Improve digestibility of milled feed by up to 10%

Farm facts

Name: F.J. Bosworth & Sons
Location: Spains Hall, Essex
Farm size & enterprise: 270 sows breeder/feeder, home mix and mill with home production of cereals used for pig feed

Benefits

- Reduced restlessness, aggression and tail biting among finishing pigs
- Improved feed utilisation
- Reduced wastage (up to 10%)

The Bygholm Sieve

The Sieve, originally developed in Denmark, is used for monitoring the degree of coarseness of feed, cereal and other feed products. The coarseness and degree of grinding has an impact on feed efficiency:

- Fine grinding of the feed means that pigs can easily utilise the nutrients within it, but intake can be reduced; this is common when feeding dry feed. Moreover, fine grinding can result in stomach ulcers.
- A coarser grinding of the feed can result in poorer feed efficiency, but can have a positive effect on stomach ulcers, or if there is a problem with Salmonella, E. Coli or Ileitis in the herd.

Key to success

- Regularly take feed sample for analysis with the Bygholm Sieve
- If you are a home mill and mix producer you can analyse your raw materials individually
- If you purchase meal diets you can analyse a feed sample and identify clusters, shells and other wastage that the pigs are unable to use for growth
- The Bygholm Sieve can give you an indication of how much unutilised feed can cost you

If you would like to try the Bygholm Sieve contact the BPEX KT team

"We spend so much money on feeding our pigs, so why not put a little effort into analysing the feed for optimal efficiency?"

Stuart Bosworth, producer