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designed to improve Sow Body Condition and Piglet Weaning Weights



Pinnacle Feeds Ltd. has a Sow Nutrition programme to assist farmers in weaning larger litters and heavier piglets.

This programme has two sow feeds:

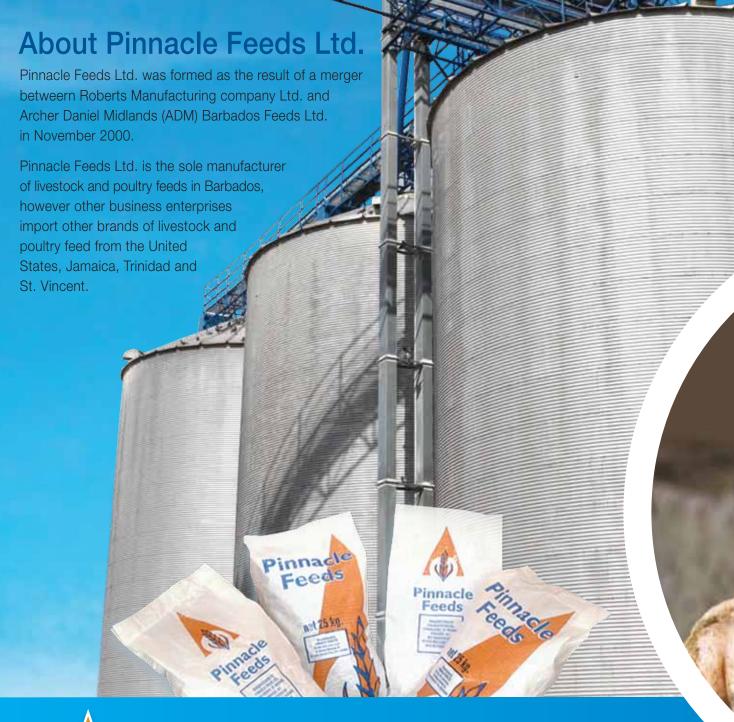
- Sow Gestation Ration
- Sow Lactation Ration

Sow Gestation Ration is to be fed to pregnant sows, while Sow Lactation Ration is to be fed to lactating or nursing sows.

Comparison of the sow feeds.

Nutrient	Sow Gestation	Sow Lactation
Protein (min) Fibre (max) Calcium Lysine (min)	14% 7% 0.9% 0.6%	17% 4% 1.0% 0.9%

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#### Different Sow Feeds

Having two sow feeds allows producers to better meet the demands of their sows during pregnancy and lactation. Sow Gestation Ration is a higher fibre, lower energy and protein feed which should assist in reducing constipation.

Sow Lactation Ration is a low fibre, higher energy and protein feed that will allow sows to attain higher feed intakes during lactation thereby producing more milk and maintaining better body condition.

Sows in very poor condition will not produce adequate colostrom. Too often local sows are in poor condition during production, (pregnancy and lactation and are less likely to wean large litters of heavy piglets and to be re-mated promptly Using these feeds correctly can prevent some of these problems.

### Feed Additives

All Pinnacle Pig Feeds contain enzymes and these Sow Feeds also contain prebiotics. The inclusion of these products should assist the sows in producing better quality colostrum

Inclusion of feed additives will not produce the desired effect if your farm management is not up to standard. Feed additives are not a substitute for efficient management.

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## Weaning

To attain better weaning weights you need to:

- Feed sows appropriately and adequately.
- Ensure that piglets receive sufficient colostrom, so that they are able to resist disease
- Piglets must have a warm and dry environment, which prevents chilling and enhances their immune system. Piglets should never have to huddle for warmth.
- Piglets should be fed Pig Pre Starter from 3 weeks of age and switched to Pig Starter at 5 Weeks. These piglets should be fed three to four times daily and given small meals.
- Feed should be stored in a cool dry place.



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#### **Target body condition scores**

At Service 3.0 During Pregnancy 3 –3.5 At farrowing 3.5

At Weaning not less than 2.5







# **Ensure** that piglets receive sufficient colostromy

#### **Sow Feeding Schedule**

5lbs

6lbs

4.5-5 lbs

up to 15lbs

From Gilt selection to mating After service (first week) Up to 100 days in pregnancy Last 4 weeks of pregnancy At Farrowing reduce feed During lactation (ad lib)

## Pig Pre Starter

3 Weeks to 5 weeks Pig Starter 5 Weeks to 20 kg Pig Grower 20 kg to 55 kg Hog Finisher 55 kg to slaughter Sow Gestation Ration Sows before mating & pregnancy Sow Lactation Ration During pregnancy

**Pinnacle Feeds Pig Feeding Programme** 

These are only guidelines; sows should be fed to attain the appropriate body condition.