Force-feeding the Farrowing: Survival Techniques

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Rules: Maintain All-in:All-Out procedures
            Make all pig movements within 24 hours of found/farrowed
            Do not make pee-wee litters
            Allow the "most fit" sows time to lactate (≥17 days)
            Move 0-wean sows forward to fall-behinds
            Over-farrow by up to 120% by 0-weaning sows daily
            Target MATRIX or skip-a-heat use so that no sow is mated for at least 20 days post
                farrowing
            Place pigs based on born alive and % of litters < 7 BA
                    when BA is < 12 place all pigs uniformly :
                    when > 12 - place 12 good and ≥ 1 pee-wee and clean-up the ones that don't
                        start by 24 hours
            Induce only after the 1st sow mated on the same day starts farrowing
            Begin 0-wean procedure 2 rooms before the large group and make the adjustments
                daily to keep space tight (even when only a few sows are due that day)

My procedure: Obtain a PigChamp (or other) list of sows due to farrow
                   In PigChamp this is a LISTDATA with the variables including
                        ID, DUETOFARROWDATE, PARITY, LIFEAVEBORNALIVE and
                        LIFEAVEWEAN1PIGS
                   SORT variables are DUETOFARROWDATE and then ID
                   Highlight sows with record issues and then walk the group to see if lameness,
                        small bellies or underlines and or possible PCNs are present (? Mark at
                        preg-check also)
                   These animals are predetermined to be 0-weaned meaning they will be kicked
                        out as soon as farrowed and replaced in farrowing with a "better" sow
                        (again daily)
                   Start pigs based on BA
                   Keep each room as tight as possible
                   Wean only when a sow is pushed out, not for breeding
                   Target minimum normal weaner to lactate 17 days: all others get MATRIX or
                        Skip-a-Heat
                   MATRIX is fed daily – squirted in the mouth of each animal
                   0-wean sows get it beginning the day after farrowing, continuing for at least 14
                        days and fed the last time on Wednesday morning for majority of Tuesday
                        breeds
                   Kick-out sows get ≥ 7 days beginning at weaning and ending on Wednesday
                        morning
                   If the flow dictates sows are weaned at less than 17 days, all sows get
                        MATRIX the day of weaning and for 3 or more days based on desired
                        breed date
                   Expect mortality to increase by < 2 % if the correct pigs are removed
                   Expect equal performance (or better) from MATRIX treatments vs normal
                        weaned sows (increase 0.07 to 0.10 pigs per lactation or MATRIX day)