



A Suggested Procedure for Pig Training and System Startup

For use with Osborne Survey Scales™ in a Weight Watcher™ pen layout

Week 1 with 50-lb (23 kg) pigs.

Pens and equipment are all open, including pen dividers, one-way gates, Survey Scale entry and exit gates. This helps to ensure that all pigs are eating and drinking and free to explore the pen and to learn where water and feed are located.

Week 2

Close pen dividers. Pig flow from water to the feed is now through the equipment only. Pigs must go through one-way gates and the Survey Scale, but all are locked open.

Week 3

Drop swinging gates on the one-way gates to start one-way flow into the water pen. The only way out of the water pen is now through the scale.

Alternate the divert gate of the Survey Scale from exit-left one day and exit-right on the next for about 3 to 4 days. Observe that almost all of the pigs are on the left or right side of the feed pen within a few hours after the switch of gate position. Any pigs left behind in the opposite side need attention. Either they can be crowded through the one-way gate into the water pen or they can be removed from the system temporarily to a recovery pen.

Week 4

Activate the Survey Scale with a 10 second sort-gate delay value by adjusting the Sort Gate Delay (Sgo) value to 100 in the Setup (StP) menu. This longer delay value gives

small pigs extra time to exit before the sort gate swings close.

The **StP** menu is opened by pressing the advanced menu button on the right side of IFC+ control. The setup menu is displayed in the main menu window on the right front of the IFC+ control. Scroll through the main menu with short presses on the menu button until the **StP** menu is shown. Open the **StP** menu by pressing and holding the menu button until the display flashes once. Then release the button. The **StP** menu should be open and Ad appears.

Scroll through the **StP** menu by short presses until the **Sgo** appears. Press and hold on **Sgo** until the display flashes once then release. Press and hold the button until the display flashes once then release. When open, change one digit at a time from left to right.

Change the far left digit from 0 to 1. Then press and hold until the display flashes once to save this change. Then the middle digit may be changed. Change the middle digit to 0 by scrolling, and then press and hold to save the change. The last digit is highlighted next and should remain at 0, so just press and hold to save this value. Then exit to the main menu.

After the pigs are fully trained and are moving efficiently between feed and water, the value for **Sgo** can be reset to 050 by reversing the preceding procedure. This sets the sort gate open time to 5 seconds.

This Pig Training and Start up Procedure is not the only way to train pigs to use the Survey Scale, but many users find that it is

easy to follow and works well in most cases. However, if pigs are sick or stressed for any reason, and are not cycling through the system, then immediately open the gates and let them free-flow within the pen until they are successfully treated or the stress has been

removed. Then resume training. Always observe the pigs and their frequency of use of the Survey Scale. Remove any pigs that are under abnormal stress to a recovery pen until they can rejoin the group.

WARNING:

The size, age, stocking density and health of the pigs and environmental factors such as temperature, feed type and availability, type of watering devices, and ventilation can all affect the success of start-up training. The number of days to accomplish each step in the training task may vary from those suggested above.

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