

What is Herdsman?

Herdsman allows the producer to analyse just how effective each batch of pigs sent for slaughter has been. Developed as part of the qbox range of application modules this application has been developed as a direct request from leading UK pig producers.

What does the system do?

Herdsman monitors each batch of pigs sent from a producer's unit or units and matches it to the carcass grading data at the nominated processing plant. By linking both together, the producer can see at a glance just how accurate the 'draw' selection has been. Herdsman clearly identifies under / overweight pigs against a user specified 'contract specification' and will historically compare batches from each unit specified year after year. Clear indication as to how the Herd is performing enables the producer to better control the way batches of pigs are selected for slaughter.

What are the features and benefits of the system?

The table below details the features for each of the Herdsman application

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Features
Easy to use simple Web browser based system
Multi-user licensing as standard
Total pigs selected per batch / per unit
Meat yield output analysis over 12 month rolling period
Underweight / Overweight analysis against contract
Full historical analysis per unit / processing plant
Comparison against previous batch selections with trend analysis
Individual Unit(s) performance charting
Multiple Unit performance comparison across the business enterprise
Online support services included in price

The benefits of having real-time business analysis data readily available in any business is well documented. Herdsman provides detailed analysis on each batch of pigs sent for slaughter at the click of a mouse button. Simple and easy to use and with no software to install on your computer Herdsman is a valuable tool in helping you optimise your herd revenue.

What information is required to run the system?

Herdsman requires only minimal information from the producer. The producer's own Slap mark(s), the Processor(s) to which the pigs are sent and a completed data release form (to the processor) instructing them to release non-financial data to our database.

Output

With full charting and reporting module included, Herdsman provides detailed analysis on how each batch has performed, clearly highlighting under and overweight pigs, any probe variances and general adverse performance indicators against each unit. In short, anything that is likely to affect the optimum revenue generated by your herd. As the name suggests, the Herdsman application is ideal for those tasked with monitoring either single or multiple unit operations - enabling them to see at a glance just how effective their batch selection mechanism actually is.

How is it accessed?

All you need is a personal computer and internet connection and you are halfway there. Herdsman uses an open licensing mechanism which means that the producer may nominate as many users to have access to their data as they so wish (Unit manager, contract unit owner and herdsman to list but a few) and as it is web based, there is no software to install and can be used on any computer with Internet access.

Is it a service provision with technical back-up?

Technical backup and support for application related issues is available free of charge as part of the package

Is it a system available for purchase?

Herdsman is available under an annual license scheme, for pricing and further information or to discuss how qboxanalysis could help your business please contact us on 01888 545217 or email us at info@qboxanalysis.com.