

## NONRUMINANT NUTRITION: SOW NUTRITION

**183 Effects of increasing duration of feeding high dietary lysine and energy prior to farrowing on sow and litter performance under commercial conditions.** Kiah M. Gourley<sup>1</sup>, Analicia J. Swanson<sup>1</sup>, Jason C. Woodworth<sup>1</sup>, Joel M. DeRouchey<sup>1</sup>, Mike D. Tokach<sup>1</sup>, Steve S. Dritz<sup>1</sup>, Robert D. Goodband<sup>1</sup>, Brent Frederick<sup>2</sup>,  
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A total of 472 mixed parity sows were used in a study to evaluate the effects of supplying increased Lys and energy for the last 2 or 7 d before farrowing on sow and litter performance. On d 106 of gestation, sows were blocked by parity and weight and allotted to one of three corn-soybean meal-based dietary treatments, which included: 1) 12.5 g SID Lys and 6.5 Mcal/d ME from d 107 to 112 of gestation, then 28 g SID Lys and 9.4 Mcal/d ME until farrowing; 2) 12.5 g SID Lys and 6.5 Mcal/d ME from d 107 to 112, then 40 g SID Lys and 13.3 Mcal/d ME until farrowing; 3) 40 g SID Lys and 13.3 Mcal/d ME from d 107 until farrowing. Data were analyzed for treatment within parity effects using the GLIMMIX procedure of SAS. Sow weight gain from d 106 to 113 increased ( $P < 0.05$ ) as the length of feeding increased SID Lys and energy increased. Sow backfat gain from d 106 to 113 of gestation increased ( $P < 0.05$ ) in females fed treatment 3 vs. treatment 1. There was no evidence ( $P > 0.05$ ) for difference in female BW or backfat loss from d 113 of gestation until weaning. Average total born and born alive piglet birth weight was greater ( $P < 0.05$ ) in gilts fed treatment 2 or 3 vs 1, with no evidence ( $P > 0.05$ ) for difference in average piglet birth weight in sows, or weaning weight in gilts and sows. Piglet survival after cross-foster to weaning was improved ( $P < 0.05$ ) in sows fed treatment 2 vs. 1 or 3, but not in gilts. Providing high Lys and energy intake from d 107 or 113 to farrowing increased birth weight in gilts, while providing high Lys and energy intake from d 113 increased pre-weaning piglet survival in sows.

Table 1. Effects of increased SID Lys and Energy and feeding duration on sow and litter performance within parity category

| Response                                     | Gilts              |                    |                    |       | Sows              |                   |                   |       |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|
|  | Trt 1              | Trt 2              | Trt 3              | SEM   | Trt 1             | Trt 2             | Trt 3             | SEM   |
| Sow weight change, kg                        |                    |                    |                    |       |                   |                   |                   |       |
| d 106 to 113 <sup>2</sup>                    | 2.1                | 4.0                | 7.1                | 0.87  | 2.3               | 3.3               | 8.8               | 0.55  |
| d 113 to weaning                             | -43.7              | -46.6              | -49.5              | 2.70  | -47.5             | -45.7             | -49.4             | 1.83  |
| Sow backfat change, mm                       |                    |                    |                    |       |                   |                   |                   |       |
| d 106 to 113 <sup>3</sup>                    | 0.3                | 0.7                | 0.9                | 0.23  | 0.2               | 0.5               | 0.6               | 0.15  |
| d 113 to weaning                             | -7.9               | -6.9               | -7.4               | 0.58  | -4.6              | -4.8              | -4.5              | 0.38  |
| Mean piglet BW, g                            |                    |                    |                    |       |                   |                   |                   |       |
| Total born <sup>1</sup>                      | 1,285 <sup>b</sup> | 1,370 <sup>a</sup> | 1,361 <sup>a</sup> | 30.5  | 1,430             | 1,426             | 1,465             | 19.8  |
| Born alive <sup>1</sup>                      | 1,306 <sup>b</sup> | 1,396 <sup>a</sup> | 1,391 <sup>a</sup> | 29.7  | 1,463             | 1,462             | 1,505             | 19.0  |
| 24 h   | 1,433              | 1,491              | 1,494              | 33.1  | 1,580             | 1,593             | 1,612             | 21.4  |
| Weaning                                      | 6.01               | 5.98               | 5.82               | 0.131 | 6.58              | 6.57              | 6.54              | 0.085 |
| Litter gain 24 h to wean, kg                 | 53.8               | 51.5               | 49.7               | 1.61  | 55.2              | 56.8              | 55.5              | 1.04  |
| Survival from birth to 24 h, %               | 95.9               | 97.1               | 96.6               | 0.80  | 94.9              | 95.3              | 96.1              | 0.59  |
| Survival after cross foster <sup>2</sup> , % | 92.4               | 90.2               | 92.0               | 1.33  | 86.6 <sup>b</sup> | 90.9 <sup>a</sup> | 88.2 <sup>b</sup> | 1.04  |

<sup>1</sup>Significant treatment within parity differences. Values within parity category without a common superscript differ ( $P < 0.05$ ).

<sup>2</sup>All treatment means significantly different from each other ( $P < 0.05$ ).

<sup>3</sup>Main effect: 1 vs 3 ( $P < 0.05$ ).

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