



R&D Snapshot

Animal health feedback to producers

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Purpose:

- To quantify costs to producers and processors resulting from losses caused by full and partial condemnation of carcasses and offal during post-slaughter inspection of pigs

Take home messages:

- The incidence of totally and partially condemned carcasses was estimated at 4.4%
- The major conditions resulting in condemnations were: abscesses (34%), arthritis (31%), bruising (13%), bile contamination (8%), pleurisy (4%) and erysipelas (4%)
- Estimated cost to industry of totally or partially condemned carcasses was \$10.33M per year
- These costs don't include potential impacts on production eg. FCR, ADG, mortality or carcass specifications
- It's not legally required to report on partial condemnation (disposal of carcass parts or complete offal sets) information, so the level of reporting varies between processors
- These findings are informing the development of a uniform, national system for reporting of all condemnation information to producers, and their vets, to provide 'real time' information for pig health management

Additional information:

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