

Two step fostering process

Excess piglets must be transferred to nurse sows
 One piglet per teat as lactation changes into milk bouts. 1-2 more if milk cups

Figures with 20 % nurse sows

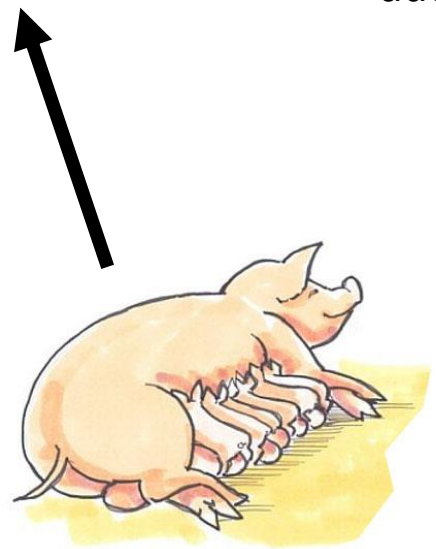
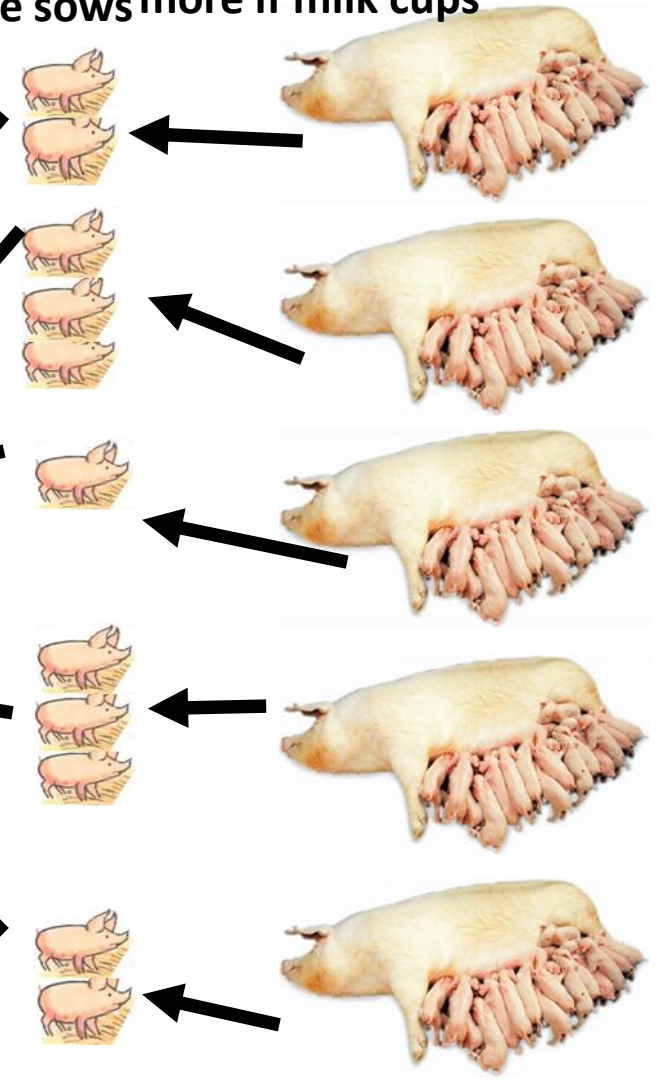
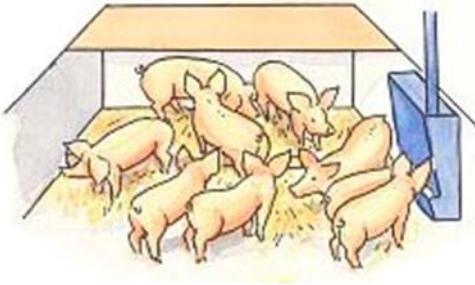
(count only 1-step sows)

1.2 wean litters/farrowing

Sows average lactation = $26 * 1 + 0.2 * 21 = 30.2$

Average weaning age = $26 * (1/1.2) + 21 * (0.2/1.2) = 25.2$

Remember more farrowing crates due to additional sows per farrowing



1 step sow
 21 day old piglets weaned
 4-8 day old piglets added

4-8 day old piglets moved to 1-step sow from 2-step sow

2 step sow
 Own piglets moved to 1-step sow
 Received newborn

Remember 8 hours for colostrum intake before moving