The importance of water

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Outline

- Who are we?
- What is water used for in pig farming?
- Practical measures
- Good advice to take home

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What is water used for in pigs?

- 70% of a fully grown pig consists of water
- Water in the body is used for
  - Transporting nutrients and waste products
  - Solvent
  - Passage of feed through the digestive tract
  - Electrolyte balance
  - Lubricant in joints
  - Regulation of body temperature

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What is water used for in pigs

- The water balance is maintained by the kidneys
  - Excretion in urine depends on water intake
- Water comes from drinking water or feed
  - Replaces the amount excreted in faeces, urine, milk and evaporation
- Good water supply and good quality are important – what does Niels Christian do to ensure this?

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Who are we?

- Birgitte and Niels Christian Haugaard
- Egegaarden with 420 YY sows and breeding stock.
- Traditional housing system (stalls/pens)
- Three employees in addition to ourselves
- Land leased
- Established in 2013
- Focus on gilt production with the highest status

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Farrowing stable

- Problem with milk yield.
- Solution: water, water and water
- High milk yield = High self-weaning

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Insemination stable

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