

# Loss Of Young Pigs Can Be Prevented

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This is the first of a series of weekly articles by your local veterinarian to aid the farmer in preventing animal losses on the farm. The loss of suckling pigs is high, much too high. That much we know, although we don't know how great the loss actually is. Any way one looks at it, the suckling pigs represent an enormous economic loss and something should be done about it.

For ages it has been observed that certain women in Oriental countries cannot raise their babies if they nurse them. They are referred to as having "poison milk". Occasionally, swine raisers speak of sows giving poison milk and attribute the loss of many whole litters of pigs to that cause. Thus it will be seen that there is a great amount of observation and folklore to the effect that sometimes a mother's milk is not suited to her young.

Veterinary research has found some indications that this pig disease is due to characteristics of the sow's milk. Even the symptoms point in this direction. The first symptom noted is a failure to eat. The pigs are hungry, desperately hungry. They take hold of the teat but don't suckle or suckle but feebly. Later a profuse diarrhea and

extreme lassitude ensues. Within 24 hours dehydration is marked and the hair coat shaggy. Then comes coma and early death.

Of course young pigs are lost from many causes other than the ailment I have been discussing but in most cases we know at least something to do about them. Lack of milk in sows is a cause of some loss in pigs. If given early enough a hormone injection usually brings a good flow of milk. If a flow of milk cannot be induced the pig can be fed artificially with success if the owner is willing to go to the trouble to feed them properly. In preparing a formula it must not be forgotten that sow's milk contains from 7 to 22% of fat and that cream should be mixed with cow's milk to increase the fat content. Let us assume we have a 4% cow's milk and want to prepare a pint for pig feeding. If we use 3/4 of a pint of milk and 1/4 of a pint of 28% cream the whole will contain 10% of fat which is perhaps about as low in fat content as we should use. Young pigs can be induced to drink milk from a shallow pan readily. Artificial feedings must be commenced promptly when the natural source fails and continued regularly every three hours day and night for the first few days. Young pigs are quite susceptible to effects of starvation, particularly if

they are not kept warm. Twenty-four hours without food during the first few days of life seals their fate and a considerably shorter period can injure them materially.

Pig anemia is responsible for the loss of a good many pigs which are farrowed in the winter time. It can be entirely prevented by allowing the pigs access to soil that has been sprayed lightly with a solution of iron sulfate. In winter pigs, kept indoors, this access to soil should begin at three days of age. It is a mistake to wait till some of the pigs are showing symptoms of anemia before taking measures to prevent it. Even if an anemic pig does not die of anemia

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