

Enhancing Reproductive Performance

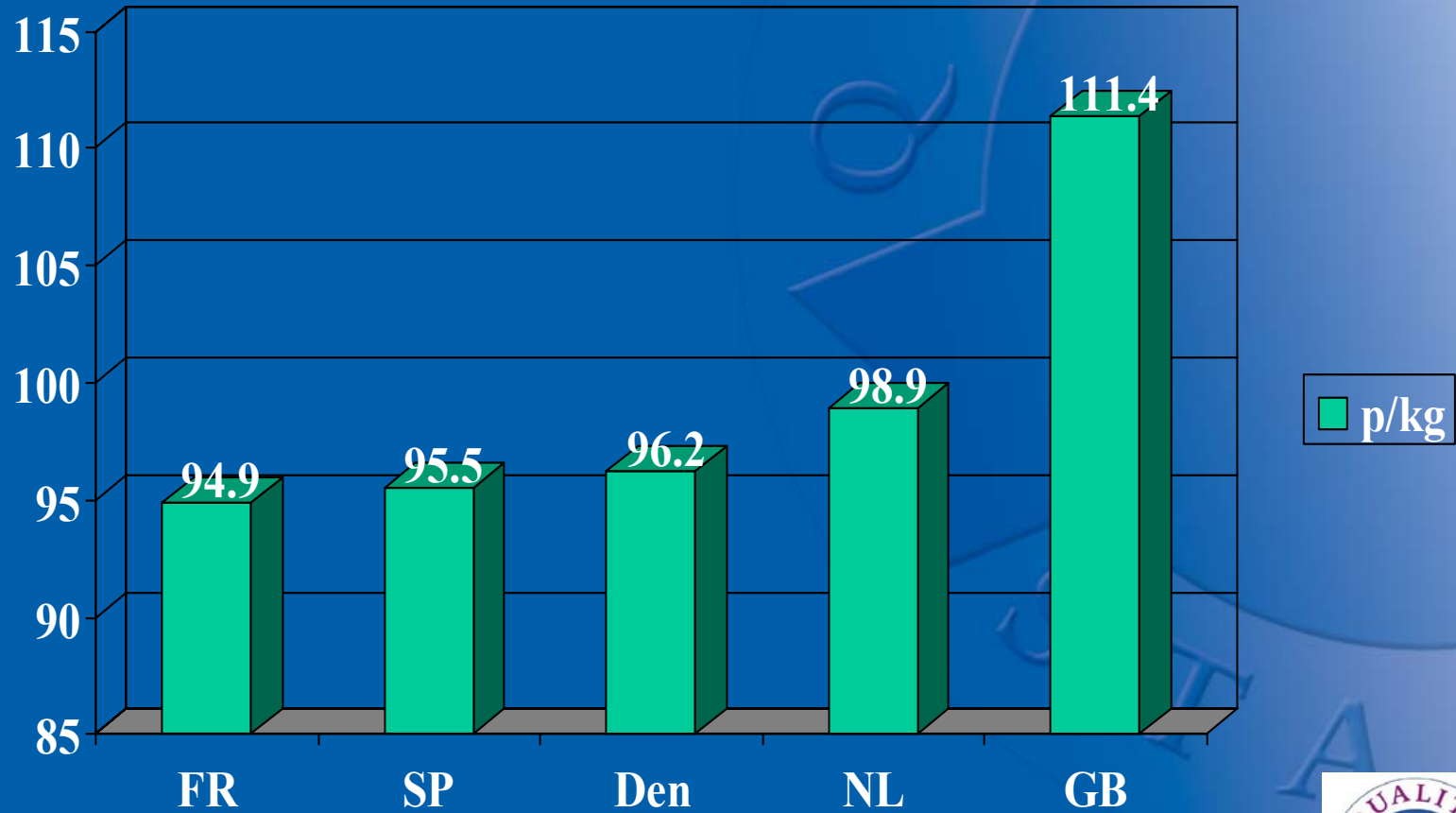
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The reason for today.



European Cost of Production Comparisons 2004



European Physical Performance Comparisons 2004



	FR	SP	Den	NL	GB
Sold/ sow/ year	22.1	18.4	22.5	23.2	18.1
Born alive	12.5	10.3	12.7	11.9	10.7
Rearer DLG	456	311	419	339	449
Finish DLG	780	638	835	774	630
FCR	2.94	2.71	2.69	2.65	2.77
HCW	90.8	82.6	78	89.3	75.7
Meat/sow/year	1,940	1,489	1,734	2,030	1,334



The UK Challenge

- Breeding herd
 - +1 born alive (to 11.7 per litter)
 - +2 sold per sow per year (to 20.1)
- Finishing herd
 - +100g/day (to 730 g/day)
 - -0.05 FCR (to 2.72)



Objective of Today

- Sharing the knowledge that exists within the industry. You all have plenty to contribute!
- Many UK units are achieving superb levels of performance – a majority are not ... why not?
- Transfer of the best practice
- Use the available resources
- 6 presentations focused on the theory and practice for optimal performance from AI
- Listen, debate, discuss, disseminate.



There's more to breeding herd performance than AI alone

- Health
- Acclimatisation
- Boar contact
- Nutrition
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- Culling policy
- Light levels
- Genetics
- Management
- Seasonal variation



Reasons for Optimism

- The response to today's invitation.
- A cunning plan of focused activity.
- Clear Priorities from R2R.
- French have moved from 6th place in EU COP in 2000 to 1st in 2004.
- Real enthusiasm, motivation and action.



Something needs to change!

- Take some ideas back home.
- Plan a Spring meeting.
- Get out and see how others are doing it.

