



Trichinella Testing

It's been a year since the new Trichinella legislative testing regime was introduced and the majority of processors seem to be coping well with the requirements.

In the year before introduction – the period 1 June 2013 to 31 May 2014 – a total of 247,315 pig test results were submitted to the Food Standards Agency (FSA) from self-testers and those using the FSA contract testing service.

This has now increased by 36% to 383,821 for the period 1 June 2014 to 31 May 2015. Please note that these figures do not include tests performed on pigs for the export market.

Producers, or groups of producers, who wish to gain a 'derogation' from testing need to provide three years of Trichinella-free data. They also need to apply controlled housing conditions as described under the new testing regime.

Self-testers need to make sure that their results are submitted to:

sla.contracts@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk so that, in two years' time, we have the evidence required to obtain future 'derogations'.