

SUSFORM-NOW (LDC) News No1 Meeting farmers' needs

Preparation works of procurement of sow pigs was started as part of the livelihood improvement activities.

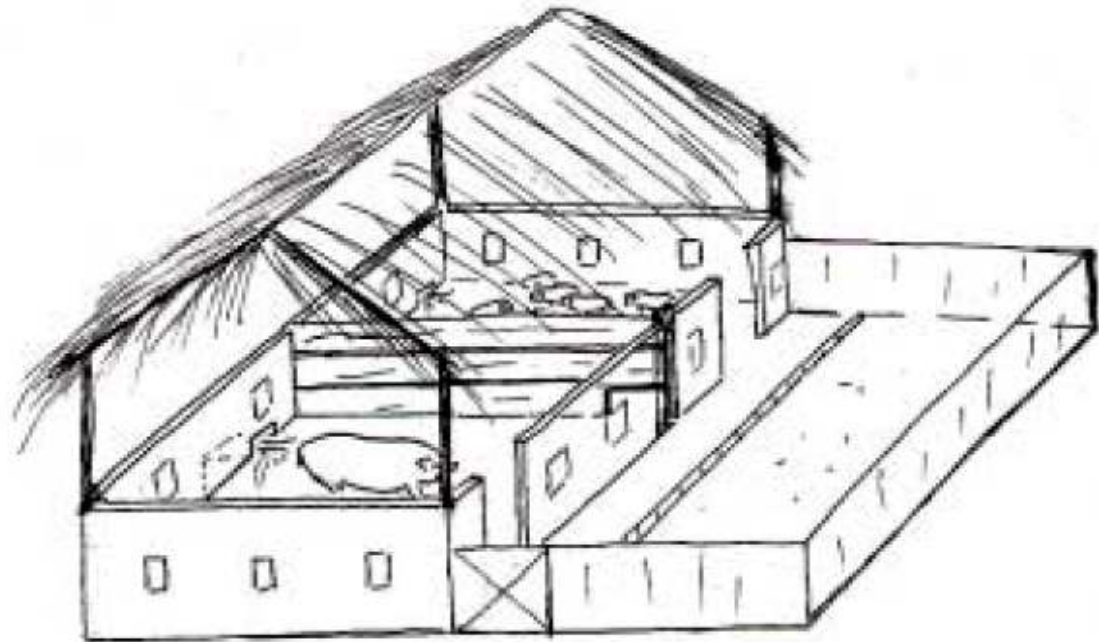


In order to meet preferences and needs of farmers in terms of types of pig sows to be raised, farmers from Phieng Ban village in Dien Bien District were invited to visit one of pig suppliers in Dien Bien Phu city on November 15, 2011. After the visit, a meeting was held at the project office to discuss the appropriate type of pig sheds, health care issues and necessary monitoring activities. It is expected that increased cash income through this type of livelihood development activities contributes to reduction of pressures on forest degradation.

One of the quickest ways to find out farmers' specific needs and preferences over types of domestic animals is to provide them with opportunities to directly contact with livestock suppliers. Various questions were raised to the supplier from farmers, such as types and daily volume of feeds consumed, the amount of water to be provided, an appropriate size of a pig shed. The following picture was presented to farmers from LDC to illustrate one of the model sheds for pigs.

Three Tips for raising pigs

1. Keep Clean
2. Sufficient feeds & drinking water
3. Adequate vaccinations



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