

# Pig Tail-Biting Quick Facts



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TAIL-BITING:

### WHAT IS TAIL-BITING?

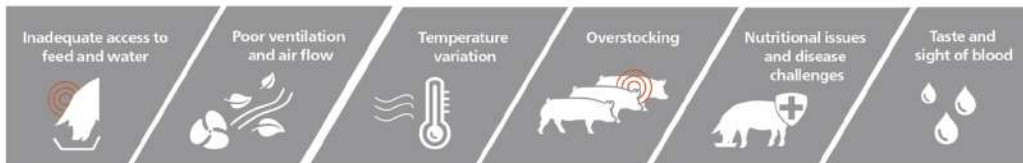
Incidents of tail-biting are among the top behavioral problems in gilt development units (GDUs) and grow-finish pigs that can lead to economic losses due to reductions in gain, secondary infections, death or carcass condemnations.

### PREVENT TAIL-BITING AND OTHER AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIORS

AllBite, a new product from Alltech, is a molasses-based block designed to discourage tail-biting and other aggressive vice behaviors. AllBite combats aggressive behavior through two mechanisms: it contains biologically active calming agents that reduce stress within the pen, and it is delivered in a form that provides a sensory stimulus to a group of pigs.

Researched and tested in the field, AllBite has a 93% success rate in reducing or stopping tail-biting. The key is early identification, followed by the introduction of AllBite into pens where tail-biting and other aggressive behaviors are occurring.

### WHAT ARE THE LEADING CAUSES OF TAIL-BITING?



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### MANAGEMENT TIPS

1

Minimize stress and check the basics: feed, water, ventilation, temperature and stocking density



2

Provide a balanced nutrition



3

Look for signs of health challenges and work with your vet on the best course of action



4

Identify the biters, and treat and/or remove the bitten pigs to prevent the behavior from spreading



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