

# Rooting and enrichment materials

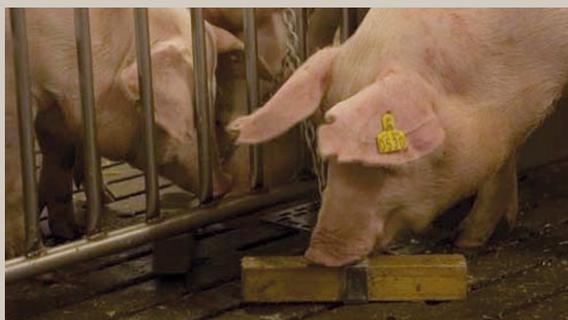
## Statutory requirements:

- All weaners, finishers, gilts and boars must have access to sufficient amounts of appropriate rooting and enrichment materials.
- Rooting and enrichment materials must be available to sows and gilts if the facilities were taken into use after May 15, 2003. There are no statutory requirements for rooting and enrichment materials in service facilities taken into use before May 15, 2003, and in gestation facilities taken into use before January 1, 1999.
- It is necessary to distinguish between rooting materials and enrichment materials.

## Which materials fulfil the requirements?

	Rooting material	Enrichment material	Supplements required
Straw rack	x	x	
Rope - on the pen floor	x	x	
Rope - not on the pen floor		x	x
Bedding - supplied on the floor	x	x	
Straw etc. in blocks - on the pen floor	x	x	
Wooden blocks/branches - on the pen floor	x	x	
Wooden blocks/branches - not on the pen floor		x	x
Deep litter	x	x	
Dry feed in feeder	x		x
Blocks - in dispenser		x	x

- Rooting and enrichment materials must be made of natural materials, they must not be dirty or pose a danger to the health of the animals. Wooden blocks and logs must be made of soft wood such as pine.
- The pigs must have permanent access to the material. It must be possible for several pigs, but not necessarily all the pigs in the pen, to use the material at the same time.
- Straw racks in pens housing up to 18 weaners, breeding stock or finishers must be min. 60 cm wide if they can be accessed from three sides. If this is not the case, they must be min. 80 cm wide. For rope, wood, feeders and compressed material, there must be min. two units per 18 weaners, breeding stock or finishers.
- Dry feed can constitute rooting material if the pigs have to manipulate the feeder to get to the feed and if only small amounts of feed are released gradually on a surface that is level with or slightly above the floor.



Wooden block fastened to a chain.



Straw supplied on solid floor.