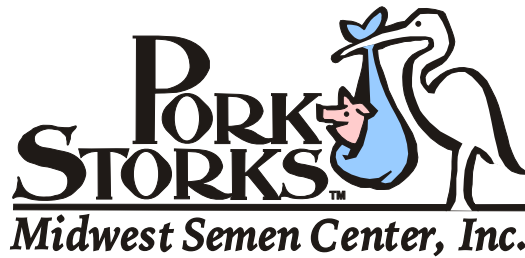


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### **Tips For Better Heat Detection**

1. Heat detection should concentrate on serviceable gilts and weaned sows
2. Do heat detection ½ hour after feeding and then again as near as possible to the end of the day
3. Use a chatty old boar that produces plenty of saliva. Use a panel or gate for safe handling of the animal. Vasectomized boars may be used for heat detection.
4. Allow the females and boars to have nose to nose contact with the boar while you are applying back pressure
5. Nosing of flanks may be of benefit, either by the boar or artificially by you
6. Although twice a day heat detection is the best, once a day heat checks done well is better than twice a day done poorly with little attention paid to detail
7. The boars should be housed where they will provide exposure to the females without having nose to nose contact which could lead to habituation (the female gets so used to having the boar around she doesn't pay attention) or refraction (showing signs of heat with out being in heat)
8. When walking the boar for heat check, walk the boar in front of the sows while the stockmen walk 3-4 sows behind the boar. The stockmen should provide back pressure and/or flank pressure and observe the physical signs, behavior and response from the sows.
9. Females should receive short and intense periods of exposure to a mature boar in order to exhibit a standing reflex
10. When the female is exposed to the boar, both "back pressure" and stimulation (rubbing underline and flanks) should be carried out.