



Pitwherry West Farm summary

Part 1 production

Pitwherry is approximately 550 sow farrow to finish unit, farrowing on a 3 week batch basis with target to farrow 75/week. There is ample farrowing accommodation as farm previously operated as a 700 sow continuous flow unit.

Pigs are weaned either into straw based pens with kennels or into a modern AM Warkup weaner building, before transfer to the finishing sheds which are slatted. There is insufficient accommodation to finish all the progeny at West so the old manor unit located approx. 1 mile down the village is used as part of the finisher flow.

Recent performance

This is a summary of the most recent available data (Feb month end)

The farm is accurately recorded on PigCom with additional spreadsheets for unit

Fundamentals are good and farrowing rate on last weekly shows significant improvements with 6, 9 and 12 week in pig 94, 92 and 86% in pig respectively. In addition born alive for 3 months 13.97, Prewean mortality 14.7% and 11.98 reared litter (12.27 for 12 months). Based on projected 2.35 litters per sow per year this equates to 28.8 weaned per sow per year

Feeding herd mortality is 10% for 3 months with DLWG of 720g and FCR of 2.45 (FCR is 12 month figure). A significant proportion of the mortality is mechanicals and the herd is generally experiencing a low level of health issues.

Due to restock the herd parity profile is currently skewed with approx. 160 animals in P6 and 20 in P7 based on 22/3. The herd has an active programme of gilt replacement to allow culling of the older parity animals as appropriate.

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