Nurse On vs. Foster in MetaFarms

The term "Nurse Off" in the older/other versions of software is handled differently yet correctly within MetaFarms. In MetaFarms, we Foster off the piglets and Wean zero.

Definitions for these events:

Foster Off or On: The piglets <u>remain</u> in the farrowing barn and move from sow to sow.

Wean: All piglets are removed from the sow and <u>leave</u> the farrowing barn and go to a Nursery; this also <u>changes the sow's status</u> from lactating to weaned and open for mating.

Nurse On: Turns the lactation back on for the sow, allow you to put nurse on age* on the piglets to maintain correct wean age. A Nurse On event will result in another wean event. *(Adding an age is highly recommended. If you Nurse On 14 day old pigs ((without adding the age)) and wean 7 days later – the wean age is 7 days not 21.)

The old term "Nurse Off": allowed you to turn off the lactation of sow - all piglets remain in the farrowing barn.

Reporting:

On the Full Format Performance Monitor

Line 96: Sows Weaned – this is all sows weaned including the wean zero.

Line 97: Sows weaned >0 Piglets – these are the sows that weaned less the sows that weaned zero. If they had a Nurse on and a second wean within the same week, she would be counted twice.

Line 98: Total pigs weaned – these piglets left the farrowing barn and went to a nursery.

We also allow for 2 calculations for PSY

Line 99 – Pigs Weaned/Sow – this is number INCLUDES wean zero sows. Calculation is: total pigs weaned in the period/total sows weaned in the period.

Line 100: Pigs Weaned /Sows Weaned > 0 piglets – this number only uses the sow that actually weaned piglets and EXCLUDES wean zero sows. Calculation is: total pigs weaned in the period / total sows weaned with piglets > zero.