

## PigCom Herd Recording System by ACMC

### What is the system and what does it do?

PigCom is a Windows PC based herd performance recording system. The software is intended for use both as an aid to weekly routines through status lists derived from individual sow recording and as an aid to business management through reporting of Key Performance Indicators (KPI). The system has been designed with different production sectors in mind. These cover: breeder-finishers (continual and batch farrowing), rearer-finishers (continual and all-in, all-out), multi-site breeders, multi-site finishers, and pedigree breeders.

Features	Benefits
Simple data entry in standardised, logical layout with data entry and data editing all in one place	Easy to learn, simple to use and easy to understand.
Extensive reporting capability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Individual sow</li> <li>- Individual farm</li> <li>- Consolidated farm</li> <li>- Analytical reports</li> </ul>	Value of recording to be gained by improving business decision-making and strategy to increase performance and profitability.
All reports/data can be electronically exported for attachment to e-mails	Reports can be sent to managers/consultants/vets to improve the value of advice offered.
Designed to allow batch reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Breeding herd batch farrowing</li> <li>- Feeding herd batch recording</li> </ul>	Meaningful single-page report for batch farrowing showing results for each of the last 14 batches. Feeding herd batch reports gives a single page – single batch report showing growth rates, mortality, FCR, etc.
Optional recording of service groups	Easy rapid analysis of different service treatments e.g. different catheter types.
Licensed via banding on sow number /overall herd size	No cost implications for running multiple farms.
Multiple farms can be consolidated	Single “whole business” view of KPI.
System designed around network usage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Single user</li> <li>- Multi user</li> </ul>	Multiple data entry personnel or data entry personnel with manager viewing real-time live data.
Standard database format The software uses Microsoft technology (SQL Server / MS Access)	PigCom delivers a scalable solution to <u>any</u> sized pig operation. Easy to link (copy/paste) with MS Office programs e.g. Excel and Word. Can extract data easily into Excel to work on should the need arise.
Designed for full pedigree recording <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Optional extended data verification for pedigree breeders (sow &amp; litter tattoos)</li> <li>- Capable of monitoring and reporting pre-defined crossbreeding</li> </ul>	A high degree of data integrity for pedigree breeders to avoid duplication of litter and piglet IDs. PigCom will also check IDs when animals return to the breeding herd.

### What Information is required to run the system?

Required	'Optional' – not recording leads to loss of functionality/value
<u>Herd Movements</u> : Boars in/out, sows/gilts in/out, and piglet/feeder - movements/deaths	<u>Health</u> : Boar /sow treatments, piglet treatments, feeder treatments, feed/water treatments
<u>Reproduction</u> : Services, farrowings, weanings, pregnancy checks, and piglet deaths	
Monthly stock counts	Monthly feed deliveries and feed stock remaining

### What are the outputs from PigCom?

- PigCom provides weekly herd management reports to inform farm staff on current performance and action lists for sows at differing stages of production cycle.
- Monthly or period reports give an overview of Key Performance Indicators of the business and summary of 12 months' production.
- Analytical reports analyse service/farrowing data providing graphical and tabular results
- General reporting of inventory and sow cards and pre-printed input forms for the following periods data entry.



### How do I access PigCom?

PigCom is offered as a stand-alone software installation for use on the farm PC or office PC. PigCom software is supported by ACMC from its offices in Beeford and via Pedigree Systems for any advanced technical issues. PigCom is leased from ACMC. The lease fee covers technical support and free software updates.

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