Farmweld LaborSaver™ Sow Feeder.


"The Illinois research demonstrates that you can get excellent productivity using the new feeder. It looks like a great new concept."
– Dr. Mike Tokach, Animal Science Professor, Kansas State University

"The LaborSaver is adjustable so each feeder can be set specifically for each sow. That prevents feed spoiling and spilling."
– Chet Mogler, Pig Hill Co., Alvord, IA

Farmweld LaborSaver Sow Feeder lets sows eat as much as they want, when they want, with minimal feed waste. University testing proves the LaborSaver results in high feed intakes and heavy weaning weights. Plus, the new LaborSaver requires less labor and can be used with automated delivery systems.

With the Farmweld LaborSaver Sow Feeder, the sow does much of the work of feeding herself.
Hand-feeding sows requires you to guess how much to feed or give a prescribed amount at each feeding. Overfeeding some sows and underfeeding others. Feeding too little can have negative effects on weaning weight and reproductive performance. Feeding too much means wasted feed and extra time spent cleaning out feeders. Bottom line, hand-feeding can be inaccurate and labor-intensive.

With the Farmweld LaborSaver Sow Feeder, the sow gets what she wants and does much of the work herself. She simply moves the LaborSaver’s agitator with her nose to let a small amount of feed funnel into the trough. As she continues eating and moving the agitator, more feed is delivered. The agitator stops the flow of feed when the sow stops eating, so there’s no extra feed to get wasted or spoiled.

The new Farmweld LaborSaver Sow Feeder makes once-per-day feeding feasible, which eases daily chores and makes weekend scheduling much simpler. The 40 pound hopper holds enough feed for several feedings, but feeders should be checked routinely for animals off feed. The LaborSaver can be used with an automated feed delivery system.

Estimated time savings for a 2,400-head sow unit with 360 crates:

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<th>Hand-Feeding (2x per day)</th>
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<td>4 hours/day (feeding, cleaning feeders)</td>
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3 hours x 7 days = 21 hours/week  
21 hours x 52 weeks = 1,092 hours/year  
1,092 hours x $12/hour = $13,104 In annual labor savings

Estimates provided by Carthage Veterinary Service, Ltd.

Experts agree that lactating sows need maximum feed intakes for heavier weaned pigs, improved wean-to-estrus intervals and even bigger litters.

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<th>lbs.</th>
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Statistically Equal p values (A21BW) = 0.5756  
Statistically Equal p values (daily) = 0.5004

A university trial conducted at a highly productive sow unit in Illinois proved that the new LaborSaver delivers high intakes and yields heavy weaning weights with once-per-day feeding.

“With the LaborSaver, you don’t have to guess how much or when to feed the sow so she’ll remain content and more productive.”  
– Dr. James Lowe, Production Animal Consultation LLC, Mahomet, IL

Double stainless steel feed adjusters provide for excellent feed flow and easy fine-tuning for even feed distribution, adjustable to 1/32 of an inch.

Agitator at bottom of tall feed bin funnels a small amount of fresh feed on demand.

Cleaning is simple. The LaborSaver features an easy release so feeder tips out for quick cleaning.

The LaborSaver complements the Farmweld A-Crate™ and Modular Cast Center Platform for superior sow comfort and pig performance.

Contact us for more information on the Farmweld LaborSaver Sow Feeder or any of our other products.