Nursery and Grow/Finish

A video CD will be utilized to describe how to walk through nurseries and grow finishing barns and examine the pigs and the equipment. The goal is to review and provide a systematic method for walking barns and examining the pigs, feeders, floors, curtains, and basic ventilation. Their will be opportunity for discussion and questions during the CD.

Nursery walk-through:

Pigs
- Eating?
- Gaunt?
- Diarrhea on slatted floor?
- Are pigs piled and chilled?
- Are pigs coughing?
- Are pigs sneezing?
- Room temperature too cool?
- Room temperature too hot?
- Is the feed fresh and dry?
- Is water on?
- Are nipples at the right height for the size of pigs?
- What is the average weight of the pigs?
- Are the pigs the right size for their age?
- How many pigs have died?
- When did they die?
- How many sick pigs are in the barn?
- How many pigs need individual treatment?

Curtains and fans
- Are they working?
- Is the room dry or is their moisture condensed on pipes and floors?
- Is the room too cool?
- Are the fans working normally?
- Are the curtains in good repair?

Waste system
- Is the flush system working?
- Is the manure and urine too close to the slats?
Feeders
- Are feeders adjusted properly?
- Is feed spilling through the slatted flooring and into the pit?
- Is there too little feed in the feed trough?
- Is there too much feed in the feed trough?
- Is the feed quality normal?

Finishing Walk-through
Pigs
- Are the pigs eating?
- Are pigs gaunt?
- Are pigs coughing?
- Is their diarrhea on the flooring or in the pit?
- How many pigs have died?
- When did they die?
- How many pigs are in the “hospital pen?”
- Are hospital pens being used?
- How many pigs are sick in each pen?
- How many lame pigs?
- How many belly rupture pigs?
- How many scrotal rupture pigs?
- How many “downer pigs?”
- Are pigs being tail-bitten?
- Are pigs being ear-bitten?
- Do the pigs weigh what they should for their age?

Feeders, curtains, ventilation and fans and waste systems observations align with the nursery walk-through.