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Healthy pigs for healthy profits

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What is the Pig Health Scheme?

The Pig Health Scheme is a development of the former British Pig Health Scheme (BPHS).

Trained veterinary assessors monitor English pigs at slaughter for prevalence and severity of disease. This information can help pig producers and their vets to reduce levels of disease within their herds. Individual farm data can be used to benchmark against other members of the scheme.

Assessments are carried out at designated abattoirs throughout England, with all of the main pig abattoirs covered as part of the scheme.

Assessment dates are published in advance so producers can make sure their pigs are sent on the designated assessment days.

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Why should you join the scheme?

Pig Health Scheme reports can be used to monitor the health status of a producer's herd and help them make informed decisions around disease control.

Members will receive feedback on 12 different health conditions, including Enzootic Pneumonia-like lesions and Pleuritis.

Ultimately, the aim is to improve the health and welfare of pigs and to help reduce production losses throughout the supply chain.

All members will receive three different types of reports:

1. Individual Batch Report: Summary data from the pigs inspected at the abattoir, with graphical representations. This will be sent within 48 hours of the abattoir monitoring having taken place.
2. Unit Comparison Report: A comparison between your unit(s) and all other units monitored during that quarter. This will be sent at the end of the quarterly monitoring period.
3. Time Comparison Report: A comparison of historical data for the unit on a rolling basis of up to three years, once data are available. This will be sent at the end of the quarterly monitoring period.

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Individual Batch Report

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Unit Comparison Report

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Time Comparison Report



How can I use the report to aid decision making on farm?

- The report provides a baseline of the current health status of your herd.
- Benchmark against other members of the scheme.
- Monitor the effects of management changes on the health of your pigs, such as change of feed or vaccination programme.
- Use alongside eMB to monitor the impact of changes in antibiotic usage on the health of your pigs.

How much does membership cost?

Membership of the scheme is FREE to all producers – just sign up via Pig Hub and reports will automatically be sent to you after each assessment.



How do I sign up?

- Sign up through your Pig Hub account at: www.pighub.org.uk

If you have any queries, get in touch via: **AHDB Pork Health and Welfare Team: 024 7647 8893**
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