

Nuklospray Yoghurt improves feed intake of piglets before weaning. Result: lower pre-weaning mortality and higher weaning weight!

Comparison trial at 12 swine farms in the German province 'Nord Rhein Westfalen' on 280 litters, under supervision of Johannes Hilgers, LRS Meckenheim, Germany.

Conclusion

Due to the supplementation of Nuklospray Yoghurt to suckling piglets, the weaning weights at 25 days were more than 400 grams higher and mortality was reduced with almost 2%. Farmers were now able to keep more piglets with the mother sow and the transition to solid feed went very smoothly.

Trial

From May to August 2009 the LRS (Rheinische Zuchtverband), which is a German herd book organisation, conducted a trial amongst its clients to evaluate the benefits of Nuklospray Yoghurt. Next to subjective statements also objective numbers were examined. Johannes Hilgers presented the trial results on the "Rheinischer Schweinetag" (an important regional swine sector meeting) last November. He advocated that using Nuklospray Yoghurt during the suckling period is the safest and easiest way to achieve better rearing results.

Results

In average, piglets of the Nuklospray Yoghurt group were app. 400 grams heavier at weaning. The pre-weaning mortality rate was reduced with almost 2% to 7.6%.

All farmers who took part in this trial are still users. They report good intake of the product and are all convinced that dry feed intake is enhanced as well, due to the start up with Nuklospray Yoghurt. In addition, less foster sows are required and farmers rear more piglets per sow per year.

Results from Practice

12 Farms, 280 litters

