






FACT SHEET 14



ENVIRONMENTAL ENRICHMENT EXAMPLES

Table 1: Enrichment examples for **breeding stock and nursing piglets**. Many additional enrichments are possible. Be sure to consider animal safety, food safety, environmental hazards and biosecurity when selecting enrichments.

Stage of production (Housing system)	Enrichment examples (Category)	
Gestating sows (Stalls)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual and/or physical contact with other sows (Social), • Chain, wood on a chain, rubber stall mat, periodic exercise (Occupational/Physical), • Radio, brushing (Sensory), • Multiple feeds, top dressing feeds e.g. silage, chopped straw, hay cubes (Nutritional). 	 <p data-bbox="1182 793 1490 825"><i>Fig. 1. Top dressing feeds</i></p>
Gestating sows (Group housing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact with other sows (Social), • Pen walking, wood on a chain, wood in a holder, cotton rope, chain, PVC pipe, substrates such as straw, peat moss, shavings (Occupational), • Solid flooring for lying, pen partitions, rubber mats (Physical), • Radio, brushing (Sensory), • Multiple feeds, top dressing feeds e.g. silage, chopped straw, hay cubes (Nutritional). 	 <p data-bbox="1182 1066 1490 1098"><i>Fig. 2. Wood on chain</i></p>
Farrowing sows (Farrowing crates)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual or physical contact with piglets or sows (Social), • Chain, wood on a chain, rubber stall mat (Occupational/Physical), • Radio (Sensory), • Multiple feeds, top dressing feeds (Nutritional). 	 <p data-bbox="1182 1339 1490 1371"><i>Fig. 3. Contact with piglets</i></p>
Nursing piglets (Farrowing pens)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact with sow and piglets (Social), • Ropes, dog toys, peat moss (Occupational), • Rubber mats, water bowl, hover (Physical), • Sow presence, radio (Sensory), • Creep feed (dry or mash), milk replacer (Nutritional). 	 <p data-bbox="1182 1612 1490 1644"><i>Fig. 4. Creep feed</i></p>
Boars (Stalls or pens)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual and/or physical contact with sows or compatible boars (Social), • Chain, wood on a chain, Kong toy or similar durable object, rubber mat, periodic exercise (Occupational/Physical), • Radio, brushing (Sensory), • Multiple feeds, top dressing feeds e.g. silage, chopped straw, hay cubes (Nutritional). 	 <p data-bbox="1182 1885 1490 1917"><i>Fig. 5. Contact with sows.</i></p>

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Table 2: Enrichment examples for **nursery pigs and grow/finish pigs**. Many additional enrichments are possible. Be sure to consider animal safety, food safety, environmental hazards and biosecurity when selecting enrichments.

Stage of production (Housing system)	Enrichment examples (Category)	
Nursery/weaned pigs (Group pens)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact with other pigs (Social), • Ropes, dog toys, hanging toy, peat moss (Occupational), • Rubber mats (Physical), • Radio (Sensory), • Pen walking (Social), • Mash, top dressing feeds, milk replacer (Nutritional). 	 <p data-bbox="1198 800 1425 831"><i>Fig. 6. Hanging toy</i></p>
Grow / finish pigs (Group pens)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact with other pigs (Social), • Pen walking, wood on a chain, wood in a holder, cotton rope, chain, PVC pipe, substrates such as straw, peat moss, shavings (Occupational), • Solid flooring for lying, pen partitions, rubber mats (Physical), • Radio (Sensory), • Multiple feeds (e.g. liquid feeding systems), top dressing feeds e.g. silage, chopped straw, hay cubes (Nutritional). 	 <p data-bbox="1190 1062 1414 1094"><i>Fig. 7. Pen walking</i></p>