



Animal Handling for Swine Producers

Quiz: Moving Sows - Be Safe and Smart

Q1 The most basic concept of sow handling is learning how to apply and release pressure.

- True
- False

Q2 Which of the following is NOT recommended as a type of pressure to use on a sow when you want her to move? Check all that apply.

- using your body position in relation to the pig
- applying light physical touch with a hand
- exerting light touch with a tool
- using forceful pressure so she understands you want her to move

Q3 When moving sows from the gestation barn to the farrowing room, sows can be cautious and slow, especially in a new environment.

- True
- False

Q4 When moving sows and gilts, it's best to group...

- younger gilts with experienced sows who know the routine and can lead the best.
- by age where they feel most comfortable.
- in any order as long as the groups are small.
- any order as long as the groups are large.

Q5 To load the sow into the farrowing room...

- open the front door so she thinks she can walk all the way through it.
- stand in her blind spot to assertively move her in.
- use a loud noise to quickly get her loaded in.
- stand in front of her and gently guide her in.