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Checklist for day 1 pig care:

- ✓ check sows that are farrowing every 15-30 minutes and more often at the 5th pig
- ✓ mark sows with previous history of stillborns and spend extra time with them
- ✓ remove pigs that are still in placental envelope before they die
- ✓ assist pigs having problems breathing do to the stress of the birth process
- ✓ give Oxytocin injections only when needed. Make sure sow is checked for vaginal blockage before injection.
- ✓ make sure Oxytocin shot is given by a male employee.
- ✓ dry off pigs as some as they are born with a clean towel or coat in a pan with drying agent
- ✓ after pigs are dry and stimulated help the pigs get attached to a teat
- ✓ position pigs under supplemental heat source to reduce chilling
- ✓ assist sows showing farrowing stress such as red eyes, pulling up of leg, or excessive straining during the farrowing process
- ✓ turn heat lamps or heat pads on when sows start farrowing and adjust lamps as needed
- ✓ mark the first 6-8 pigs born with a marker pen to know which pigs to pull off first for the split suckling process
- ✓ if needed feed low viable pigs colostrum stripped from sow
- ✓ keep a written log of all farrowing activities for each sow
- ✓ after sows are done farrowing start the split suckling process
- ✓ take temperature of sows when done farrowing and next morning and record
- ✓ treat only sows with a temperature of 103+ degrees with antibiotics recommended by veterinary
- ✓ write up litter after farrowing is done
- ✓ tape legs for pigs that are spraddled
- ✓ size up litters after split suckling process is completed
- ✓ make sure someone is all ways in the farrowing rooms helping sows during farrowing
- ✓ when taking break have someone else take their place until they are back from break
- ✓ review split suckling process with farrowing crew to make sure all pig are getting as much colostrum as possible first 24 hours
- ✓ this job should not include power washing, processing pigs, weaning pigs, breeding sows, feeding sow, etc when doing day 1 pig care
- ✓ if going to be out of farrowing room it should not be for more than 15 minutes at a time