MOVING FORWARD WITH IMPROVED SOW HOUSING: CURRENT PROGRESS AND PROSPECT

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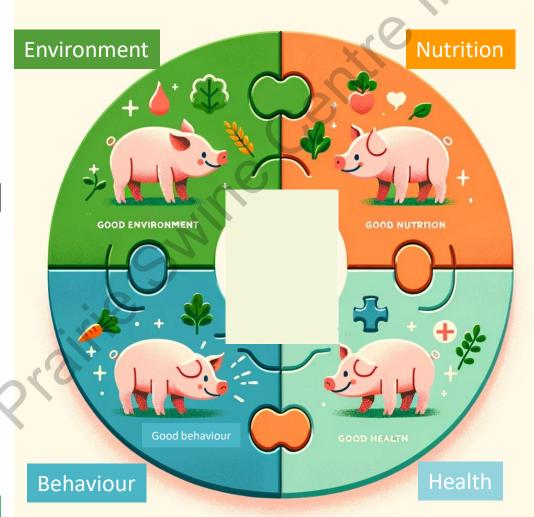


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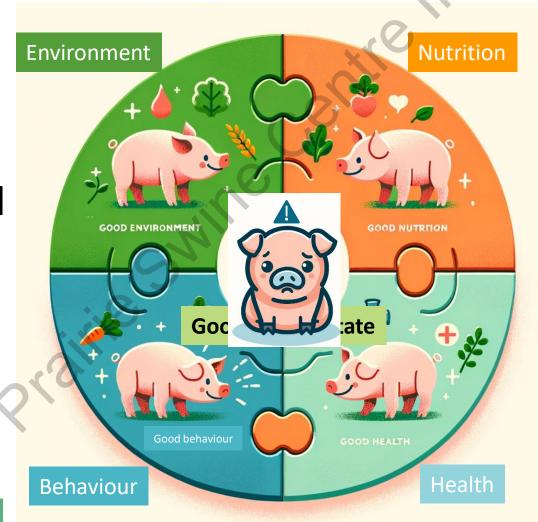
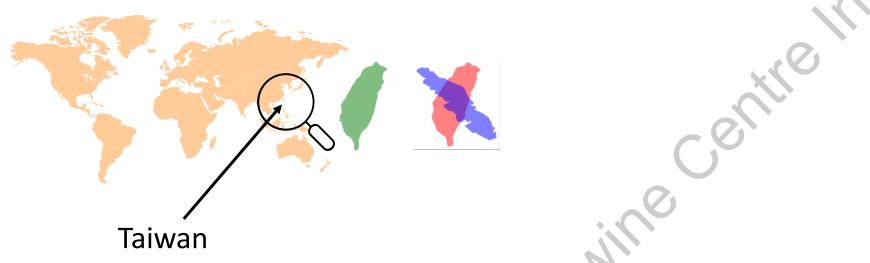


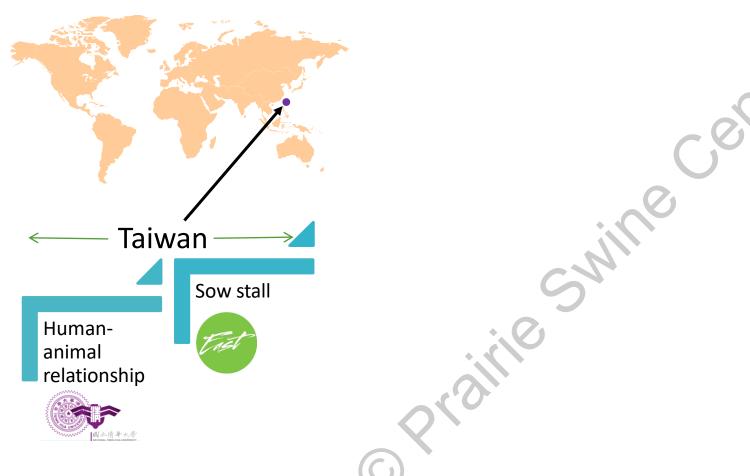
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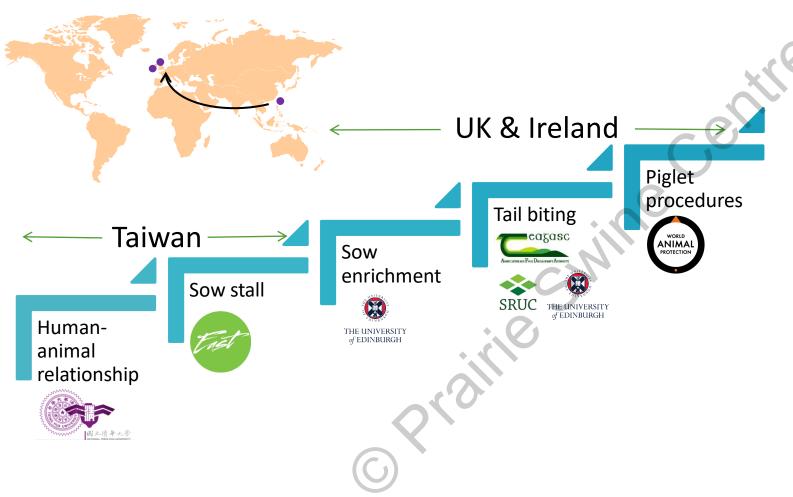


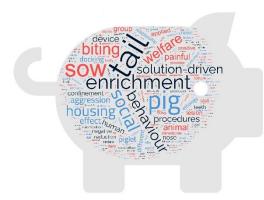




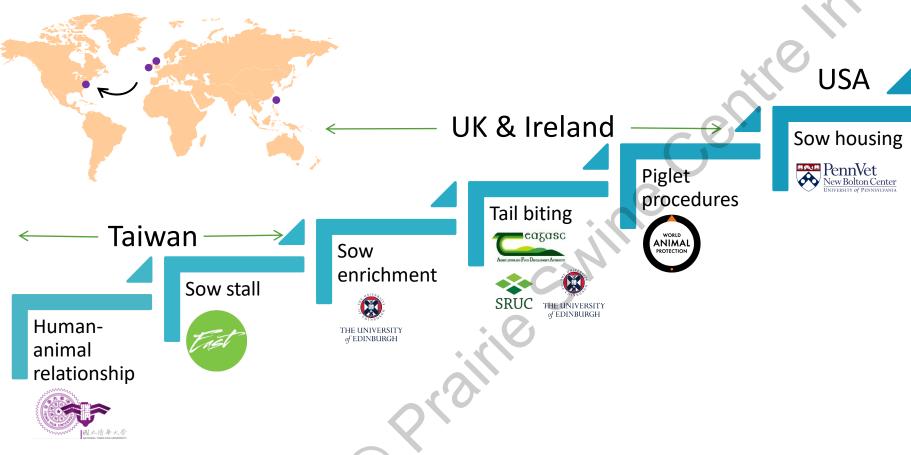


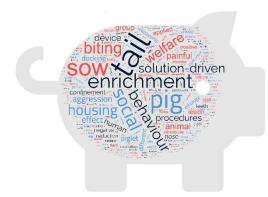




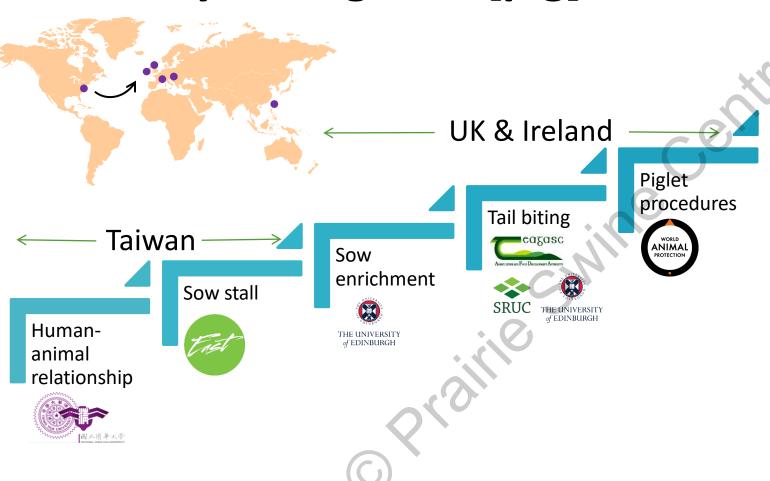












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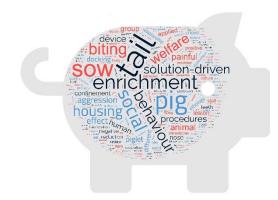
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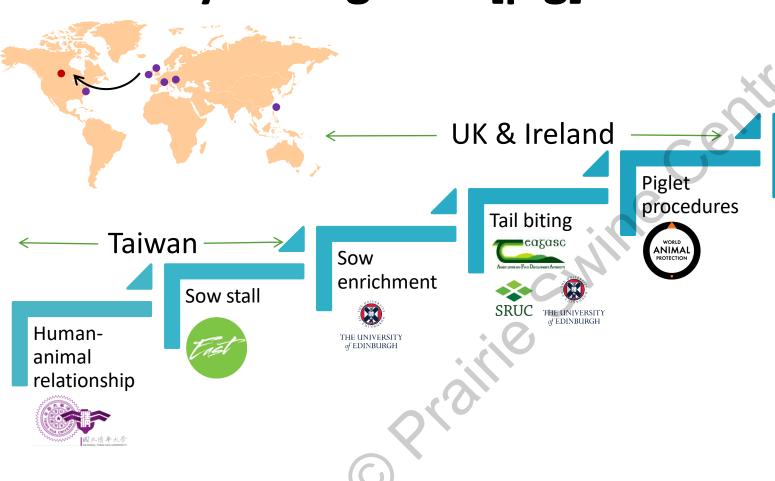
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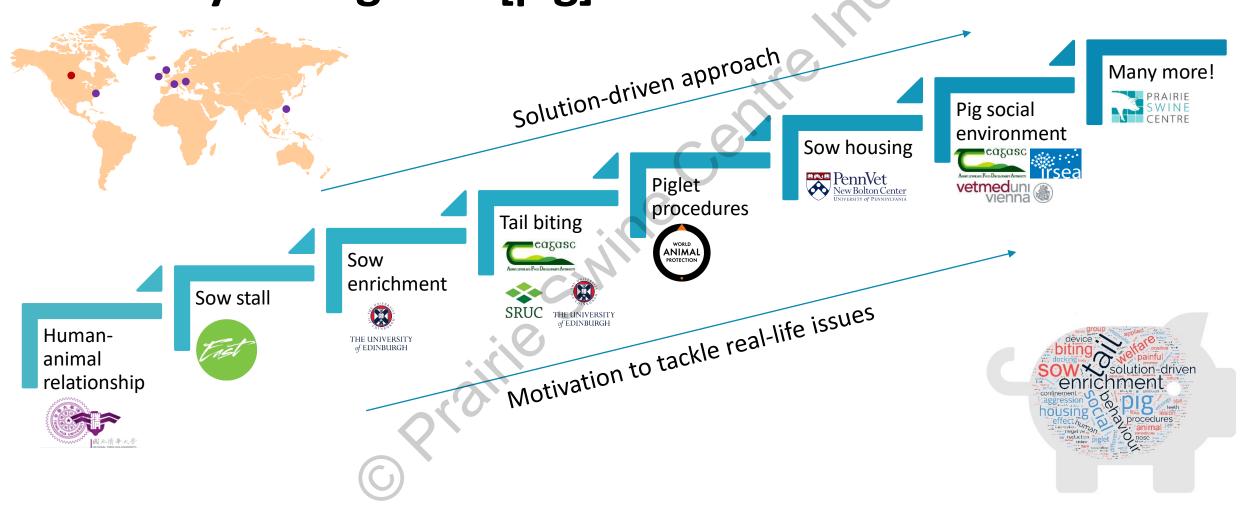
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Small static group housing for sows

- Aggression
 - Space allowance, feeding, group size (Bench et al., 2013; Gonyou, 2001)
 - Resource, bedding, enrichment (Bench et al. 2013)
 - Dominance hierarchy

> Enrichment device







Manage tail biting in pigs in fully slatted systems

- Wood as the primary enrichment investigated
- High fibre diet + simple enrichment
- Multiple slat-compatible, meaningful enrichment









Word map developed from a survey about enrichment on Irish farms (Haigh, et al., 2016.)

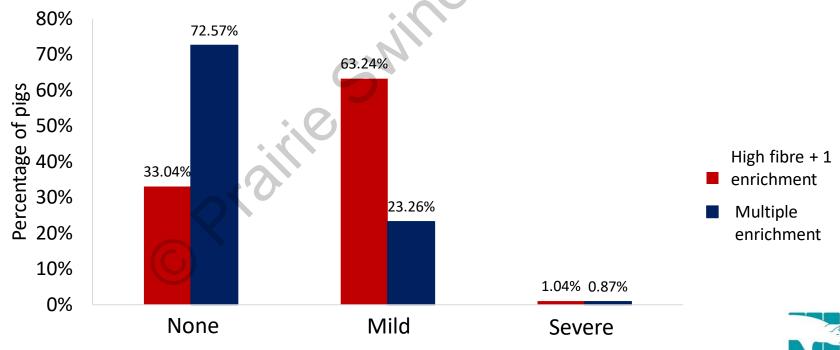






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Tail amputation score



Post-weaned sow housing

- Prop 12 requirements
 - Use of mating stall for 8d
- Stall vs Group vs Pen
 - Behaviour time budget
 - Posture
 - Lesion
 - Qualitative Behaviour Assessment
 - Behaviour test
 - Long-term impact







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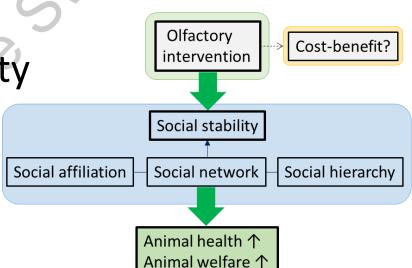


Pigs' social stability and consequences

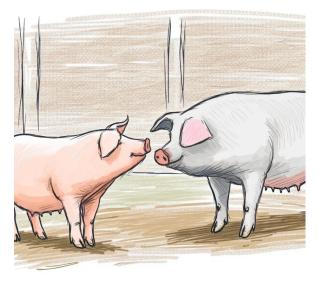
- Experience in tail biting outbreaks
 - Reintroduction of pigs
 - External aid to stabilise social grouping (Pheromone)
 - Social stability to mitigate behavioural issues

(aggression, tail biting, etc.)

Explore pigs' social stability



Performance 1





PROGRESS TO DATE: IMPROVING SOW WELFARE



Code of practice reviewed (2019-2021)



CODE OF PRACTICE



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Published: 2014
 Alignment with Part XII (Transport of Animals) of the Health of Animals Regulations: 2021

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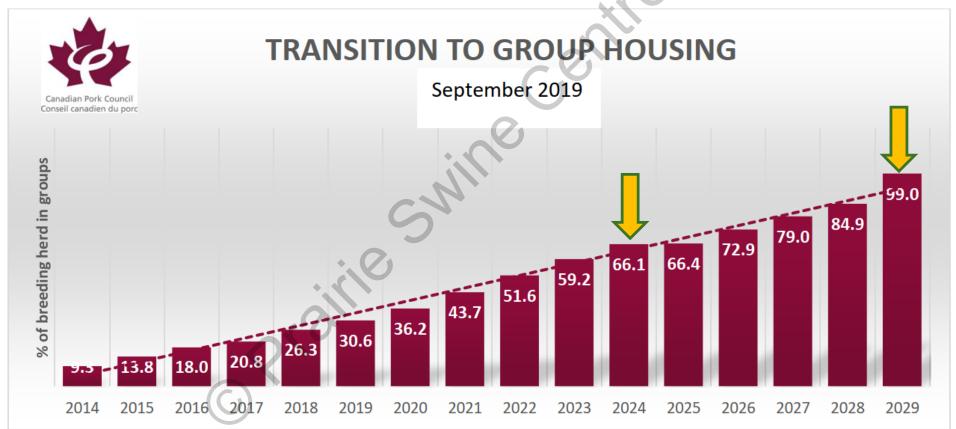
Review recommendations:

- Group sow housing transition done before 1 July, 2029
- Functional and effective enrichments for sows and gilts that remain in stalls
- Minimum space for group-housed sows/gilts → requirement
- Boar housed in pens



Transition to groups

Projections by CPC: % of sows in groups





Spring producer meeting last year...by Jen Brown

- Sow identification and treatment
 - Support staff training in husbandry skills
 - Time & decision making
- Focus on development of replacement gilts
- Death loss & removal records are valuable







New project





Periodic Enrichment – led by Jen Brown/Abby Tillotson

- Identify practical enrichments applicable on farms
- Effects on damaging behaviours/performance/cost



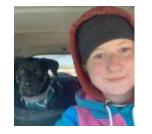
	Early life (2-9 weeks Late (9 weeks of age			
	of age)		– market weight)	
Enriched?	No	Yes	No	Yes
9-18 weeks of age	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.21
9-21 weeks of age	1.39	1.39	1.38	1.40
18-21 weeks of age	2.02	1.99	1.97 ^b	2.04 ^a

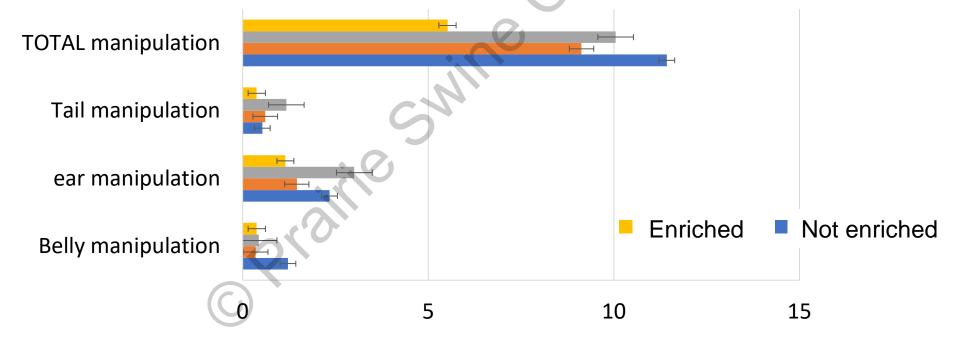
Average daily gain (kg/d)



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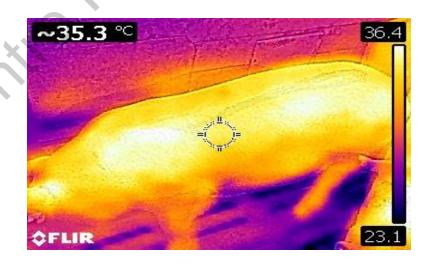


NEXT STEPS IN PSC ETHOLOGY



Thermal profile

- 2024 2026, PhD Serge Muhizi
- Improving the feed efficiency
- Stress response
- In-water nutritional supplement
- Dietary heat increments





ESF data explore



- 2024 2025 Part I: MSc Shuang Luo
 - Compare production data between group and stall housed herds
 - Relationships between ESF feeding pattern, performance & sow social behaviour
- 2026 Part II
 - Design and evaluate interventions to improve gilt retention in ESF on commercial farm
 - Economic analysis: compare housing systems and interventions



OptiLoose

- Loose lactation pens vs crate
- Piglet growth and welfare with weaning at 3 vs 4 weeks
- Nesting materials and maternal behaviour
- Farrowing system effects on nursery performance
- Farrowing staff feedback on loose housing

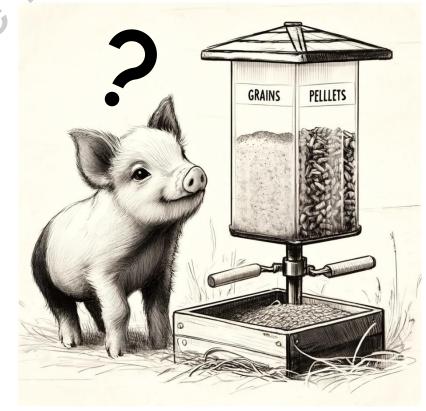






ADOPT – Creep

- What to feed?
 - Creep preference: standard creep vs. HHC/Equest 17/mixture with standard creep
- Beneficial to piglet growth and gut development
 - ADG, creep intake, blood iron, differences between small vs big pigs



Pig image by DALL-E



INTO THE FUTURE...

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Prospects

- Code of practice update 2024 –
- Optimal enrichment provision (Yolande Seddon NSERC Chair)
- Experience sharing case studies (domestic/overseas)
- New sow culling plant
- Consumer studies and labelling
- One Welfare: how does improved animal welfare contributes to improved human welfare?





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