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Question[s] taken on notice

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1. Question from Katherine Copsey to Tim Kingma page 31

Katherine COPSEY: Thank you. What are the dimensions of a farrowing crate?

David WRIGHT: You have got one more recently, mate. I will let you take that because off the top of my head I would not know.

Tim KINGMA: Yes. I will have to take that on notice. It is not on the top of my head. I employ people that design everything to the codes and get them fabricated, and then we get them installed. I am happy to come back with to you with the dimensions.

Response:

A Farrowing crate is designed to limit piglet mortalities, slow the sow down when she lies down, controls feeding, protects piglets, creates the perfect environment for piglets & sows and maintains clear space for the sow when she lies down to nurse.

The current model code of practice sets out a minimum dimension of 0.5 by 2m for new farrowing crates. Where crates installed prior to the 3rd edition of Code are smaller they must only be used for smaller sows and still be able to achieve the outcomes-based Standards set out in Section 4.

Farrowing crate and creep dimensions must provide a minimum of 3.2 m².

Farrowing pens must provide a minimum space of 5.6 m² per sow.