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Recent Research at Prairie Swine Centre

This newsletter is devoted to the most recent research from Prairie Swine Centre. Once a year we compile the previous year's work and publish our Annual Research Report. At 60 pages, this edition includes 14 scientific articles, plus updates on activity in our pig production unit and technology transfer activities for the calendar year 2010.

<http://www.prairieswine.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/05/AR-2010.pdf>

To highlight a few of those reports here I will focus on those things that are most needed at this time - that is ways to reduce the cost of production.

"Inclusion rates as high as 60% did not cause any reduction in feed intake" is the conclusion of a series of experiments which once again push the bounds of what is possible in feeding programs and challenge the accepted practice of limiting alternative ingredients.

<http://www.prairieswine.com/does-palatability-affect-the-intake-of-peas-in-pigs/>

"Also focusing on pulses, "30% peas with or without canola meal can be successfully included in diets for growing pigs"

<http://www.prairieswine.com/do-peas-and-canola-meal-have-synergistic-effects-when-included-in-diets-of-growing-pigs/>

Ensuring the most expensive diets in the barn are utilized was the motivation behind a study linking access to creep feed to feeder visits in the nursery.

<http://www.prairieswine.com/weaning-at-28-days-is-creep-feeding-beneficial/>

In future newsletters we will focus on meat quality and the impact of handling and transport at market, the management of auto-sorter technology, and ways to reduce utility costs.

I hope this information is helpful in reducing your costs and maintaining the highest product quality on your farm. Thank you for your interest in our work and your ongoing support of the research program.

Research Profits Everyone

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