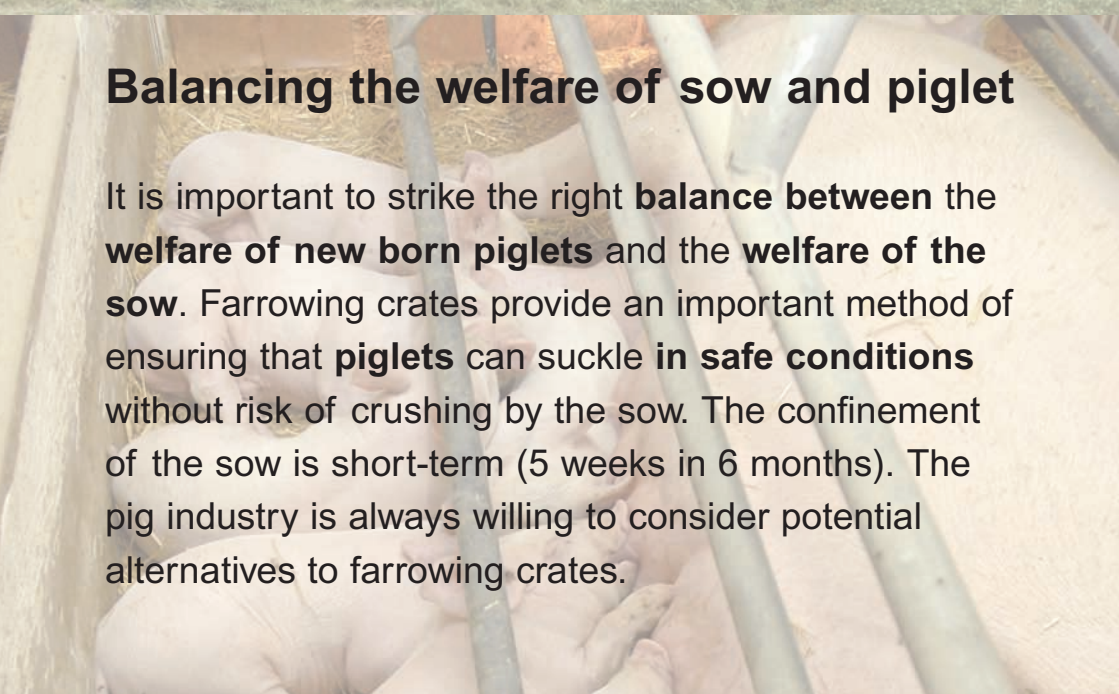
An environmentally responsible pig industry

The pig industry recognises its responsibilities to safeguarding the environment. It is working in **partnership with Government** to deliver the **Pig Industry Environment Strategy** that provides a clear framework for delivering an **economically and environmentally sustainable pig industry** in England and Wales.



Balancing the welfare of sow and piglet

It is important to strike the right **balance between the welfare of new born piglets** and the **welfare of the sow**. Farrowing crates provide an important method of ensuring that **piglets** can suckle in **safe conditions** without risk of crushing by the sow. The confinement of the sow is short-term (5 weeks in 6 months). The pig industry is always willing to consider potential alternatives to farrowing crates.



The true cost of bio fuel production for pig meat consumers

Demand for bio fuels and crop failures have increased feed prices dramatically. Last year this led to an **11% rise in pig meat production costs** which led to an **additional £60m cost** being absorbed by the pig meat industry as retail prices remain static. This is not sustainable and it needs to be considered as to whether this cost should be borne by retailers and/or consumers.

Where do local authorities stand on the quality of food they feed school children?

The BPEX Quality Standard Mark (QSM) supports **PSFPI's** key aims to **improve standards of production**, process and **animal welfare** in meat purchased.

Do the local authorities in **your constituency** support our QSM as part of their procurement strategy?

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