

# Fresh New Ideas in Swine Management



# Wean/Finish and Nursery Mat

A clean, comfortable laying area!



# Compostamat<sup>®</sup> Advantages

- Made from completely natural ingredients.
  - No glue, resins or other harmful products
- Biodegradable
- Light weight ~ 10 lbs
- Designed for single use
- No Storage or disinfecting issues
- Free of pig pathogens
- Colored green to absorb heat evenly
- Promotes excellent hygiene



# How are the mats delivered?

- W2F 45 - 4'x64" - 170 per pallet
- W2F 48 - 4'x8' - 114 per pallet
- Shrink wrapped



# How much does a mat weigh?

- W2F 45 mat weighs ~ 11 pounds
- W2F 48 mat weighs ~ 16 pounds



# Tips and Suggestions For Use

- Placement



# Tips and Suggestions

- Midwest Plan Service Recommends
  - ½ square foot per piglet
    - W2F 45 – 4'X64" – 43 piglets
    - W2F 48 - 4'x 8' mat - 64 piglets



# Tips and Suggestions

- Too many
  - We want the pigs to “cuddle”, not “huddle”





# Tips and Suggestions

- Temperature on the mat
  - Most start at 95° F
  - Watch pig behavior, they'll tell you



# Tips and Suggestions

- Hand Feeding

- Typically feed small amounts several times daily for the first few days

**Correct Amount**



**Too Much Feed**



# How Long Do The Mats Last?

- Designed to last 7-22 days
  - Mats for healthy aggressive pigs don't need to last as long.
  - Challenged pigs mats will last longer.



# Then What?

- If you have rubber, you must:
  - Put somewhere to wash, disinfect
    - Contract washers charge ~ \$1.00/mat
  - Hang to completely dry
  - Store in a sterile environment
  - Carry the heavy mat back into room

**OR**



# Or If You Use Compostamat<sup>®</sup> Mats...

- Shred remaining pieces and put into the compost pile
- Bring in a new, clean, comfortable mat for the next group!



# Which Is Cleaner and Easier?



Cost of Compostamat<sup>®</sup> mats



Cost of Rubber



# Choose Compostamat<sup>®</sup>



Your Pigs ( and Labor) Will Thank you!

