

R&D Snapshot

Planning, Managing and Evaluating Group Housing Systems

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Purpose:

- To case-study changes from stalled systems to group sow systems that meet welfare requirements and expectations for managing dry sows.

Take home messages:

- Each case study outlined very different systems
- Producers selected systems which suited their requirements after investigating various options
- A producer must take into account:
 - Farm specific requirements for converting from stalls to group housing
 - That different feeding systems are suited to different housing systems
 - That staff must be trained and engaged properly to enable day-to-day husbandry requirements
 - Extensive planning reduces production losses
 - The need for existing state and local planning/licensing requirements.

Additional information:

- For further information or a copy of the full report that includes the case studies, please contact Pat Mitchell at pat.mitchell@australianpork.com.au on 03 5488 2306 or 0402 794 912.

