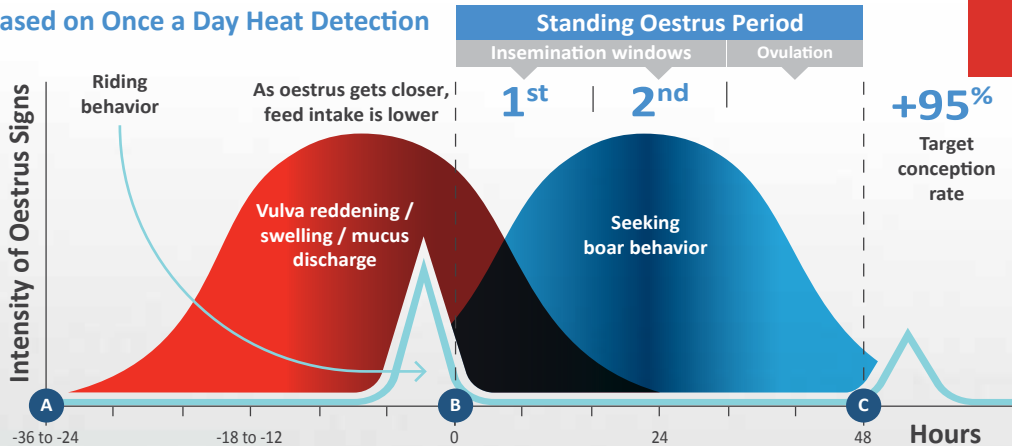


Successful Heat Detection in Gilts and Sows

Based on Once a Day Heat Detection



Point A: Preliminary sign of oestrus start

- Typically start 24-48 hours prior Standing Oestrus Period
- Mount and ride pen mates when group housed and will not tolerate to be touched
- Identify and follow up those females for the next heat detect on

Point B: Sign of oestrus start

- Females will seek and move closer to heat checking boars
- Females will stand in response to back-pressure from a boar, pen mate or a person
- Only the ones expressing a solid standing heat will be candidates to be bred
- Daily nose-to-nose contact with boar is the best way to help females to express estrus
- Signs tend to be shorter in gilts: 24-36 hours

Point C: Sign of oestrus ends

- No longer will stand in response to back-pressure
- Riding behavior start over again

** Intensity of oestrus signs may vary between individuals.*