Outdoor Farrowing

1. The word ‘gestation’ means?

 Giving birth Pregnancy Feeding

1. How many sows in NZ are breed outdoors? (tick one)

 Almost half less than a third more than half

1. Most outdoor pig farming in NZ takes place in ……?

 North Otago Northland Canterbury

1. What is grown in this region that makes it so suitable for pig farming?
2. As well as pigs what else is grown on this pig farm and what is it used for?
3. How far away is the next pig farm to this pig farm?

 5km 10km 20km

1. For what reason is it wise to have good distance between pig farms?
2. This farmer says the farrowing outdoors compared to indoors is?

 Harder work easier work about the same work

1. This farmer says that running sows outdoors compared to indoors is?

 Higher cost Lower cost About the same cost

1. Why does this farmer choose to farm their sows outdoors (tick two)

 It is easier They like to farm this way the pigs are healthier

 There’s a good market for pigs farmed this way

1. List four ways that farrowing outdoors provides the needs of pigs?

1. How do the sows get fed on this farm (tick one)

 They forage in the grass The farmer delivers it on a tractor

1. What are the challenges to manage sows in the outdoors?

1. List what the sows need to keep them well and healthy- both in cool weather and in hot

Weather. HOW IS THIS DONE?



1. On how many days per week are the pigs fed and checked?

 5 days 6 days 7 days

1. Why does the pig farmer need to check everyday the bedding (straw) in the farrowing huts?

(Tick most important)

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 The pigs are comfortable The sow can her piglets The help eliminate

1. On this farm, at what age are piglets moved to the weaner accommodation?

 2 weeks 4 weeks 6 weeks