

How to diagnose diarrhoea

It is crucial to identify what triggers diarrhoea in weaners and finishers for treatment to be effective.

Symptoms

- Agree with the herd vet which symptoms of diarrhoea to look for
- Agree with the herd vet when to administer injection and when to treat all pigs in a pen
- Daily note the symptoms observed among the pigs

On-farm post-mortem examinations

- May give an outline of the pathological status and facilitate immediate intervention
- Material can be submitted for further laboratory analyses

USK pig

- A large number of pigs are subject to post-mortem examination at the Laboratory for Pig Diseases according to agreement and at an agreed price

Cultivation of bacteria at the Laboratory

- Resistance determination of E.coli problem
- Analyses for dysentery and hemolysing spirochaetes

PCR gastric package

- Examination revealing viruses in faeces; Lawsonia, E.coli, PCV2 and B. pilisicoli also examined
- Samples must be taken of watery diarrhoea
- Price: DKK 3,875 for 4 samples (January 2013)

Blood samples

- Antibodies against Lawsonia
- Detection of PCV2 virus

USK weaner at the Laboratory for Pig Diseases in Kjellerup

- Post-mortem examination of 10 weaners as agreed
- Price: DKK 1,945 (January 2013)

Contact your herd vet in case of disease outbreaks with increased mortality



Pig with faeces on hind part



Watery faeces on slats



On-farm post-mortem examination



Post-mortem examination at lab