

## PigCom Herd Recording System by ACMC



An individual sow recording system for any producer of any size (do not have to be genetics customers of ACMC).

### **Q: What is the system and what does it do?**

PigCom is a Windows PC based herd performance recording system. The software is intended for use both as an aid to weekly routines through status lists derived from individual sow recording and as an aid to business management through reporting of Key Performance Indicators (KPI). The system has been designed with different production sectors in mind. These cover: breeder-finishers (continual and batch farrowing), rearer-finishers (continual and all-in, all-out), multi-site breeders, multi-site finishers, and pedigree breeders.

Features	Benefits
Simple data entry in standardised, logical layout with data entry and data editing all in one place	Easy to learn, simple to use and easy to understand.
Standard non-customisable data input screens and reports	Get up and running quickly without extensive set-up. Fixed reporting means valid comparisons can be made to other users
Extensive reporting capability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Individual sow</li> <li>- Individual farm</li> <li>- Consolidated farm</li> <li>- Analytical reports</li> <li>- Forward predictions for herd culling</li> </ul>	Value of recording to be gained by improving business decision-making and strategy to increase performance and profitability.
Designed to allow batch reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Breeding herd batch farrowing</li> <li>- Feeding herd batch recording</li> </ul>	Meaningful single-page report for batch farrowing showing results for each of the last 14 batches. Feeding herd batch reports gives a single page – single batch report showing growth rates, mortality, FCR, etc.
Optional recording of service groups	Easy rapid analysis of different service treatments e.g. different catheter types.
Reports and data can be electronically exported for attachment to e-mails <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interfaces with other data systems</li> </ul>	Reports can be sent to managers/consultants/vets to improve the value of advice offered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Record once, use data many times</li> </ul>
Remote support as part of the package	Peace of mind knowing support is only a few clicks away
Built-in remote data back-up for PCs with internet connection	Off-site copies of data for disaster recovery
Multiple farms can be consolidated into one reporting entity	Single “whole business” view of KPI
System designed around network usage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Single user</li> <li>- Multi user</li> </ul>	Multiple users viewing real-time live data. Areas of the software e.g. Financial data and reports can be restricted by user
Standalone PC installation	Internet connected PC not required to run the software
Licensed via banding on sow number /overall herd size	No additional fees for running multiple farms
Own branding available	Larger producers or agency companies can have the software available in their corporate colours and logos
Based on standard Microsoft database technology (SQL Server / MS Access)	PigCom delivers a scalable solution to <u>any</u> sized pig operation. Easy to link (copy/paste) with MS Office programs e.g. Excel and Word. Can extract data easily into Excel to work on should the need arise.
Designed for full pedigree recording <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Data verification for pedigree breeders</li> <li>- Monitoring and reporting pre-defined crossbreeding</li> </ul>	A high degree of data integrity for pedigree breeders to avoid duplication of litter and piglet IDs. PigCom will also check IDs when animals return to the breeding herd.

### **Q: What Information is required to run the system?**

Required	'Optional' – not recording leads to loss of functionality/value
<u>Herd Movements</u> : Boars in/out, sows/gilts in/out, and piglet/feeder - movements/deaths	<u>Health</u> : Boar /sow treatments, piglet treatments, feeder treatments, feed/water treatments
<u>Reproduction</u> : Services, farrowings, weanings, pregnancy checks, and piglet deaths	
Monthly stock counts	Monthly feed deliveries and feed stock remaining

**Q: What are the outputs from PigCom?**

- PigCom provides weekly herd management reports to inform farm staff on current performance and action lists for sows at differing stages of production cycle.
- Monthly or period reports give an overview of Key Performance Indicators of the business and summary of 12 months' production.
- Analytical reports analyse service/farrowing data providing graphical and tabular results
- General reporting of inventory and sow cards and pre-printed input forms for the following period's data entry.



**Q: How do I access PigCom?**

PigCom is offered as a stand-alone software installation in multiple languages for use on the farm PC or office PC. The software is supported by ACMC from its offices in Beeford and via Pedigree Systems for any advanced technical issues. PigCom is leased from ACMC with the cost dependent on the number of sows recorded on the system. For up to 500 sows in the UK, the initial year's lease fee is £250 with yearly fees of £125. This fee covers technical support and free software updates.

For further information please visit the PigCom website [www.pigcom.co.uk](http://www.pigcom.co.uk)

Here you can:

- download the software installations
- download program updates
- download the software manual
- see examples of PigCom reports
- see support information
- see the recent history of program changes to see what has been added between versions

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