Model and Demonstration Projects on Animal Welfare

Towards more animal welfareexperiences from MuD projects

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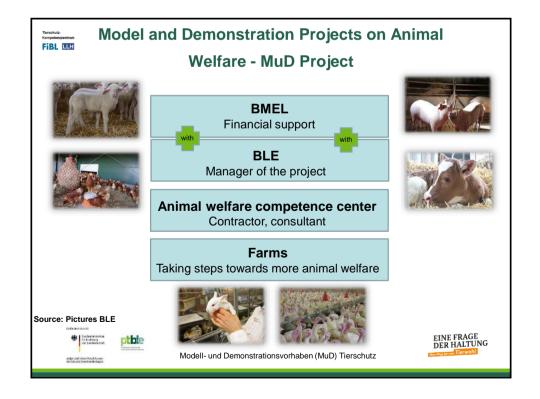
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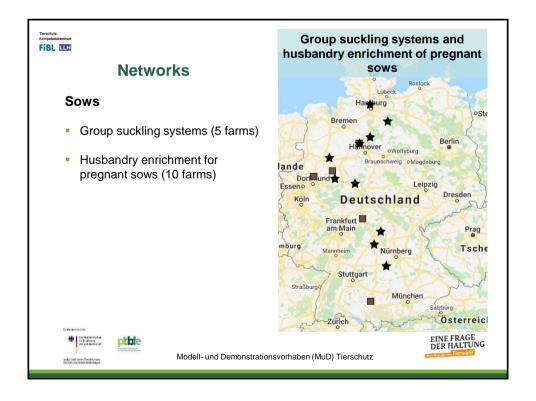
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Model and Demonstration Projects on Animal Welfare - Aims -

- Improve animal welfare based on single farm solutions
- Put scientific research into practice
- Support farmers concerning network topics (e.g. non-docked pigs, group suckling, etc.)
- Sharing knowledge between farmers
- Social acceptence within the farming community

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Group suckling systems -Experiences until now-

- Specific solutions for each farm
 - · Sows and piglets need enough time together with closed pens
 - · Genetic aspects of group housing compatibility of sows
 - · Separation of sows necessary for handling piglets









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Housing enrichment for pregnant sows -Experiences until now-

- Solutions usually involve new buildings / modifications
 - · Reducing time of fixation
 - · Access to open-air areas
 - More manipulable materials
 - Allow sows to choose different activities



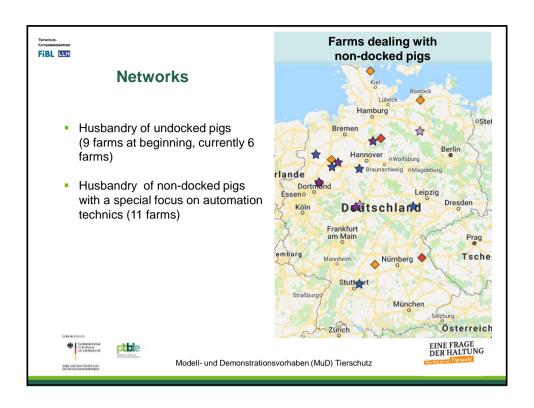






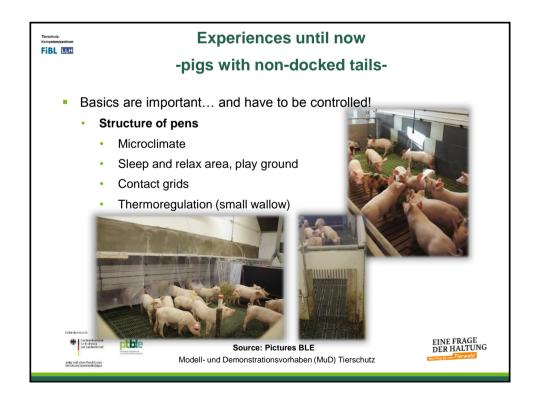
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Experiences until now -pigs with non-docked tails-

- Basics are important... and have to be controlled!
 - Health
 - · With clinical symptoms
 - Without clinical symptoms but behavioural symptoms





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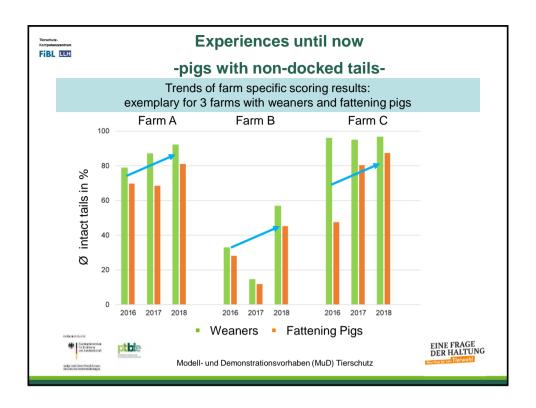
- Animal observation
 - · Looking at each animal individually
 - Changing your point of view
 - · Fast reaction needed to prevent tail biting



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Experiences until now -pigs with non-docked tails-

- More work automatic solutions
 - Spreading manipulable materials like straw, hay or other organic materials, mix of different fibre materials





Does not replace animal observations!





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Experiences until now -pigs with non-docked tails-

- Challenges: Animal welfare versus minimizing the environmental impact?
 - Animal welfare and environmental impact can be compatible
 - Open-air areas are only one point to increase housing conditions
 - → more emissions



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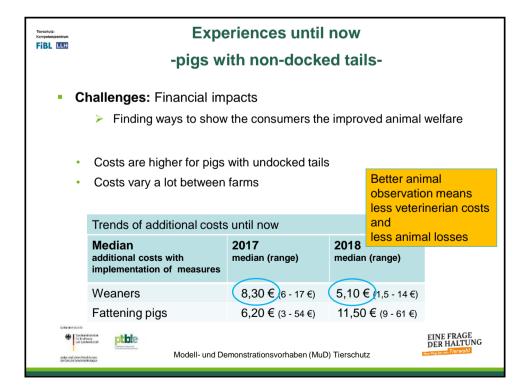
- Challenges: Animal welfare versus minimizing the environmental impact?
 - But there are different opportunities to achieve both targets
 - > Nutrient efficiency (N, P)
- Structure of pens
- Separation of urin and faeces
- Scraper for removal of manure in open-air areas
- Type and structure of pen surfaces

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Experiences until now -pigs with non-docked tails-

- Challenges: Necrosis of tails and ears
 - Causes: mycotoxins, endotoxins, stress of metabolism, genetics disposition etc.





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Outlook and legal regulations in Germany

- Action plan for non-docked tails:
 - · Risk analysis on all farms until July 2019
 - · 1 % of all pigs non-docked, slowly increasing with success
 - Chance to try with small number of animals!
 - Gathering experiences, learn about new husbandry!
 - MuD farms and farmers give information and advice to others!

Berfesenbriterium für Ensthung und Landwittschuft



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