



R&D Snapshot

Pork industry involvement at On-Plant Veterinarian training workshops

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Purpose:

- To enhance communications between Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) On-Plant Veterinarians (OPV) at export abattoirs and pig production vets.

Take home messages:

- Pig producers are proactive in a number of production stewardship areas including animal welfare, environmental care and antimicrobial stewardship
- Industry presentations at DAWR OPV training workshops on animal welfare by production vets, researchers and APL enabled:
 - OPVs and Area Technical Managers to gain a greater understanding of pig production practices and management and industry's commitment to continuous improvement in animal welfare
 - Industry to gain greater understanding of the roles, responsibilities and expectations of DAWR concerning animal welfare post farm gate
- Production vets welcome continuing opportunities to engage more closely with DAWR OPVs so they can experience pig production, management challenges and issues first-hand
- Greater understanding between all sectors is important in reducing misconceptions.

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