

Training Course	Stockman Development Scheme
Session Title	Service and Dry Sow Management
Session Aim	To increase participant knowledge on managing the service process and managing dry sows.
Duration	4 hours
Learning Objectives	<p>To be able to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify five signs of oestrus 2. Explain the importance of wean to service interval 3. Describe correct process from fertilisation to conception 4. List 3 key aspects of managing the dry sow 5. Identify and set key performance targets for the herd post service 6. List 3 important factors affecting natural service 7. Describe AI procedure with reference to the importance of hygiene and cleanliness at service
Resources	Flip chart, flip chart pens, extra paper, pens, projector, projector screen, quiz, practical pig app

1.10	<p>Introduction and welcome</p> <p>Health and Safety notices</p> <p>Timings and breaks</p> <p>Aims of the session <i>Learning outcomes</i></p> <p>Introductions - Who are you and where do you work? <i>Names on name card</i></p>	<p>Course slide deck</p> <p>Round the table</p>	
1.30	<p>How do we manage stress for the sow at weaning? <i>Cover importance of sizing and mixing on indoor and outdoor systems.</i></p> <p>Importance of culling and how to decide on a policy</p> <p>Why is managing body condition when establishing the pregnancy important?</p> <p>Stress and reproduction (20 mins) <i>What can be stressful and how can we rectify it?</i></p>	<p>Presentation</p> <p>Round the table</p> <p>Brainstorm – break out groups and present</p> <p>Flipchart/discussion</p>	2
3.00	<p>What are the key areas of natural service?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor boar groups • Boar accommodation • Seasonality • Spermatogenesis <p>Reasons for culling a boar?</p>	<p>Presentation</p> <p>Discussion</p>	6
3.15	Break		
3.30	<p>How do you prepare the sow for service?</p> <p>What is the correct AI procedure?</p> <p>Why is post AI rest important?</p> <p>In groups, design ideal indoor/outdoor AI area – present to other groups</p> <p>Fertilisation to conception – the process</p>	<p>Round the table</p> <p>Presentation</p> <p>App video – Indoor breeding – post-service management</p> <p>Group breakout task</p> <p>Presentation</p>	4 3
3.50	<p>What is a regular and irregular return?</p> <p>Preventing boar habituation</p>	<p>Presentation</p> <p>Round Table</p>	

	<p>How do we use different methods to pregnancy test?</p> <p>When and what vaccinations do we give to the dry sows?</p> <p>What is meant by parity profile?</p> <p>Parity profile and performance (20 mins) <i>Breakout group activity, to draw ideal parity profile and expected performance per parity</i></p> <p>What are the performance targets we want to achieve?</p> <p>Why is FR% and FI important at this stage?</p> <p>How are empty days calculated and what contributes to empty days?</p>	<p>Hum group</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Breakout group – present</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>App clip – indoor/outdoor – feeding curve</p> <p>Presentation</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5</p>
4.50	<p>Feedback Forms</p> <p>Next session reminder</p>	<p>Feedback forms</p> <p>Slide deck</p>	