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# AGENDA

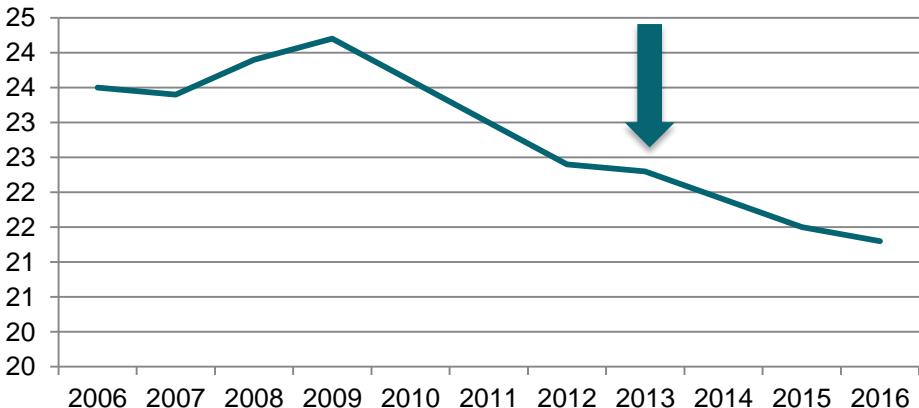
- From mortality to survival 2015-2016 (PattgriseLIV)
  - Causes of death
  - Results

# PURPOSE: SURVIVAL OF MORE PIGLETS



Summit declaration 2014:  
Reduce piglet mortality with 1  
piglet per litter in 2020 – approx.  
16 % total mortality

**Total mortality, piglets until  
weaning in DK, %**





# TOTAL PIGLET MORTALITY

Fravænnede grise pr. årssø, stk.	33,0	33,2	37,7	36,0	33,7	32,5
Fravænnede grise pr. kuld	14,4	14,5	16,5	15,3	14,5	14,4
Kuld pr årssø incl. gylte, stk	2,29	2,28	2,28	2,35	2,32	2,25
Diegivningstid, dage	31	32	32	32	30	27
Total fødte pr. kuld, stk.	18,3	17,4	19,8	18,7	17,9	17,8
Levendefødte pr. kuld, stk	16,7	16,2	18,3	17,3	16,5	16,6
Dødfødte pr. kuld, stk	1,6	1,2	1,5	1,4	1,4	1,2
Døde indtil fravænning, pct.	13,9	10,5	10,3	11,4	12,1	13,2

Total born per litter = Live born/litter + Still born/litter       $18.3+1.5 = 19.8$

Dead per litter = Total born per litter - weaned per litter     $19.8-16.5 = 3.3$

Total piglet mortality = Dead piglets per litter x 100  
Total born per litter

$$\frac{3.3 \times 100}{19.8} = 16.7 \%$$



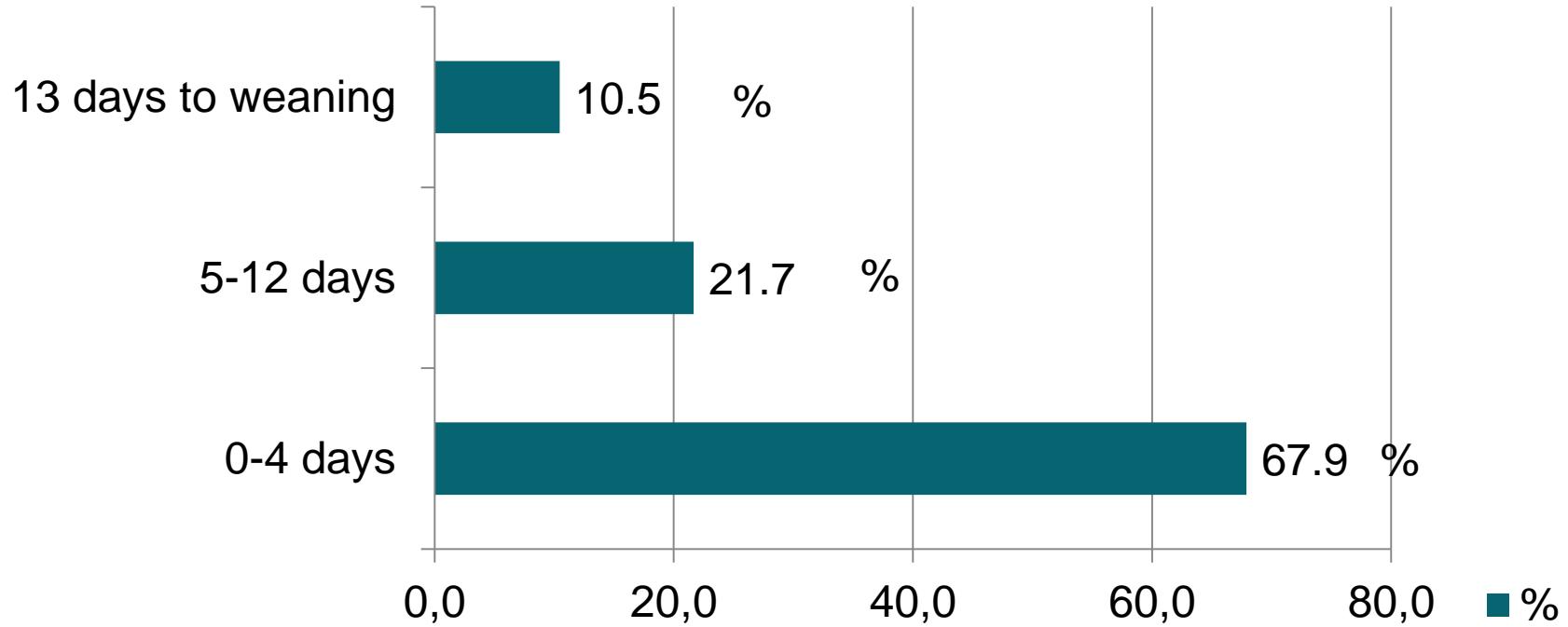
# CAUSE OF DEATH

- 1) Post mortem examination on 50 piglets per herd (1,364)
- 2) Post mortem course for staff



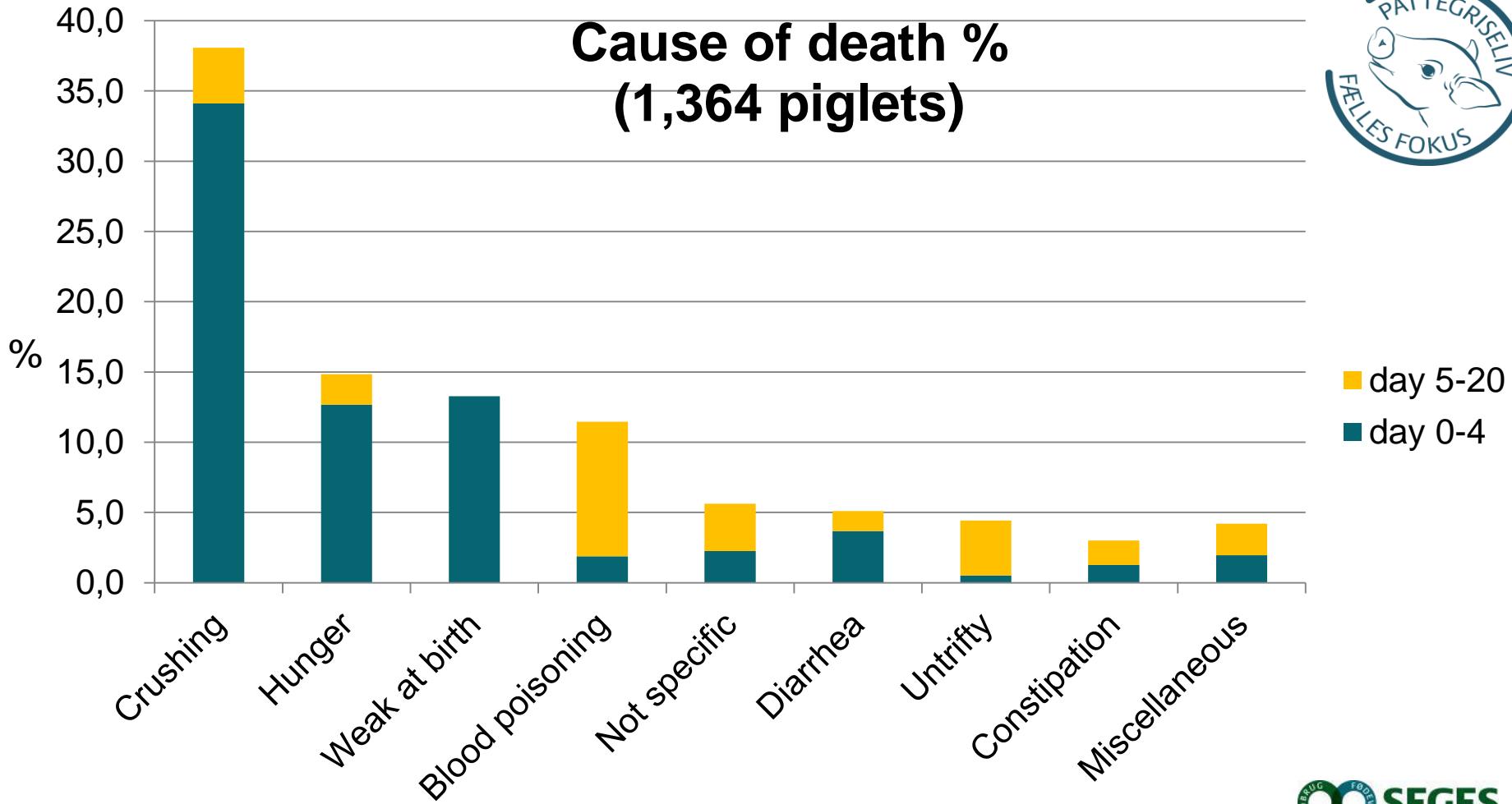


# AGE OF DEAD PIGLETS



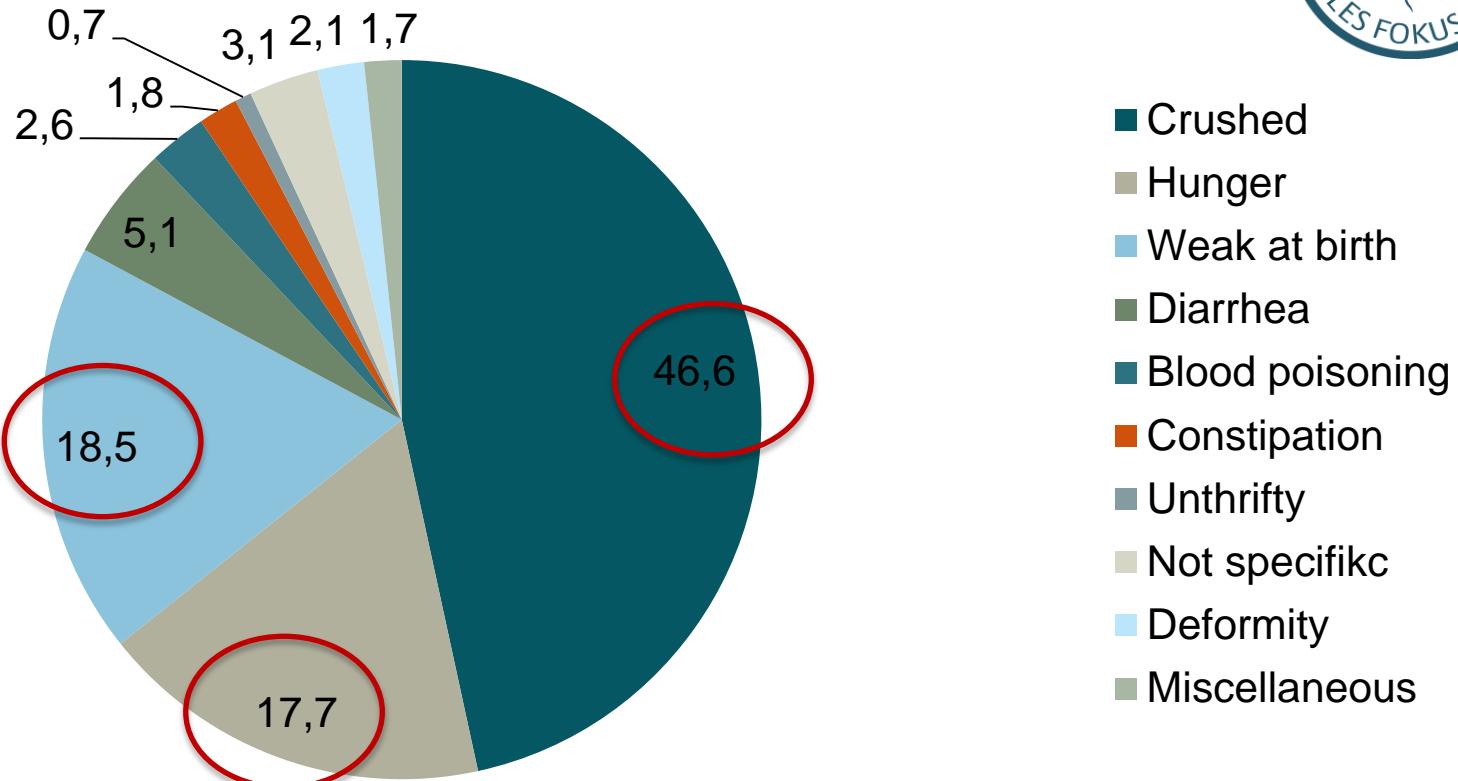


# Cause of death % (1,364 piglets)



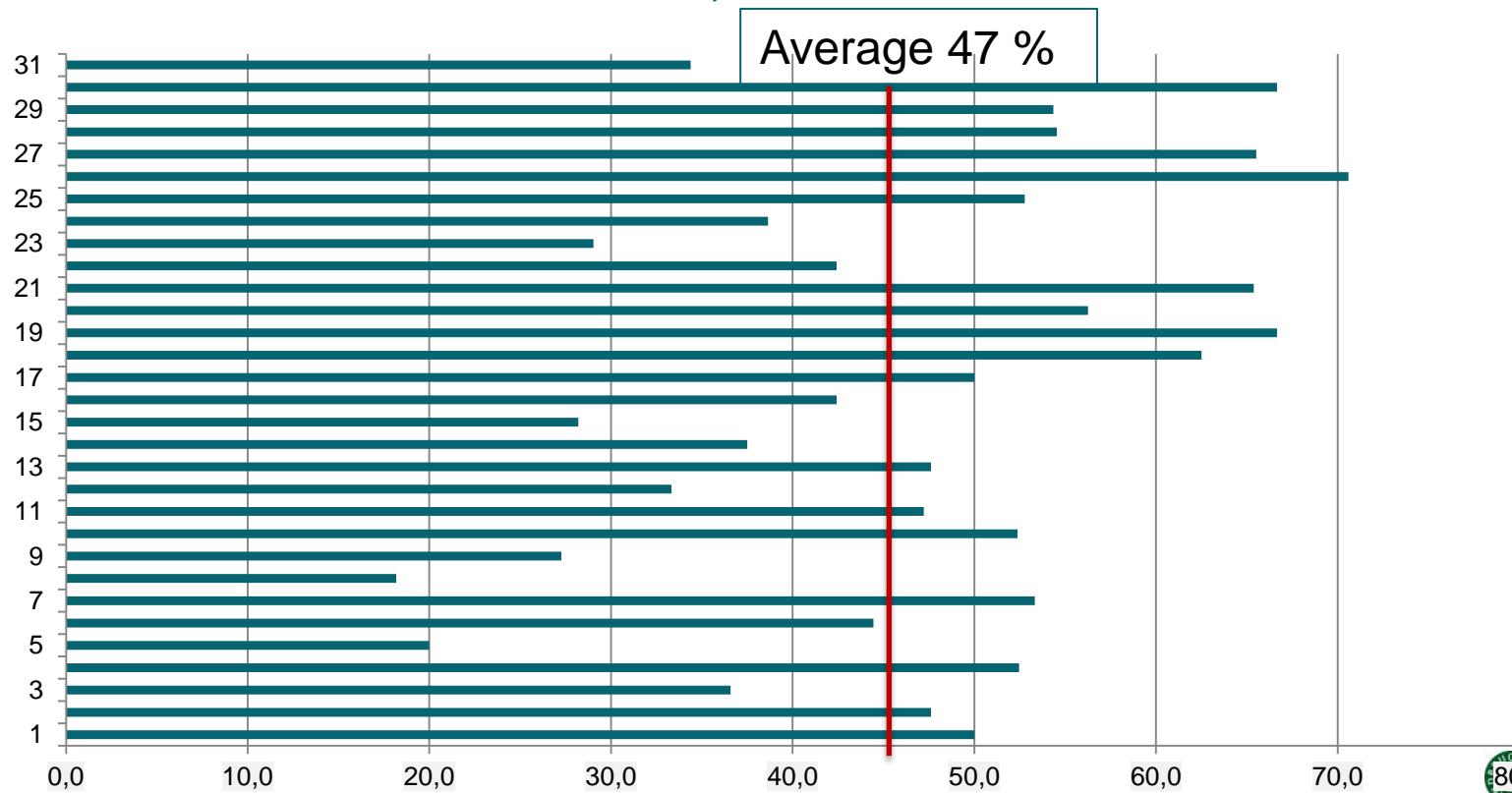


# Cause of death, day 1-4 (%)

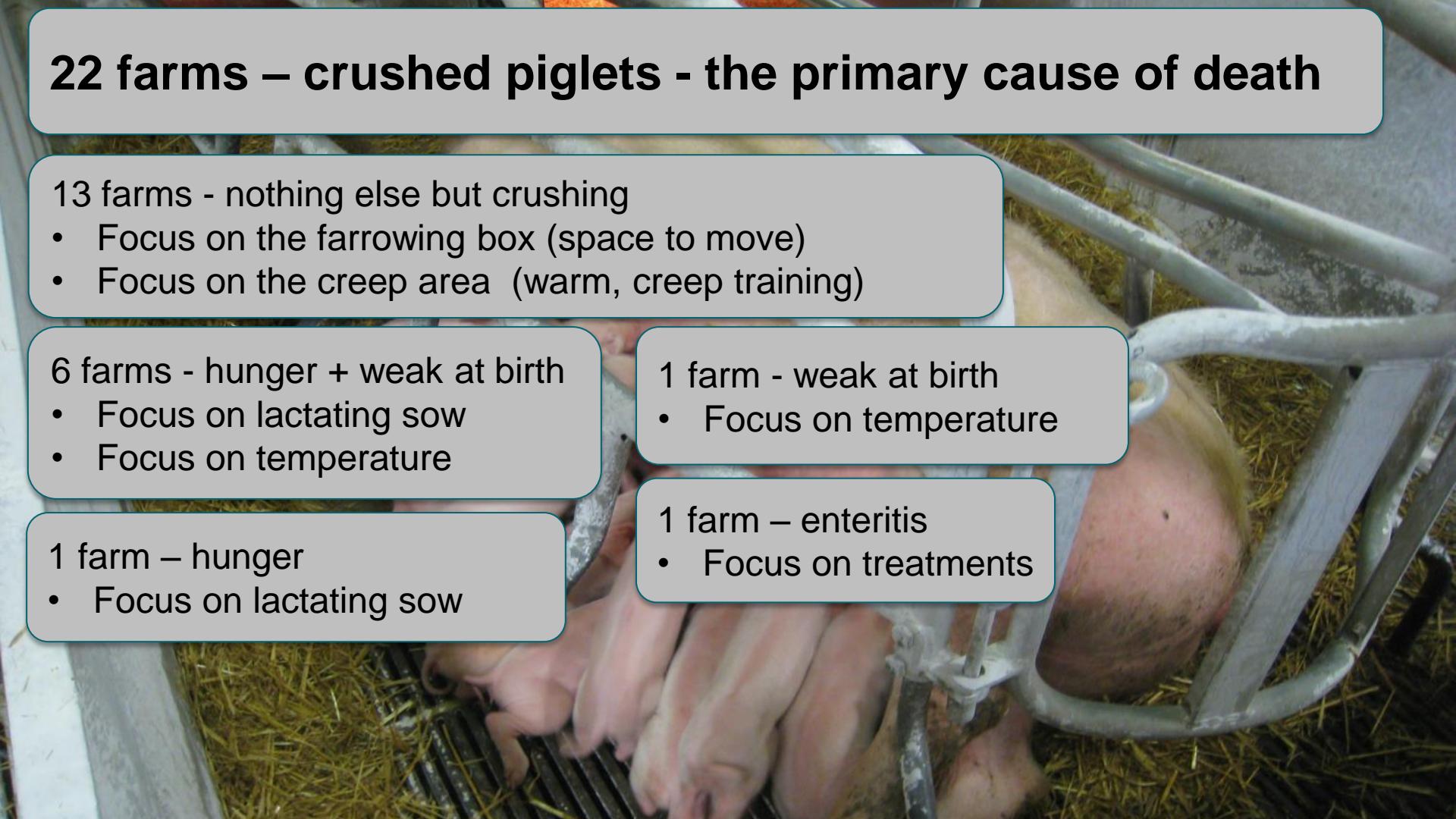




# PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH - CRUSHED PIGLETS, %



# 22 farms – crushed piglets - the primary cause of death

A photograph showing several piglets in a metal-fenced enclosure. The floor is covered with straw. One piglet is lying on its side, while others are standing or moving around. The background shows more of the farm environment.

13 farms - nothing else but crushing

- Focus on the farrowing box (space to move)
- Focus on the creep area (warm, creep training)

6 farms - hunger + weak at birth

- Focus on lactating sow
- Focus on temperature

1 farm – hunger

- Focus on lactating sow

1 farm - weak at birth

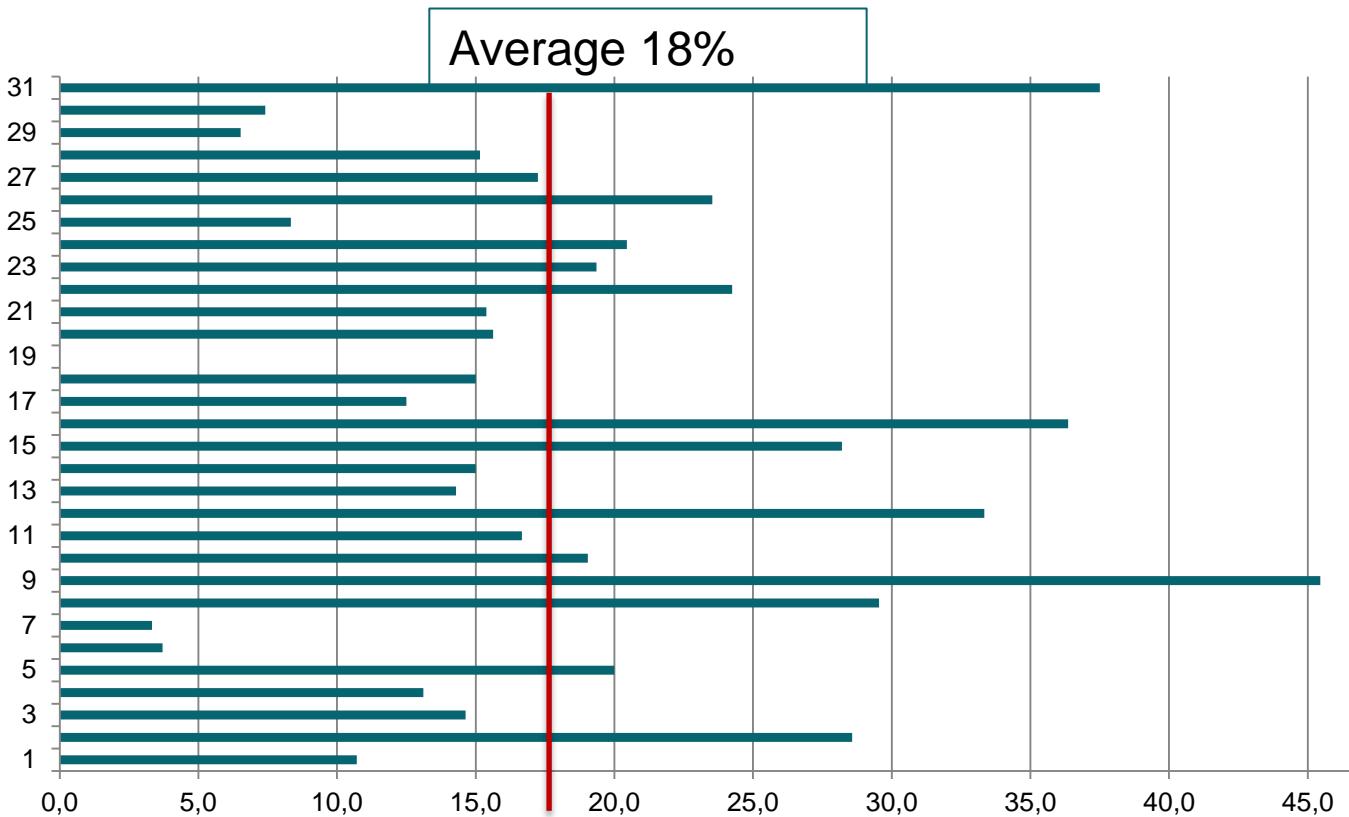
- Focus on temperature

1 farm – enteritis

- Focus on treatments

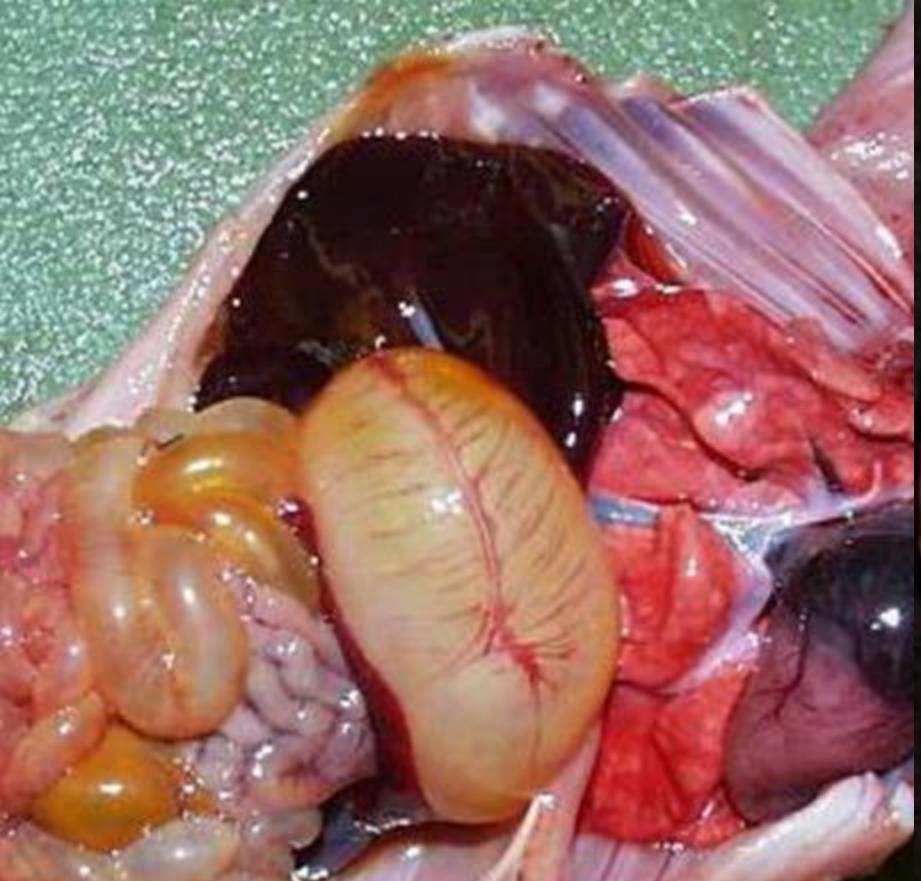


# % DEAD FROM HUNGER



**4 farms – hunger - the primary cause of death**





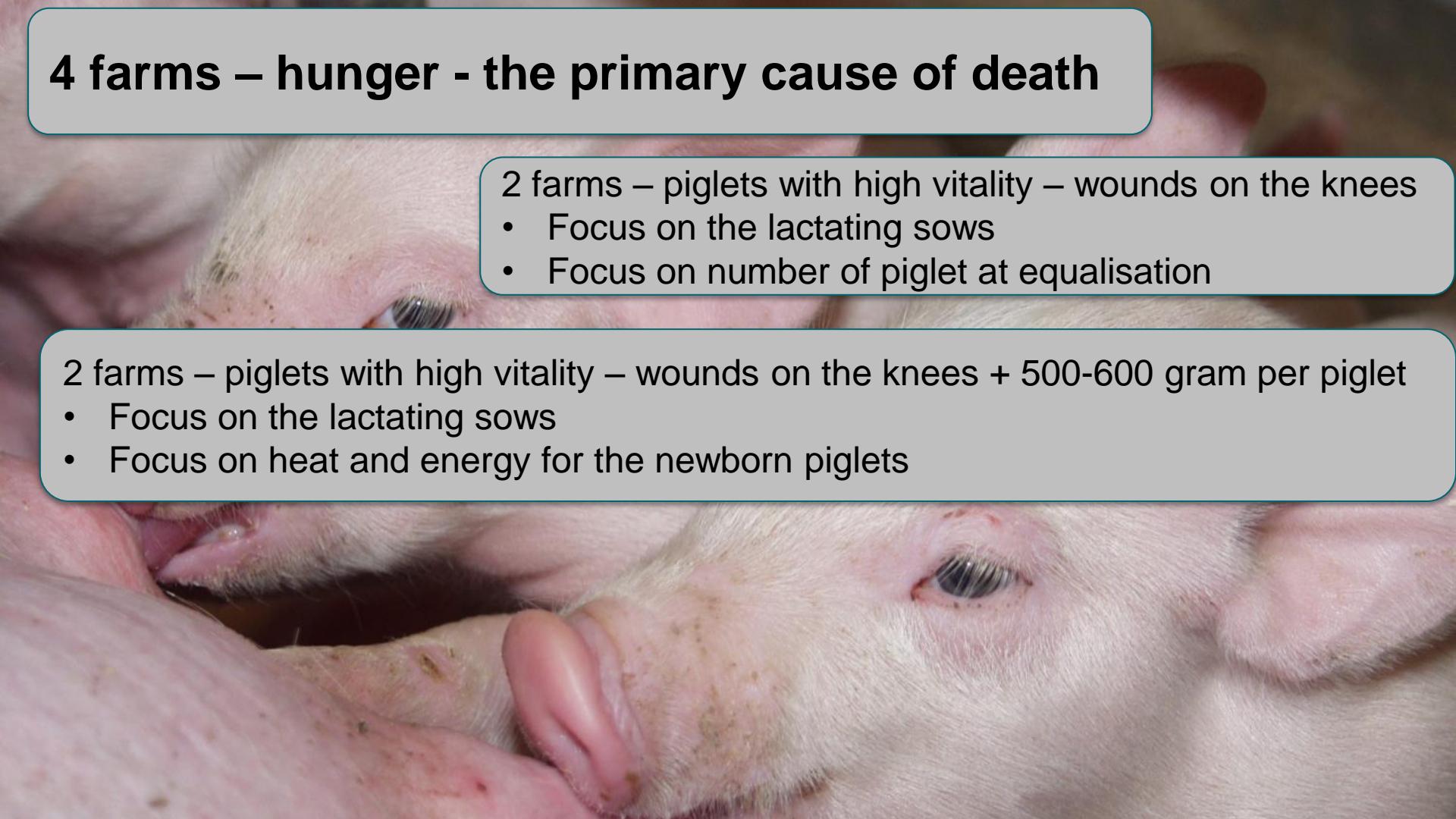
Empty ←

Stomach ->

Full



## 4 farms – hunger - the primary cause of death



2 farms – piglets with high vitality – wounds on the knees

- Focus on the lactating sows
- Focus on number of piglet at equalisation

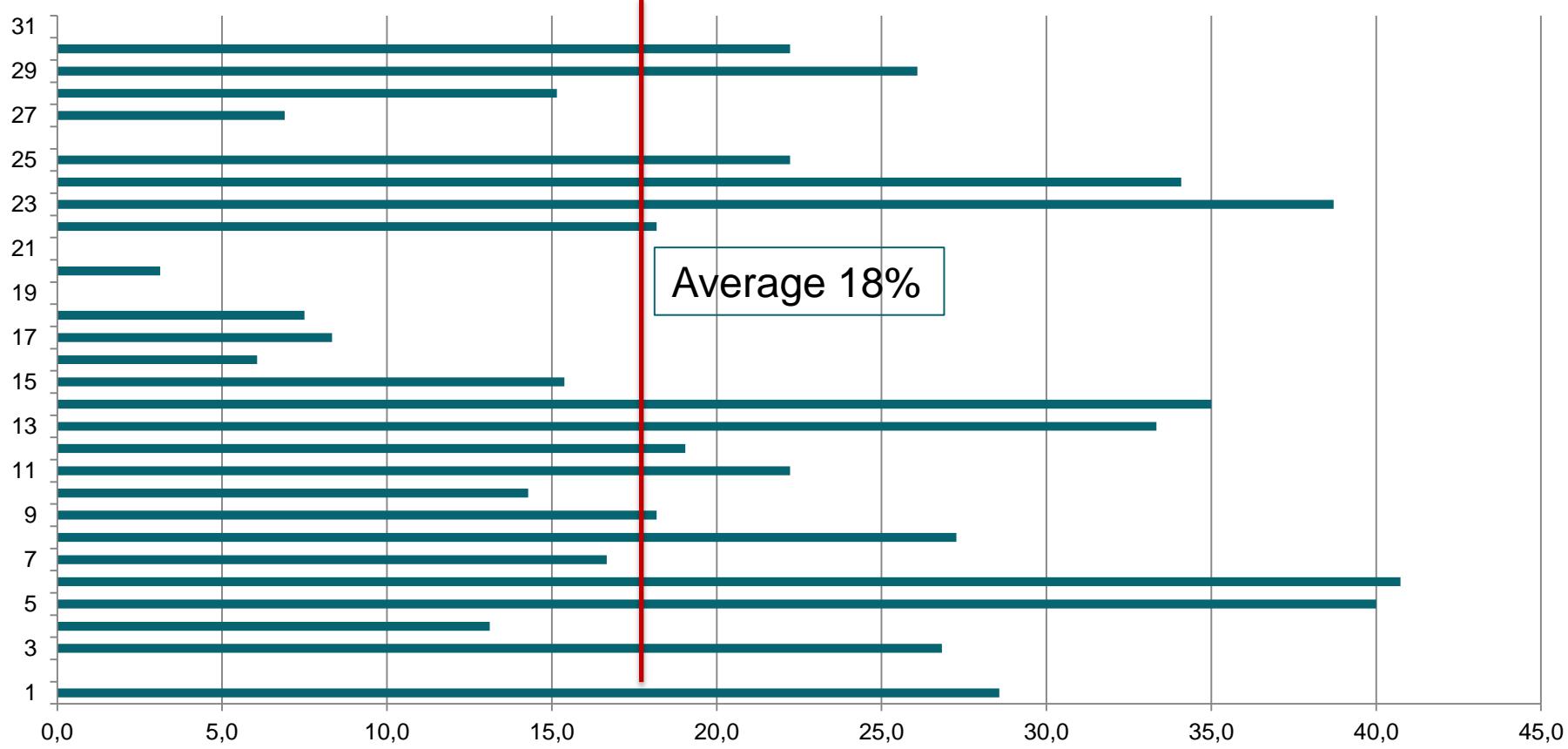
2 farms – piglets with high vitality – wounds on the knees + 500-600 gram per piglet

- Focus on the lactating sows
- Focus on heat and energy for the newborn piglets

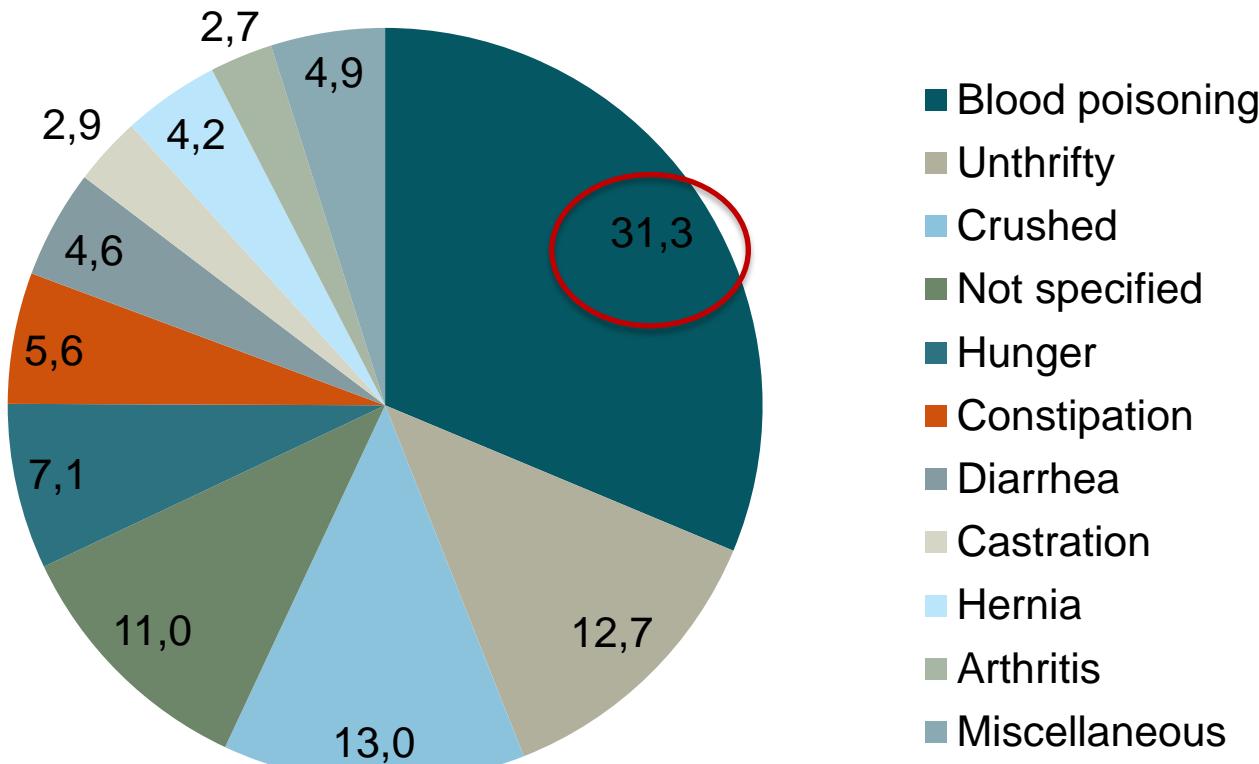
# WEAK AT BIRTH



# Weak at birth, %



# Cause of death, day 5-20 (%)





# BLOOD POISONING – TAIL DOCKING



Unhealed wound  
Crooked cut  
Poor hygiene  
Too cold "cutter"



# **BLOOD POISONING – TOOTH GRINDING**



- Wrong instruction
- Lack of precision
- Time pressure





# BLOOD POISONING - CASTRATION

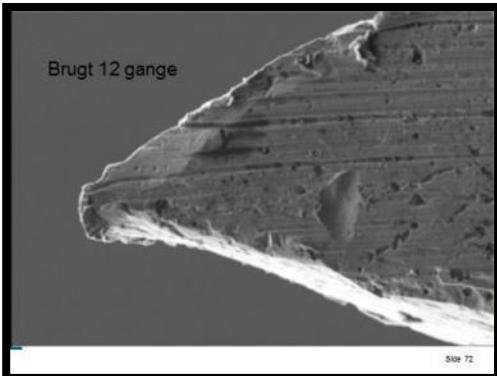


Poor instruction (maybe none)

Blunt scalpel

Poor hygiene

Too fast





# BLOOD POISONING - OTHERS



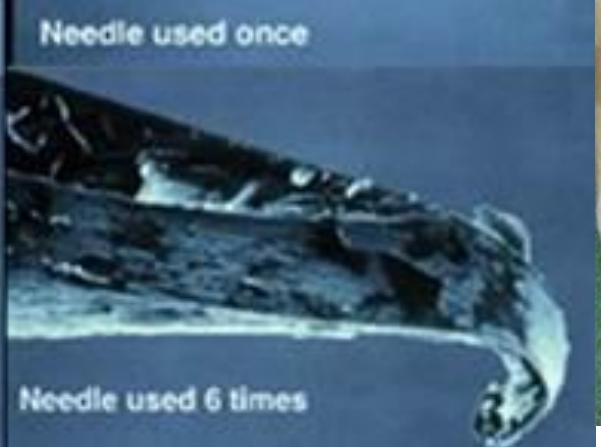
New Needle



Needle used once



Needle used twice



Needle used 6 times





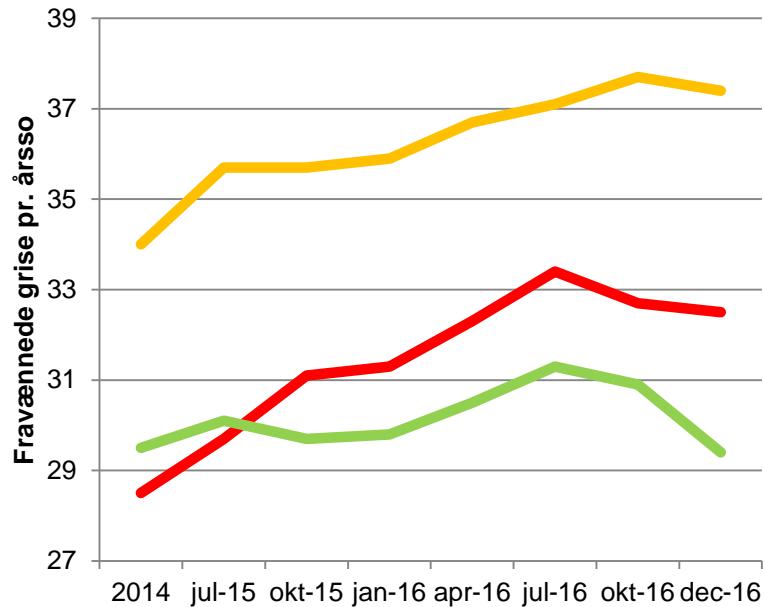
# RESULTS – PIGLET LIFE

	PigletLIFE 2014	PigletLIFE 2. half 2016	Difference	
Lifeborn per litter	15,9	16,8	+0,9	<u>+Breeeding (1.5 years):</u> +0.8 weaned piglets per sow
Stillborn per litter	1,70	1,60	-0,1	<u>+ management:</u> +1.2 weaned piglets per sow
Weaned per litter	13,7	14,4	+0,7	
Litter per sow	2,27	2,29	+0,02	
Weaned piglet per sow	31,0	33,0	+2,0	😊 SUCCES 😊
Totalmortality, %	22,0	20,9	-1,1	

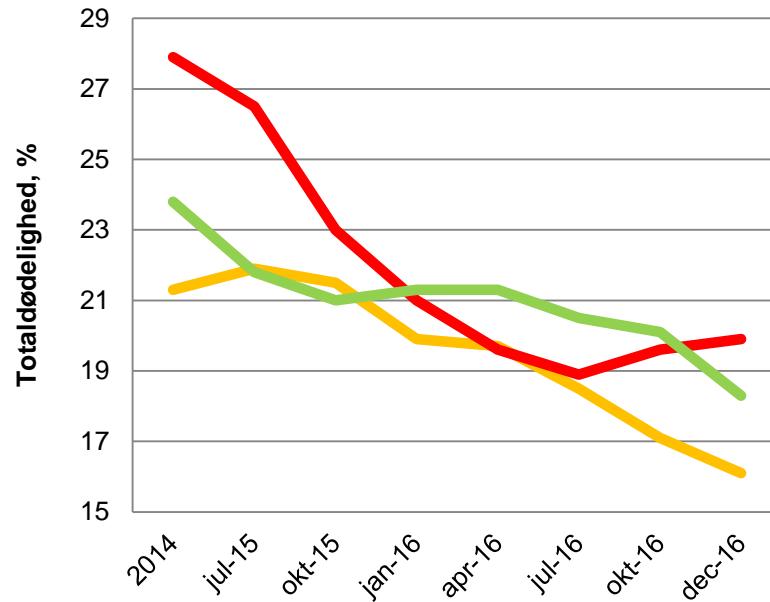
# THE COURSE OF THE 3 JERSEYS



## Weaned pigs per year sow



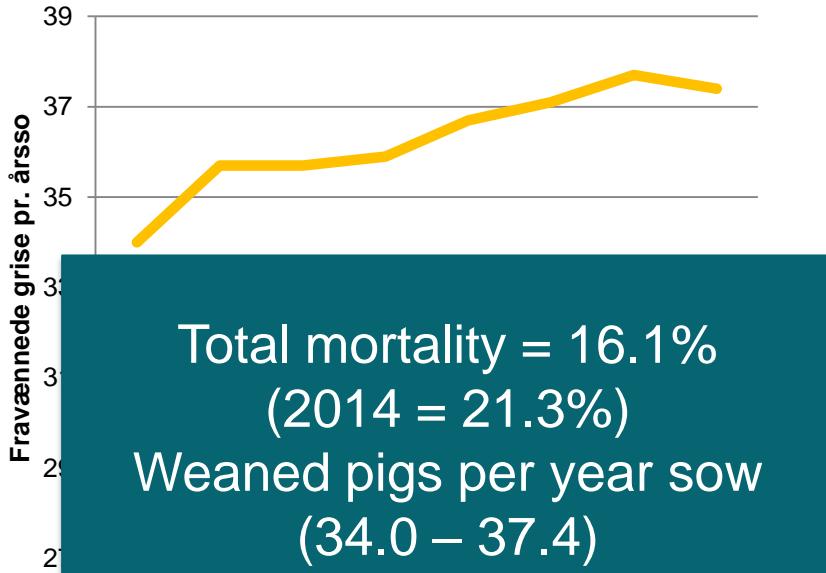
## Total mortality, %



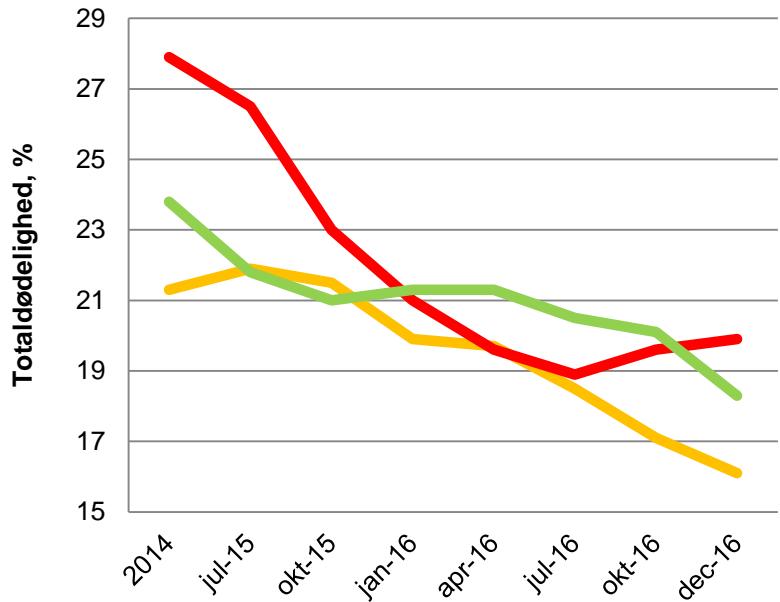
# THE COURSE OF THE YELLOW JERSEY



## Weaned pigs per year sow



## Total mortality, %

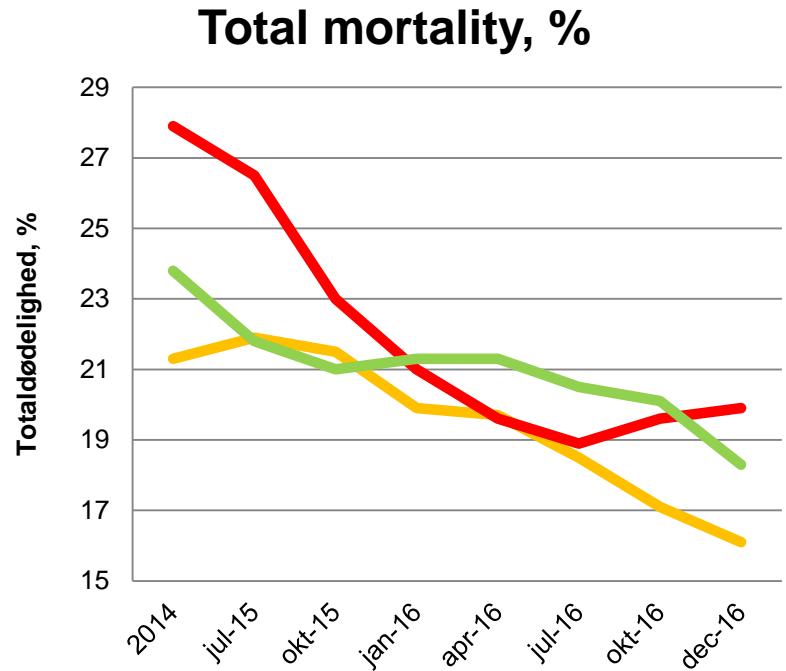
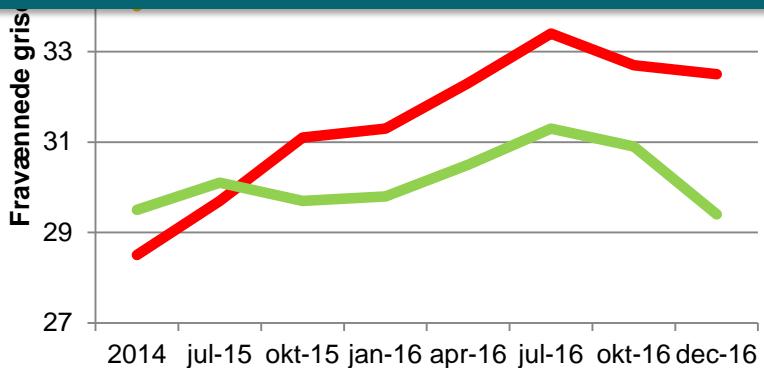


# THE COURSE OF THE GREEN JERSEY



Total mortality = 18.3 %  
(2014 = 23.8%)

Weaned pigs per year sow  
(29.5 – 29.4)  
(from 4 to 5 weeks of weaning)

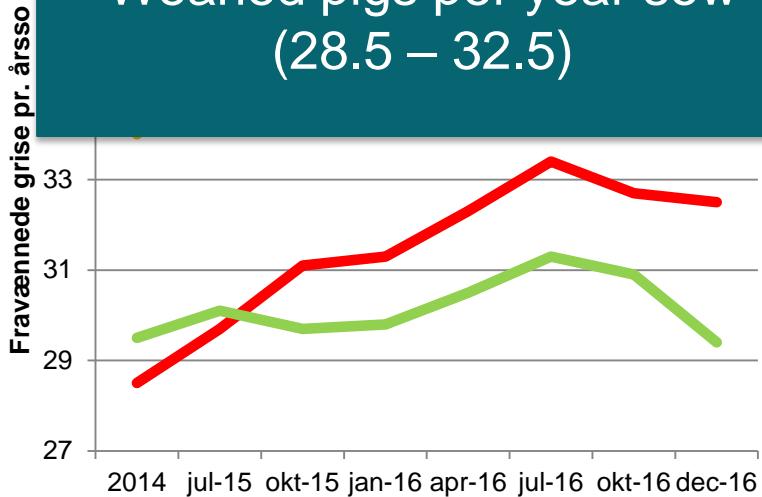


# THE COURSE OF THE POLKA DOT JERSEY



Total mortality = 19.9%  
(2014 = 27.9%)

Weaned pigs per year sow  
(28.5 – 32.5)



**Total mortality, %**

