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Problems with Lawsonia in pig herds

- Lawsonia is one of the most common causes of antibiotic usage in pig herds,
- The high use of antibiotics can, in Denmark, cause the yellow card, which is the Danish system used to control the antibiotic usage for individual farms,
- Fortunately, it is relatively easy to reduce the use of antibiotics,
- In low-pathogen herds, the problem can be solved by adding natural additives to the pigs' feeds or drinking water,
- In medium- to high-pathogen herds, the problem can often be solved by vaccinating the piglets with Boehringer's Enterisol® Ileitis vaccine, which can be given through the drinking water,
- This can easily be done the first few days after weaning, if an antibiotic-free window is created by for example giving the pigs some of Nor-Feed's natural products. Following the pigs are fully protected from the vaccine until slaughter.

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