

DEEDI pig industry services and contacts

FIELD SERVICES

NUTRITION, FEED AND FEEDING - Sara Willis (07) 4688 1214

The **AUSPIG** service helps improve piggery performance and maximise profitability by:

- assessing diet suitability according to genotype and production environment to achieve optimum growth;
- providing formulation of optimum, cost-efficient diets;
- identifying areas in production which limit growth and profits.

PRODUCTION INFORMATION AND ACTIVITIES – Sara Willis (07) 4688 1214; Greg Bath (07) 4688 1212; Alison Spencer (07) 3824 9509

A variety of information sources and services are available:

- technical notes (www.dpi.qld.gov.au/)
- a list of people consulting to Queensland pork producers, and links with others in the Department
- newsletter PigPen Chat
- group facilitation and event organisation in collaboration with industry.

ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT - Reception (07) 4688 1305 or (07) 4688 1605

The Environmental Group does research and provides advice on:

- environmental management (air quality, waste collection, transport, treatment, storage, utilisation and value-adding, environmental monitoring)
- product and equipment evaluation.

This group also has a regulation role to:

- assess development applications for new and existing piggeries
- monitor the environmental performance of individual premises.

HEALTH – VIA DEEDI Customer Service Centre – 13 25 23

Government veterinarians provide management advice on:

- chemical residues investigations;
- animal welfare;
- the investigation of economically significant numbers of sick and dead pigs;
- Swine Brucellosis Tested Herd Scheme;
- exotic disease preparedness.

LABORATORY SERVICES – PHONE DEEDI 13 25 23

The veterinary laboratories provide comprehensive diagnostic and laboratory services for major herd health problems in the pig industry. Specimens from abattoirs and on-farm investigations are tested to detect pig diseases and disorders caused by bacteria, viruses, parasites, fungi, poisonings and nutritional deficiencies. Biochemists test feed and tissue if animal poisoning is suspected, especially from heavy metals, pesticides and other chemicals.

RESEARCH

HEALTH/DISEASES - Dr Pat Blackall (07) 3362 9498; Dr Conny Turni (07) 3362 9527

- bacterial respiratory diseases.

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This group researches a wide variety of environmental management issues.