

Water consumption of pigs at weaning: effect of mixing water with pelleted feed and of using a water nipple or a water bowl

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Preliminary conclusions:

- *Mixing water* with pelleted feed
 - increased feed intake 3 days post weaning
 - did not increase total water intake 3 days post weaning
- Using a *water bowl* or a water nipple did not influence water or feed consumption 3 days post weaning
- Using a *water bowl* reduced the amount of waste water



Aim of the project:

To study if water and feed intake at weaning were influenced by mixing water with feed or by using a water bowl instead of a water nipple

Material and methods:

- 88 pens with 2 pigs (littermates) each
- Weaning at 4.5 weeks
- Ad lib feeding
- All feed and water consumed were registered daily
- Waste water was registered daily