

When Should I Enter Gilts into the Herd

As soon as you enter females into the herd they start non-productive days. If this is a concern, we would recommend entering them at the time of breeding.

One thing to remember is if you are comparing non-productive days among multiple producers, you will need to make sure all of them are doing the same thing across the board. This way any significant variance could be explored at the production level.

Other options may include:

Entered at the time of First Heat detection –could potentially add a standard 21 average non-productive day.

Entering them the day they arrive from the truck – could potentially add 70-90 average non-productive days.

Entering them at the time of their first breed generally will cut non-productive days.