



CHALLENGE

Genetic selection for improved feed efficiency is required for sustainable pig production but needs to take account of potential negative effects on animal health and welfare. Livestock production is moving towards an increased use of local feed resources and feedstuff co-products. This may require a different type of animal than those currently selected in intensive, high quality input – high output production systems.

OBJECTIVES

This study aims to enhance sustainability of European pig production through improved feed efficiency on local diets and feedstuff co-products. The objectives are in support of sustainable intensification, i.e. improving efficiency and productive output while maintaining animal health and welfare.

EXPECTED RESULTS

Feed efficiency and robustness traits in response to local pig diets and feedstuff co-products will be evaluated in experimental and commercial pigs. An environmental and social life cycle assessment analysis will be performed on the impacts of pig production as enhanced by transforming low quality feed. In addition, future sustainable pig production systems will be modelled.

POTENTIAL IMPACT

Efficient use of resources will improve the productivity, resilience and competitiveness of European pig production. Environmental sustainability will be enhanced by transforming low quality, local feed resources and feedstuff co-products to meat. The goal is also to enhance animal welfare, breeding strategies and consumer acceptance of pig production and breeding practices.





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