

## 1.1 Careful selection of the farrowing hut (nest area), isolation of the hut bottom from cold / wet soil, the use of a litter

### *Reducing mortality*

Large quantity of straw (i.e. 10-40 kg per litter) and/or wooden or concrete platform, above the ground, are recommended under the farrowing hut to avoid piglet in contact with cold and damp soil and to limit their mortality due to thermal discomfort and crushing.

11,8 pigs weaned per sow per year, on average, with a mortality rate of 21% in an Italian organic pig farm with 85 sows



Better thermal comfort and lower mortality for piglets reared outdoors on heavy clay soils that are not well drained, especially in cold and rainy seasons and climates.

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