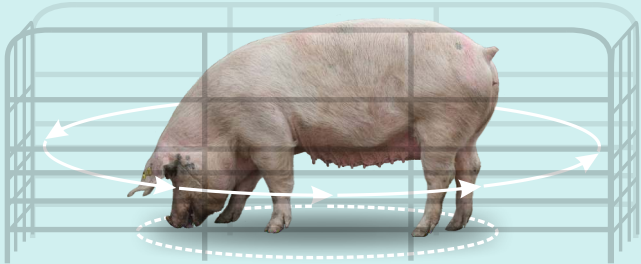


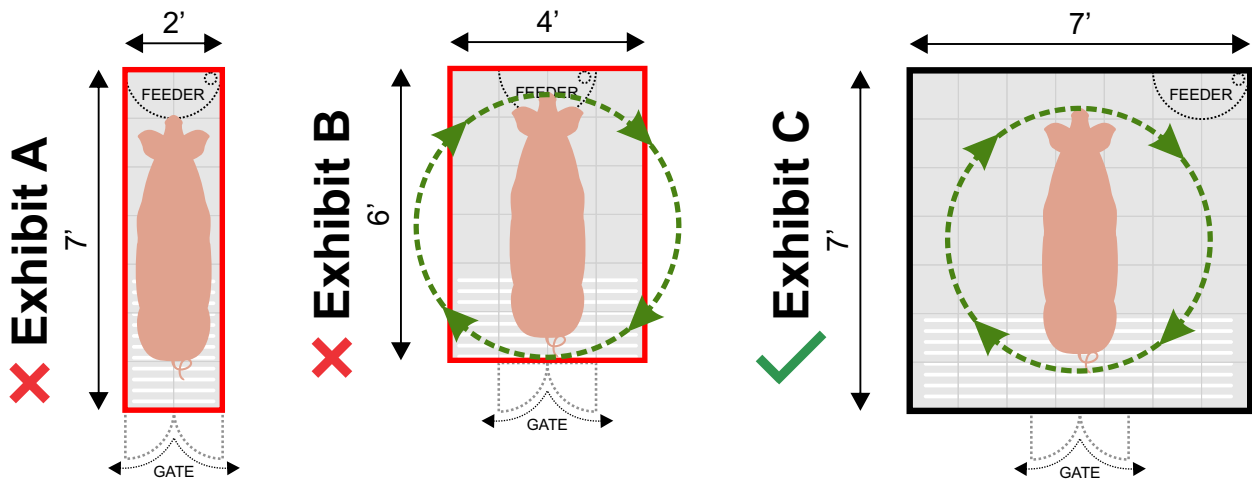
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WHAT ARE THE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS FOR A SOW COVERED UNDER PROP 12?

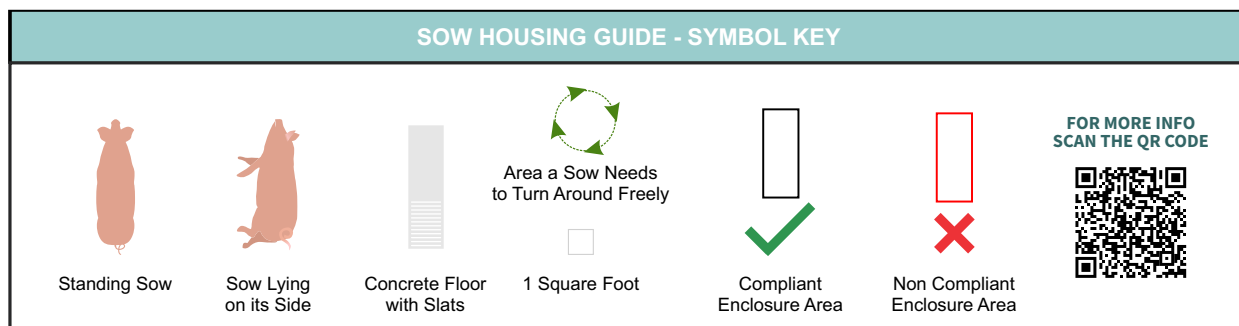


Under Prop 12 ([HSC 25990-25994](#)), an enclosure cannot prevent a sow from being able to lie down, stand up, fully extend their limbs (extending all limbs without touching the side of an enclosure, or another animal), and turn around freely (turning in a complete circle without any impediment, including a tether, and without touching the sides or another animal) within their enclosure. One sow is required to have at least 24 square feet of usable floorspace in addition to all these conditions being met.

Exhibit A-C: Individual Housing Systems



Exhibits A - C illustrate sows housed in individual housing systems that confine a sow to an enclosure that is locked and can only be opened by a person. Exhibit A illustrates an individual stall with a common commercial stall size of 14 ft². Exhibit A is a non compliant enclosure. Exhibit B illustrates a similar style stall which provides the minimum usable floorspace requirements of 24 ft², but Exhibit B is not a compliant enclosure because it does not allow the sow to turn around freely. Exhibit C illustrates an individual pen with 49 ft² of usable floorspace. This system allows the sow to turn around freely and would be a compliant housing enclosure.



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Exhibit D-F: Group Housing Systems

Exhibit D

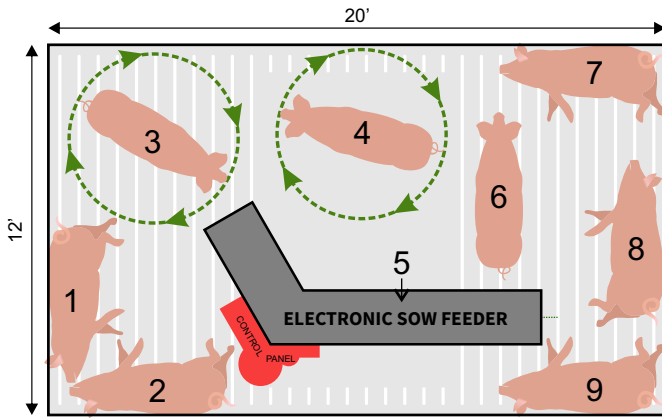


Exhibit E

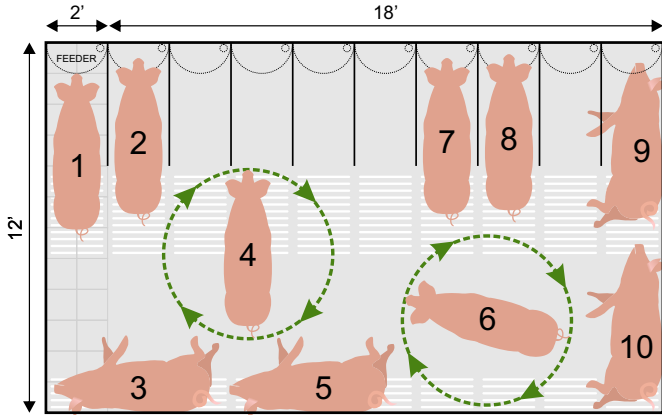
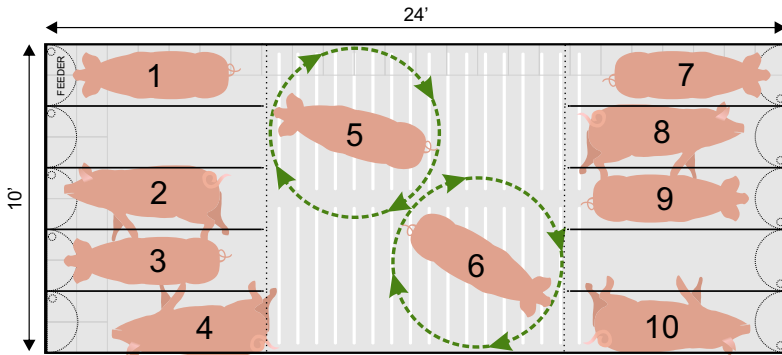


Exhibit F



Exhibits presented on this page illustrate compliant group housing enclosures for sows. Each exhibit illustrates an enclosure area of 240 ft². In each exhibit a sow is given at least 24 ft² of usable floorspace.

Exhibit D illustrates an Electronic Sow Feeder (ESF) system where sows are free to move throughout the pen area and fed individually through the ESF. Due to the physical space that an ESF control panel and storage bin use (area in red), usable floorspace available for the sows in this 20' X 12' pen is reduced and only 9 sows are shown in Exhibit D to maintain a minimum of 24 ft² of usable floorspace per sow.

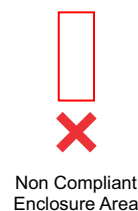
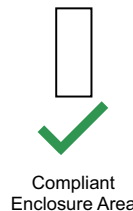
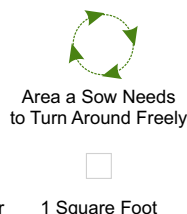
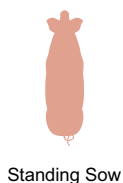
Exhibit E illustrates an individual stall (stanchion stall) group housing system where a sow is not confined to the stall area. In this system a sow is free to move throughout the pen and in and out of unoccupied stalls.

Exhibit F illustrates a free-access stall group housing system. In this system, a sow can freely move in and out of a free-access stall that is not occupied by another sow. Each stall is designed so that a door closes behind a sow as it moves into the stall and opens as a sow backs out of the stall allowing the sow to move freely throughout the open pen areas and into any open stalls.

It is important to note that Prop 12 does not require sows to be housed in groups. For more info on sow housing requirements visit the Animal Care Program web site by scanning the QR code below.

Note: The exhibits presented in this document are for illustration purposes only. Breeding sows vary in size and weight. The illustrations in this document may not accurately represent the size, or potential size, of your sow(s). Prop 12 housing requirements should be adjusted relative to the size of your sow(s). For example, a 7 foot long sow may need more than 49 ft² of space to turn around freely.

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