

Setting up an Effective Farm Trial

There is a large amount of material presented to pork producers to convince them that new products and services will improve productivity, or lower labour or other inputs. Many claims come with well researched data, and this improves the odds of success should you choose to implement it on your farm. However from time to time most pork producers want to know “just how well will it work on my farm?”, or “maybe the gains from using the product seem reasonable but what will be the impact on improving net income on my farm.” Before deciding to conduct an on-farm trial in the hopes of answering these questions, see the following articles which provide the information you need to make sure your on-farm trial provides reliable data that you can use to make an informed decision.

Setting up an effective on-farm trial:

<http://www.prairieswine.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/Setting-Up-an-Effective-Farm-Trial-2.pdf>

Checklist on farm trails:

<http://www.prairieswine.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/On-farm-trial-checklist-2.pdf>

On-farm trials are challenging, expensive (your time and additional labour), and are sometimes necessary. Choosing when and how to conduct a trial will make the difference in how much valuable insight you will gain from the effort.

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