

Managing your electrical network is a must...

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- Owner: Art Lehmann
- Herd Size: 1 500
- Strawn, Illinois, USA

WHY DID YOU BRING US IN?

We were dealing with high sow death loss in our 1,500 sow herd. The sows were not milking very well and we had higher pre-weaning mortality in the nursing pigs. In addition to the sow death loss we were also culling too many sows from our herd after they had completed only 2 or 3 parities.

We had tried many different management techniques but we did not notice any improvement on production. We decided to look at stray voltage as the cause of our problems because we had exhausted all other options.

WHAT CHANGES HAVE YOU NOTICED?

Our sow death loss went from 20% to 8% in a 2-or 3-month time span. Our pre-wean mortality dropped over the course of a year from 17% to 11%.

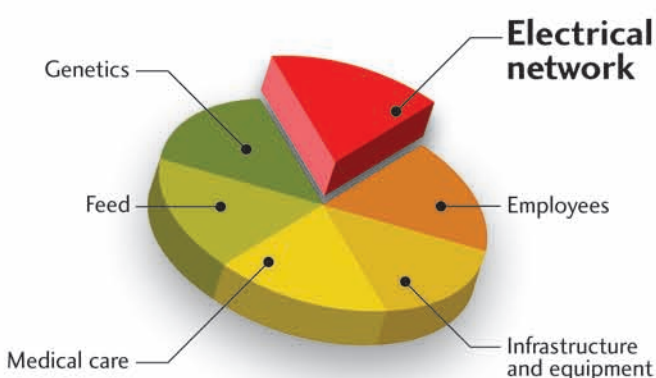
Our premature culling is slowing down and the sow herd appears healthier with less lameness and off-feed events.

Our pig weights have increased because sows are milking better.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

Our farm includes buildings built in the early 1970s and as recently as 1997. We have added to our farm and our electrical network. We have remodeled buildings and added fans and controllers. When we installed the Agrivolt system we discovered a number of “mistakes” and potentially hazardous electrical wiring situations. Those items were corrected immediately and some of them had existed for several years.

Now we can monitor our electrical network every day and when something goes wrong the system alerts us immediately.



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