

On-Farm Research - How do you think we did?

Statistics

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No. farms that did



10

No. farms in longitudinal study



10

No. farmers in EXIT interviews



30k

No. pigs/lungs inspected

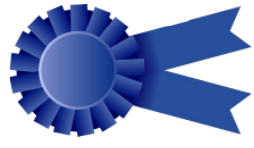


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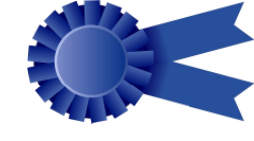
No. farm visits



What did we do well?



Encouraged 'Best Practice'



In general.....

Most saw PSP project as positive



Most reported re-thinking management of 'pig flow' on their farm



Financial and staff turnover/rotation were constraints to implementing advice



Farmers expectations of the trial were not always met



Worked hard and independently

Built relationships



How can we do better ? Improve communication!

1. Goals of the research
2. Relevance of research to your business
3. Research process and timelines for completion (e.g. diagnostic tests)
4. Role of individuals within the research team



"I completely changed my breeding policy...and my hospital unit and euthanasia.....And then pig flow, completely changed it, that was very valuable"



"the challenges the pigs have that I didn't think were as bad and stuff that I thought was bad maybe not as bad."



"They came and went and did their own thing. I didn't have to be babysitting them or staying with them."



"Basically that we weren't doing the job [e.g. weighing and grading pigs] as we should have been done [sic] and we learnt a good bit from it"

