

Practical Pig Monitor

System overview

- An easy to use, spreadsheet based system to record and report on all aspects of both breeding and feeding herds.
- Versions available to record both continual flow and batch systems.
- Constantly monitors performance against target – and highlights negative variances – for all production parameters, including feed usage efficiency and medication usage.

Key aspects

- Requiring only basic data entry, (maximum 30 minutes per week for a 500 sow, breeder / finisher unit) the monitor will give all output required to allow in depth production analysis.
- Probably the easiest and most accurate recording system currently available for batch farrowing / finishing units.
- Output meets all data requirements of the RMIF benchmarking programme.
- Herd performance summaries are produced for all key production criteria in both breeding and feeding herds.
- All output can be summarised between any two stock count dates (providing sufficient data has been entered!), to give both current performance and historical comparisons as required.
- Caters for all herd sizes and can be readily adapted to provide combined management results from multi-site operations

Input requirements

- Data required is simply total numbers for each category – number served, number farrowed / weaned etc. Individual sow information is not collected or required, although the system is currently being developed to add this facility for those who want to increase their level of recording in the future.
- Sales sheets can be used as movement record to reduce duplication of effort.
- For clarity and ease, all output summaries can be printed on single A4 sheets from any standard colour printer, allowing rapid transfer of results to unit staff as required.

The system is designed for farm use and is supplied on a standard data CD. Easy to follow instructions are included and system can be set up and working fully, complete with first weeks data entry in under one hour.

Practical Pig Monitor can be purchased outright or leased on an annual basis. Free telephone support or on-site technical back-up for an agreed fee as required.

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