BPEX AI Programme

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Points to cover

- Background
- The BPEX AI Programme
- Management of the programme
- Conclusions

Background

- BPEX Road to Recovery 2006 2009 strategy
- Competitive challenge (EU COP Report)
  Pigs weaned/Sow/year   20.5   (22.9)GB
                           24.7   (28.6)Den
                           24.3   (27.7)NL
                           23.9   (27.9)Fr
- Whole chain assurance to promote the value of the British industry

The AI programme

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On-Farm Improvement

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- "Train the Trainers" workshop 26 Jan 2006

- Encapsulated "key points" wall poster for distribution

- Regional farmer training meetings planned

- Website with links to participating companies

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- Provide a single independent source for testing semen quality
- Samples provided by studs
- 3 Month trial to establish baseline
- 2 year contract to monitor The Standard
- Available for ad hoc testing
- Available for "dispute settlement"
- BPEX to cover lab costs under standard
- Currently subject to tender

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- Standards agreed
- Audit guidance being finalised
- Recommend farm type audit process – 4 vet declarations plus one independent inspection a year
- Pilot audit process over next 3 months
- Roll out at Pig Fair in May

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- Set up a monitoring network to record breeding performance
- Agrosoft users of purchased AI initially
- Approximately 60 across E&W and production type spread
- Encourage direct feedback to breeding companies

Management of the programme

- Management of the programme will be through BPEX (Mark Wilson)
- Implementation managed by Angela Cliff

Conclusion

- Strategically important for the future of the industry in England and Wales
- Integrated programme
- Builds on high standards employed by British breeding companies
- Extends Whole Chain Assurance to AI
- Business opportunity for breeding companies
- Majority of costs covered by BPEX