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Vitamin deficiencies, by the very nature of the fact that they can impact specific physiological pathways in the pig, often have specific and sometimes quite dramatic consequences on pig(s).

Clinical signs

Specific vitamins and the signs suggestive of their deficiencies are covered below and in the next PighealthBYTES.

- Vitamin A Incoordination, paralysis of hind limbs, night blindness, congenital defects, stillbirths, aborted foetuses with cleft palates, increased embryonic mortality, impaired sperm production, reduced DLWG, respiratory dysfunction, skin roughness, eye discharge.
- Vitamin D Rickets, osteomalacia, tetany, reduced DLWG, lameness, stiffness, hindquarter paralysis.
- Vitamin E Locomotion failure, depressed litter size, extended parturitions, weak newborn piglets, sudden deaths in fast growing animals, post-weaning scour.
- Vitamin K Loss of blood from umbilical cord resulting in pale piglets, haemorrhages under the skin, haematomas on ears, enlarged blood filled joints, blood in urine.

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