



TECH NICKEL TIPS

BASKET FOR SPLIT SUCKLING

In a newborn litter you will sometimes get a combination of small or weak piglets and larger, stronger ones. "Before we cross foster we use a laundry basket to reduce competition and give the smaller pigs more time to suckle, and increase their chance of survival" says Manitoba hog farmer, Paul Vielfaure. Place the basket near the heat source, and put the larger pigs in it for about an hour at least once during the first 6 hours. This will reduce the competition and give the smaller pigs a chance to get more colostrum.

Pigs that suffer from splay leg can be put in the basket to dry off and gain more leg strength. After they have gained strength, switch them with the larger pigs.

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