

Swine Online Questions; March 2, 2022

Example: calculating weaning age: If you wean on a Thursday, half of your sows must farrow by the end of the day each Thursday to have a 21 or 28 day average weaning age. If you wean on a Thursday and most of your sows farrow Friday and Saturday (as they generally will without induction), then your weaning age is closer to 19 or 20 days.

1. What is your average weaning age?
 - a. Less than 19 days
 - b. 19 to 20 days
 - c. 21 to 24 days
 - d. 25 to 30 days
 - e. Greater than 30 days

2. On what day of the week do you wean?
 - a. Monday
 - b. Tuesday
 - c. Wednesday
 - d. Thursday
 - e. Friday
 - f. Other (please be willing to explain).

3. Would you increase your weaning age if circumstances permitted?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Maybe
 - d. Other (please be willing to explain)

4. In the last 5 years have you experimented with longer or shorter weaning ages?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

5. Do you use nurse sows or a special needs pen with milk replacer to allow smaller pigs to increase their weight prior to weaning, i.e. going on pelleted/dry feed?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Other (please be willing to explain)