

A photograph showing several young pigs in a farm environment. In the foreground, a piglet is walking on a wooden floor with metal grates. Other pigs are visible in the background, some standing and some lying down. The lighting is natural, suggesting an outdoor or well-lit indoor farm setting.

# Welcome to the 2018 PIC® Nutrition Seminar

August 23, 2018 | Des Moines, IA

**WIFI: Hilton Honors Meeting  
Promotional Code: des25**

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## Agenda

10:00AM	Welcome
10:05AM – 10:35AM	Genetic Update
10:35AM – 12:35PM	Camborough Efficiency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Current Thoughts on Gilt Development</i></li><li>• <i>Body Condition Management</i></li><li>• <i>Update on Sow Feeding</i></li><li>• <i>Feeding Group-Housed Sows</i></li></ul>
12:35PM – 1:35PM	Lunch + The Science Behind Carcass Value
1:35PM – 2:35PM	Maximizing Profit in Wean-to-Finish <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Formulating for Maximum Profit</i></li><li>• <i>W2F Management: Nutrient Availability and Implication</i></li></ul>
2:35PM – 2:55PM	Break
2:55PM – 4:55PM	Workshop on Economic Calculators <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Nutrition Research Update</i></li><li>• <i>Lysine Economic Update</i></li><li>• <i>Energy Economic Calculator</i></li></ul>
4:55PM – 5:00PM	Final Wrap-Up, Meeting Adjourned



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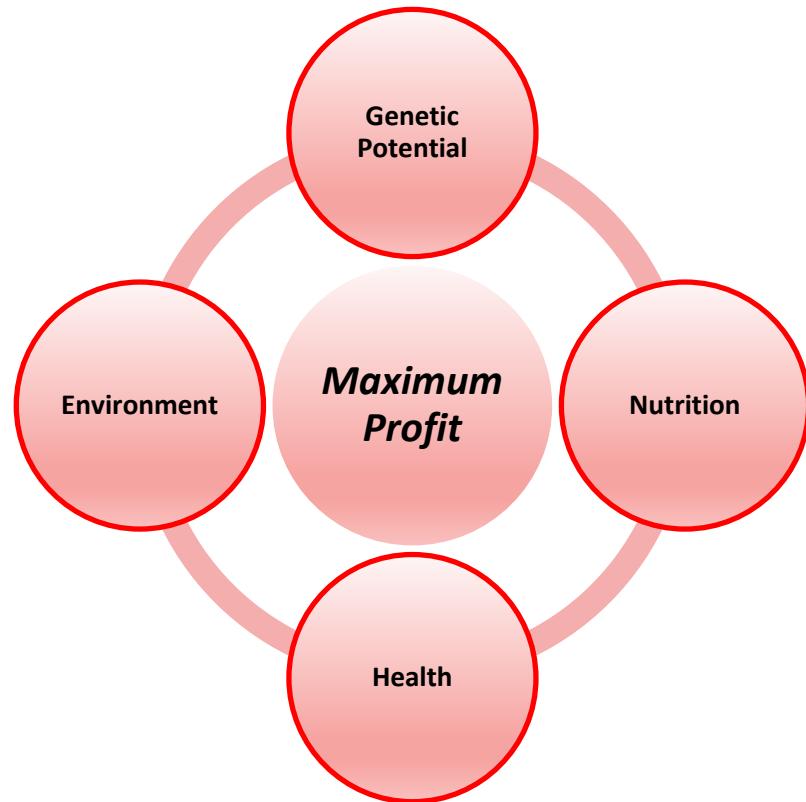
Expecting More from  
the Evolution of  
Genetics and  
Nutrition

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# Why Are We Here Today?



We believe that genetic improvement is accelerating and we can see the initial results...

We are excited about the opportunities that this provides for continued improvement...

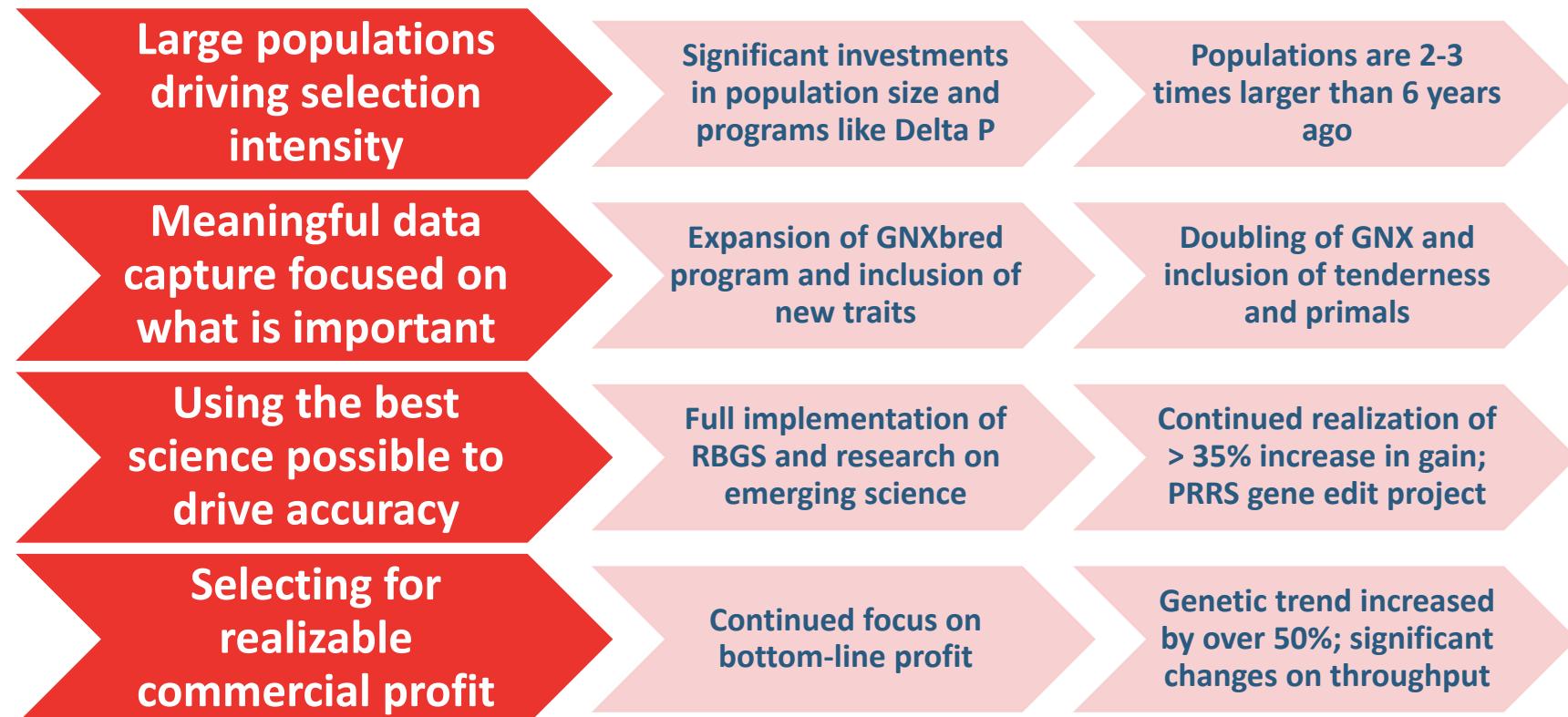
We believe that nutrition is one of those essential items that allow potential to be realized...



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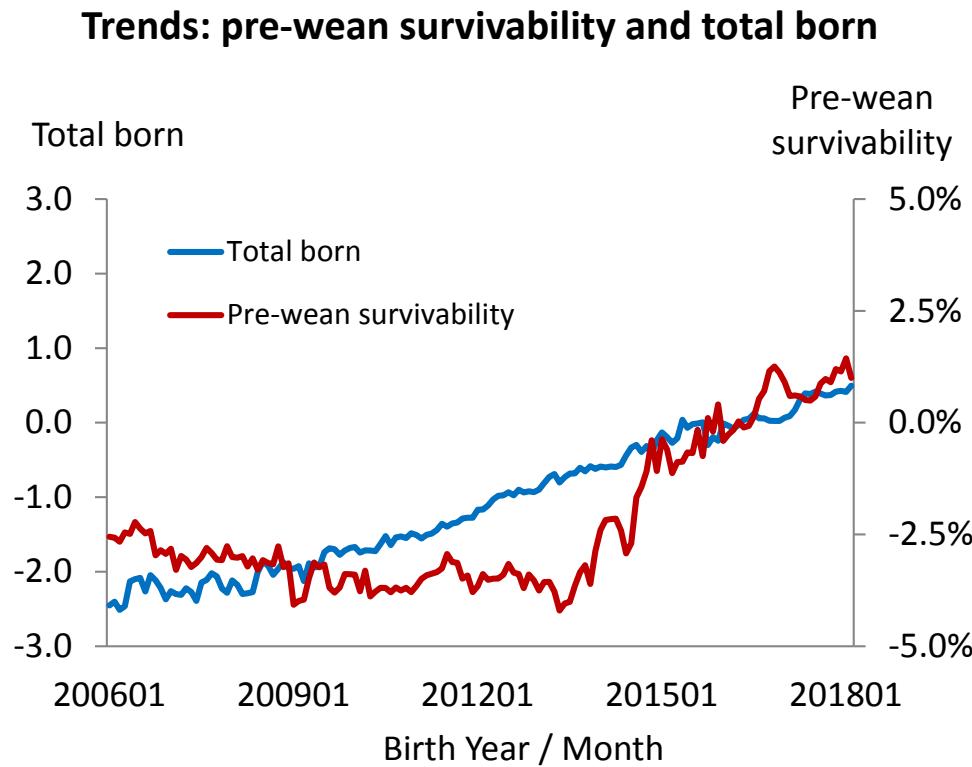
# Driving Selection Progress

## 4 Key Pillars Driving Accelerated Gain



# Increasing Quantity and Quality of Weaned Pigs

## A Few Examples of Impact



## Individual piglet birth weight

- Measured for 10 years
- Utilized for 5 years

## Today, with data and RBGS

- Acceleration for throughput (+.90 pigs/sow/year)
- Acceleration for quality / livability (+2% pre-wean mortality and .25 lbs / piglet birthweight)



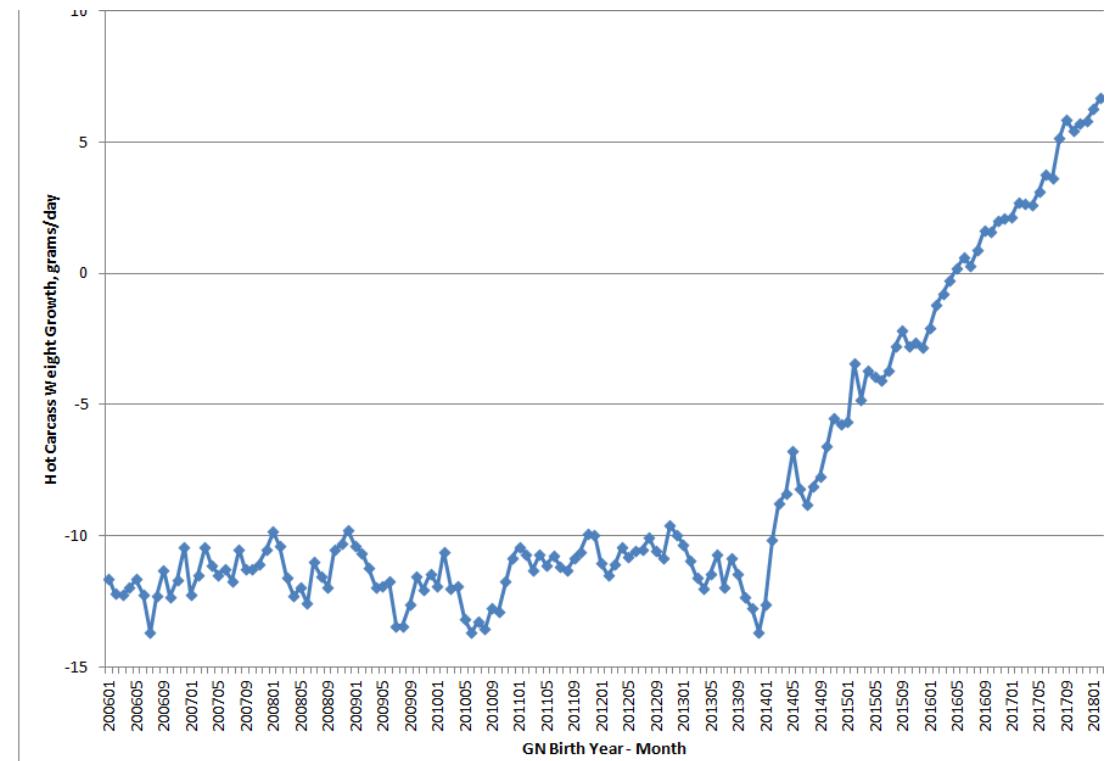
# Increasing Post-Weaning Throughput

Dramatic acceleration in growth

Why?

- Fixed time vs fixed weight
- Capture joint added benefit of intensity and accuracy

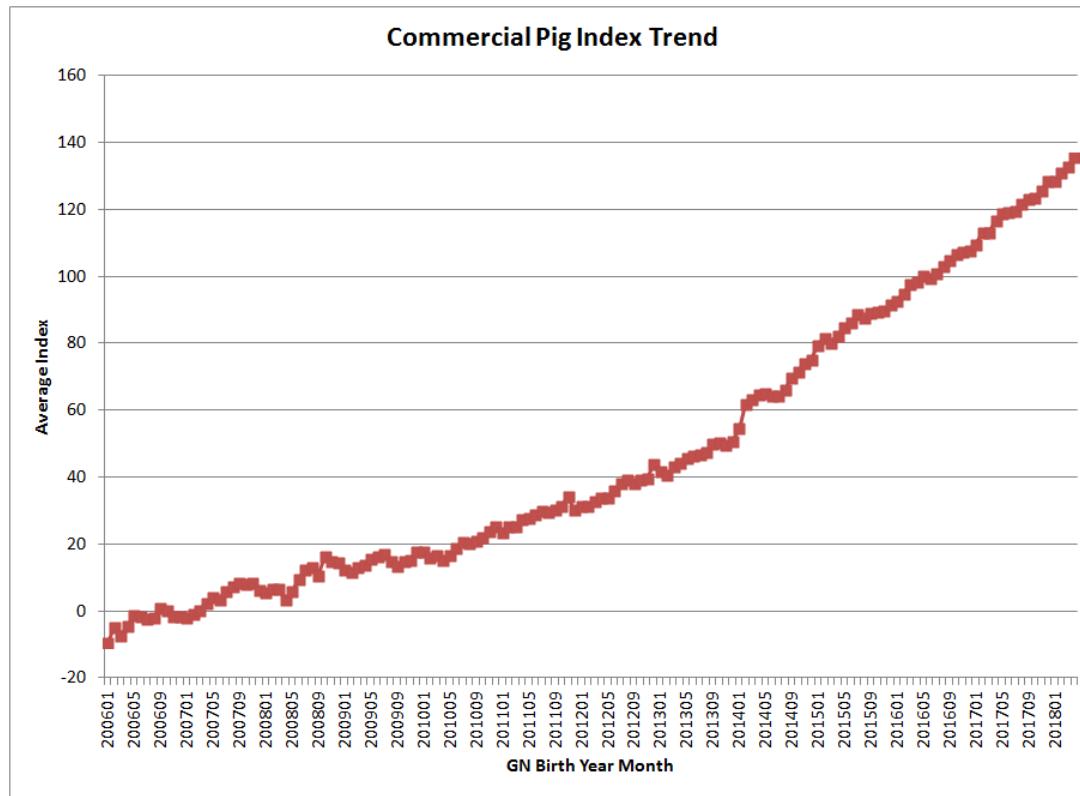
Currently, about 1/3 of way through the upward trend at the commercial level





# And, We Expect More to Come

Targeting the Future



	Today	Annual Change	2028
Pigs/Sow/Year	32.5	1.1	43.5
Weaned / Litter	13.3	.45	17.8
Kgs Weaned / Sow / Year	185.2	6.8	253.2
Pigs Weaned / Sow / Lifetime	60.0	1.3	73.0
Kgs Sold / Sow / Year	3,865	173	5,595
% Sold	93	.35	96.5
Avg Market Weight (kg)	130	1.3	143
Post-Wean Feed Efficiency	2.20	.03	1.90



## And, We Expect More

High Quality Throughput of Weaned Pigs

Top 10% for the last year

22.1 Total Born for the PIC L03

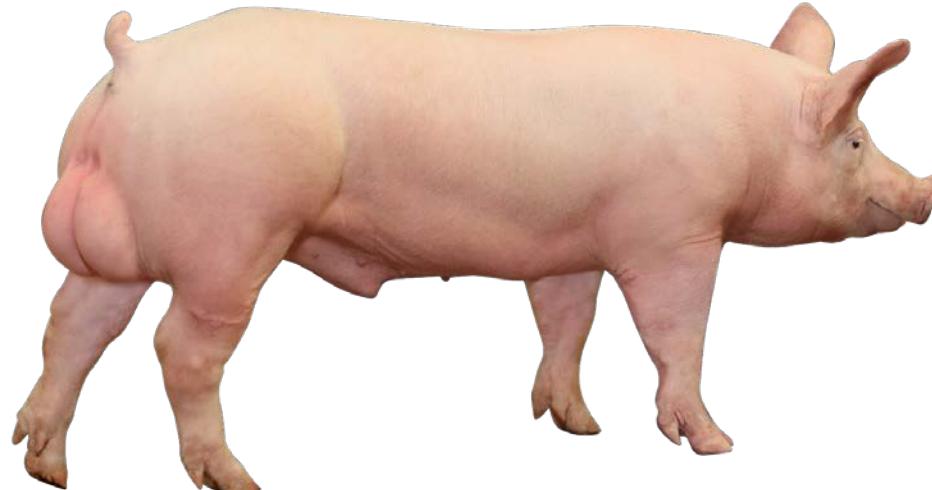




## And, We Expect More

High Throughput Post-Weaning

Top 10% over the last year...



1.339 kg / day Test ADG  
.976 kg / day Lifetime WDA



# And, We Expect More

Efficient Gain Post-Weaning



Top 10% for the last year

1.63 FCR for test period

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# Driving Selection Progress

4 Key Pillars Driving Accelerated Gain

Large populations  
driving selection  
intensity

Largest elite genetic system in the world  
with 2x the intensity of 5 years ago

Meaningful data  
capture focused on  
what is important

Triple the number of data points of 5 years  
ago and now including Tenderness

Using the best  
science possible to  
drive accuracy

Best implementation of genomic selection  
and genome sequence / gene edit R&D

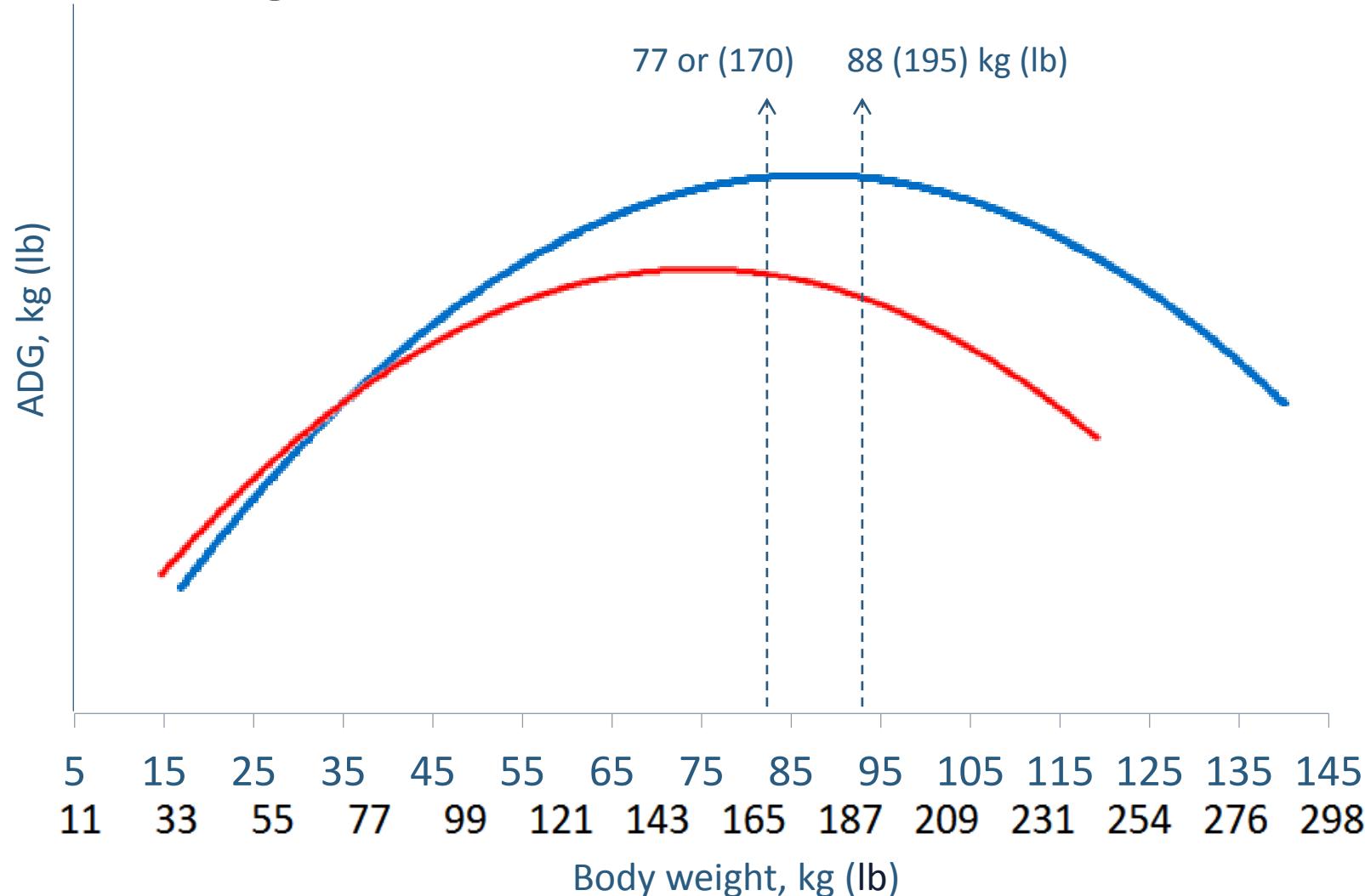
Selecting for  
realizable  
commercial profit

Genetic trends increased by nearly 50%  
over last 5 years

# Capturing Increased Potential

# Body Weight at Maximum Protein Deposition

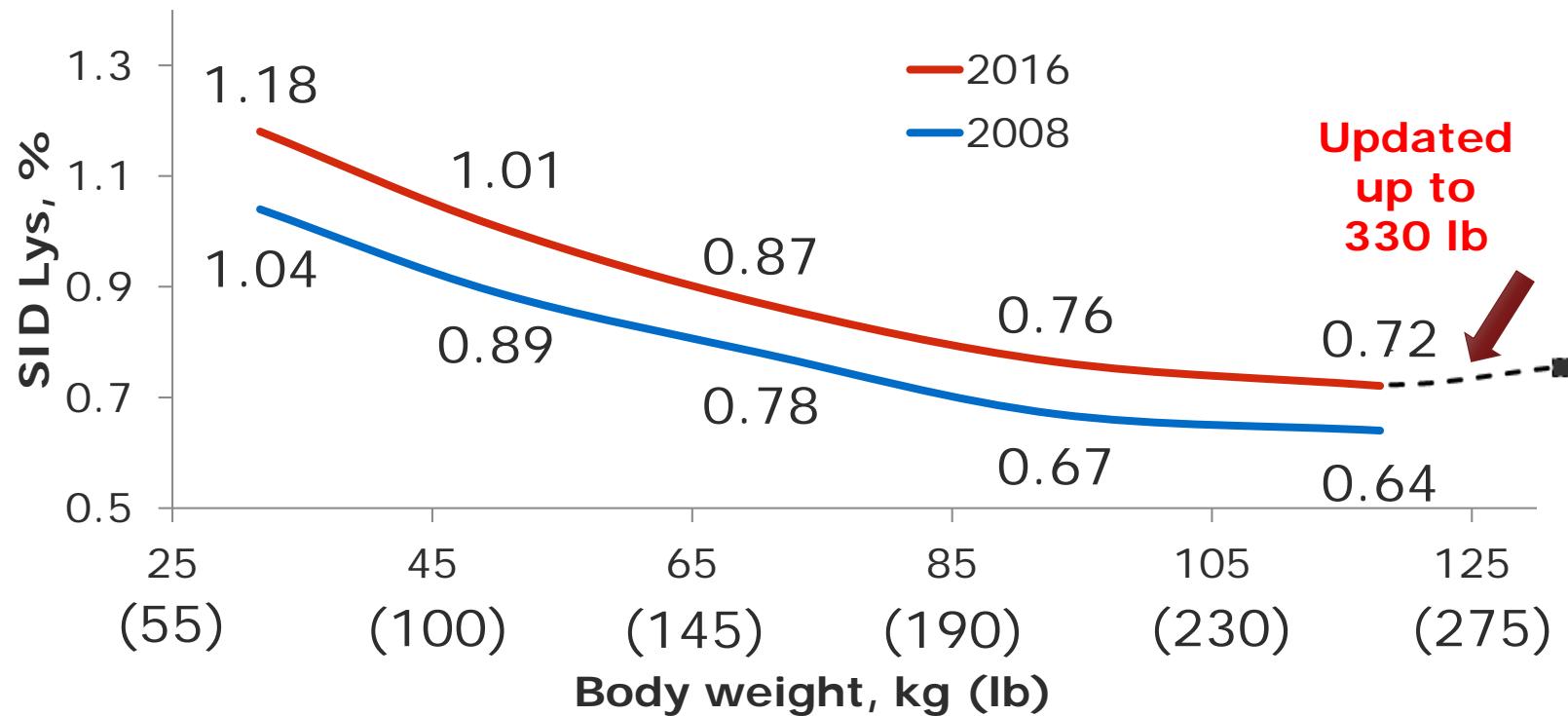
Estimated based in the growth curves of 337 in 2007 and 2016





# Amino Acid Requirements

2,440 kcal NE/kg (1,107 Kcal NE/lb)



A total of 28 commercial experiments were used in the meta-analysis with a total of 46,092 pigs.

Average of barrows and gilts, average of ADG and F/G.

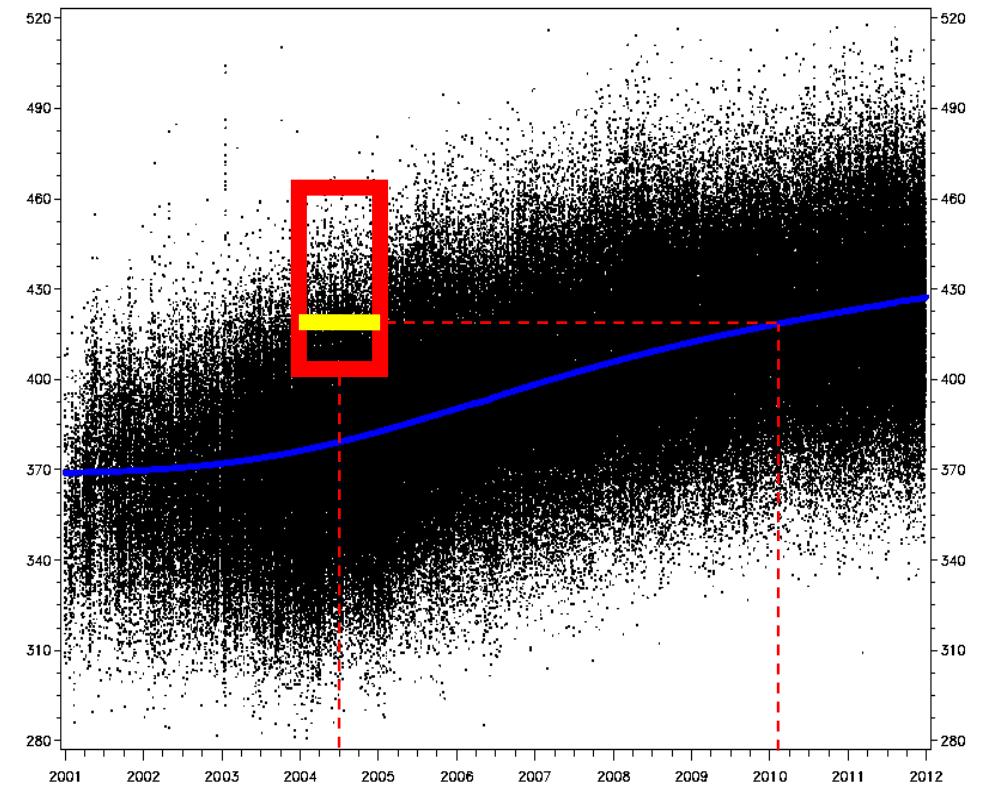
Assuming a corn-soybean meal diet. ADFI of 2.22 and 2.40 kg/d for gilts and barrows, respectively.

# Unlocking Genetic Potential

Trends in EBVs for lean tissue growth rate (LTGR)

Progress continues forward

Over a roughly 6 year period the genetic merit of the most elite animals become the genetic merit of the average





# Increasing the Realization of Success

## Efficient Gain Post-Weaning

- Creating genetic potential
- Capturing genetic potential
  - Nutrition
  - Health
  - Environment
  - Best practices

# Current Thoughts on Gilt Development



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## Current Scenario

### It is not your father's gilt

- Improved feet and legs.
- Grow faster and leaner.
- Environment modifies performance and behavior.

### Targets

- Go beyond P1 litter size
- Different outcomes between and within systems.

### However

- Some still breed them at the same age as your father used to do.

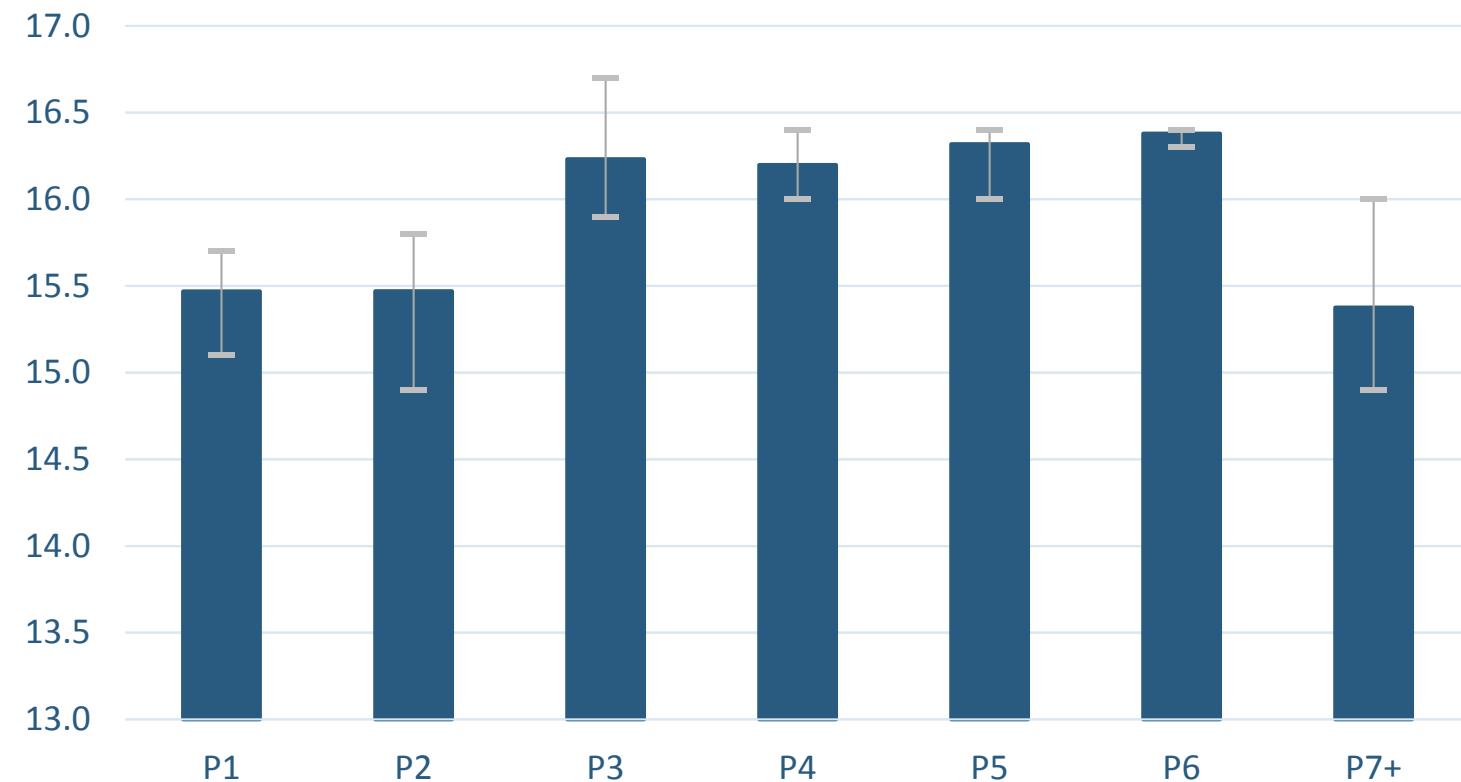


# Performance Reliability

Gilts in 16.0 TB Farms

## Total Born By Parity - 9,000 Farrowings

■ System Average — System Highest — System Lowest





# Performance Reliability

Gilts in 16.0 TB Farms

- **High performance** – At/around the farm litter size average.
- **>15.5 pigs at farrowing**
  - 30% litters  $\geq$  16.0 TB.
  - 45% of litters  $\geq$  15.0 TB.
  - 60% of litters  $\geq$  14.0 TB.
- **No dips** – P2 dip is absent or negligible.
- **Longevity** – If no management decision to cull young individuals, 75% of them should make it to P3 and 50% to P6.

# Gilt Development Starts Early

- It is wrong to consider that reproductive management starts with the boar exposure.

## Gestation

Stress on pregnant dam

Uterine capacity/placental efficiency and litter size

## Birth-10 wks

Ovaries and uterus grow proportionally to the gilt's growth

## 11-20 wks

Vesicular follicles appear  
Increased number of >3mm follicles after 15-16 wks

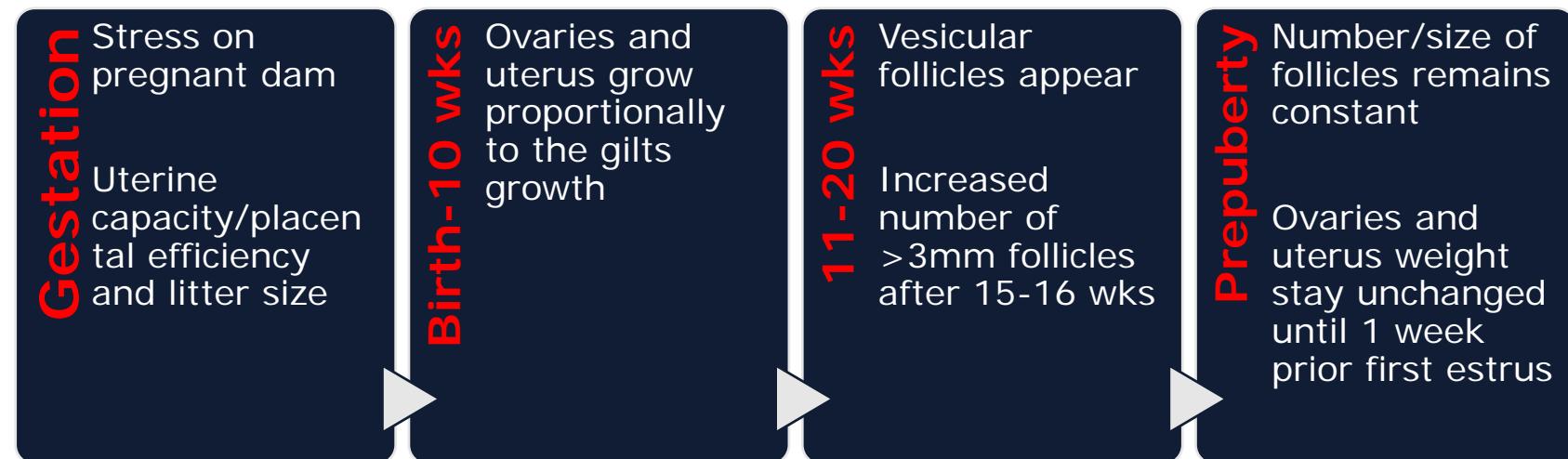
## Prepuberty

Number/size of follicles remains constant

Ovaries and uterus weight stay unchanged until 1 week prior first estrus

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# Anatomical Changes

- **Puberty** – It is the phase that starts with the first estrus. This occurs when gilts reach a certain stage of physiological maturation to support successful reproduction.

Category	Age(d)	Uterus weight (g)	Uterus eco area (cm <sup>2</sup> )
Infantile	181	46	3.5
Impubertal	182	121	13
Prepubertal	184	291	30
Puberty	185	359	41

- **Uterus weight and area** - Highly correlated ( $R^2 = 0.92$ )

# Common Gaps

## Man-Power

- **Understaffing** - When understaffed, puberty management is, too often, the first casualty.
  - Do the farms know what are the man-hours needed to do a world-class job.
  - Work load in a stocking (5x).
- **Even if fully staffed** – Trained vs. untrained staff; motivated vs. unmotivated staff.
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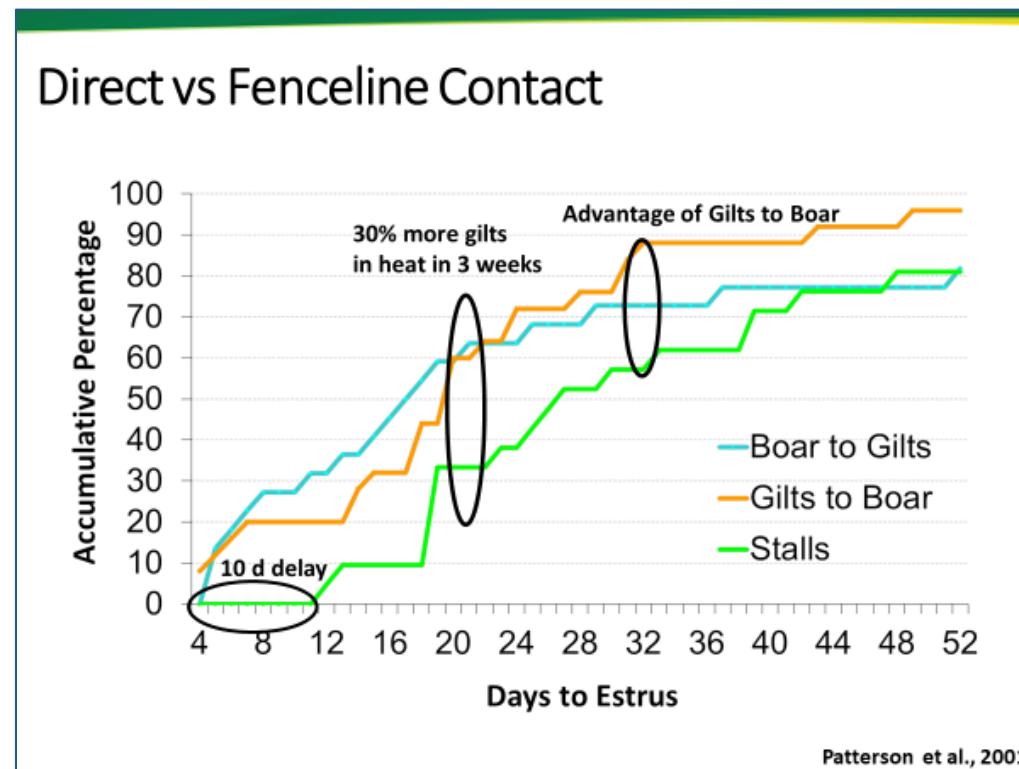
## Boar-Power

- Check your heat checking boars.
  - Number of boars.
  - Age.
  - Body condition.
  - Feet status.
  - Libido.
- Fence-line boar exposure is not as effective as direct exposure (nose-to-nose contact inside the pen).
- Heat detecting boars replacement.

# Common Gaps

## People and Boars Interface

- **Good execution** – Based on 5 interlinked columns: Boar exposure, **heat induction**, heat detection and **heat recording**, 7 days a week.
  - Fence contact is not what it takes.



# Common Gaps

Factors Explaining Variations in Gilt Response to Boars

- **Stimulus value of the boar(s)** - Reciprocal response from gilts promotes boar courtship behavior and saliva production.
- **Amount of physical gilts to boar interaction** - Tactile, auditory, olfactory and even visual are additive/synergistic to pheromones.
- **Duration and frequency of boar exposure**



# Common Gaps

## Bodyweight and Feed

- **Current recommendation**
  - No individual gilts bred below 300 lbs.
  - >90% of gilts should be bred in the 300 to 350 lbs range.
- **PICpro100** - Proprietary information representing a 1.2m sow base and 480 farms.
  - Believe it or not - Feeding cost and feeding strategies repercussions are both poorly appreciated by production people.
  - Body weight (actual or estimated) - Essentially unknown.



## For Your Consideration

- **GDU should be similar in status to farrowing and B&G**
  - The dilemma between urgent needs vs. important needs is alive and well.
  - It is hard to conceive a long term behavioral change when GDU is perceived, by many, as too simple and/or too mechanical.

# For Your Consideration

- **Help the gilts to better express heat**
  - Provide direct boar exposure inside the pen instead of fence line exposure.

## Key components of puberty stimulation

- **The Boar – The most potent stimulus of pubertal onset in gilts.**
  - Boar libido is a critical factor influencing puberty attainment in gilts.
  - Multiple, daily, exposures to a rotation of mature boars maximize the response to this component of the “boar effect”.
- **Direct boar contact is better than fenceline contact**
- **Taking the gilts to the boars is more effective compared to taking the boar to the gilts pen**



Courtesy of Jennifer Patterson  
University of Alberta



## For Your Consideration

- **Help the gilts to better express heat**
  - Minimize the prevalence of refractory gilts and maximize their response to the boar
  - A tough pill to swallow but worth the try:
    - Allocate man and boar-power to get the job done in 120 minutes or less, without compromising the time/gilt needed.



## For Your Consideration

- **Help the boars to do their job**
  - Heat detecting boars should not work longer than continuous 60 minutes.
  - Keep boars in the thin side.
  - Maintain boar feet health.
  - Maintain their libido.



## For Your Consideration

- **Help the boars to do their job**
  - Support young boars effect: In stockings, perhaps the use of pheromones could help
  - Heat detecting boars replacement: Have a documented and known annual replacement plan.



## For Your Consideration

- **Help the boars to do their job**
  - Proactively estimate the boar needs. For instance, a 5,600 sow unit would require:
    - Stockings: Min 18
    - 65% RR: Min 4.
    - 45% RR: Min 3.
  - Size (volume) matters. A 1,200 sow unit need 1 boar per 80 gilts to expose vs. 1 to 120 in a 5,600 one.
    - Layout also can affect the ratio and the need to work with pen-mates boars.



## For Your Consideration

- **Know the actual weight at first breeding** – It will optimize gilt COP, allow feed adjustments and avoid long term detrimental consequences.
- It typically cost \$15/year/inventoried sow to postpone first breeding by 21 days.



## In Closing

- **Opportunity size** - Your current performance vs. 16 TB.
- **Resources needed** – People, boars, records.
- **Information** - True gilt weight at first breeding.
- **Feeding** - Strategy and opportunities.
- **Biology?** - Perhaps we have to break a paradigm.

# **Body condition management**

2018 PIC Nutrition Seminar

August 21 & 23, 2018

Dr. Mark Knauer

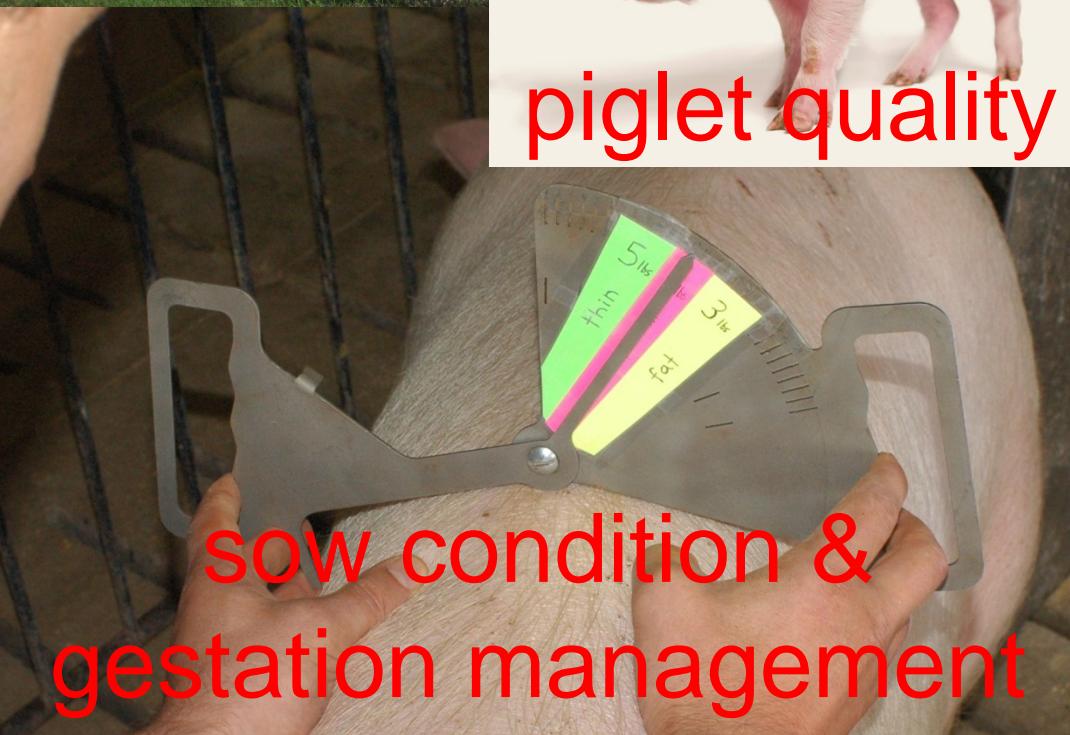
NCSU Swine Extension Specialist



# North Carolina State University - Swine Extension Specialist

- Focus
  - Swine genetics and production management
- Appointment
  - 70% extension
  - 30% research
- Start date – July 2011





heat stress

← Applied research



Basic research



sow condition &  
gestation management

genetic selection  
research lines

Secure | [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTny\\_5uvdCY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTny_5uvdCY)

YouTube Search

# New – Summer 2018

## Evaluating replacement gilts for feet and leg soundness



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Feet and Leg Soundness



# Outline

- Thin & fat sows reduce \$
- Objective sow condition tools
- What is ideal sow body condition?
- Summary

# Thin & fat sows reduce profit

Thin



Fat



Impaired reproduction  
Well-being concerns

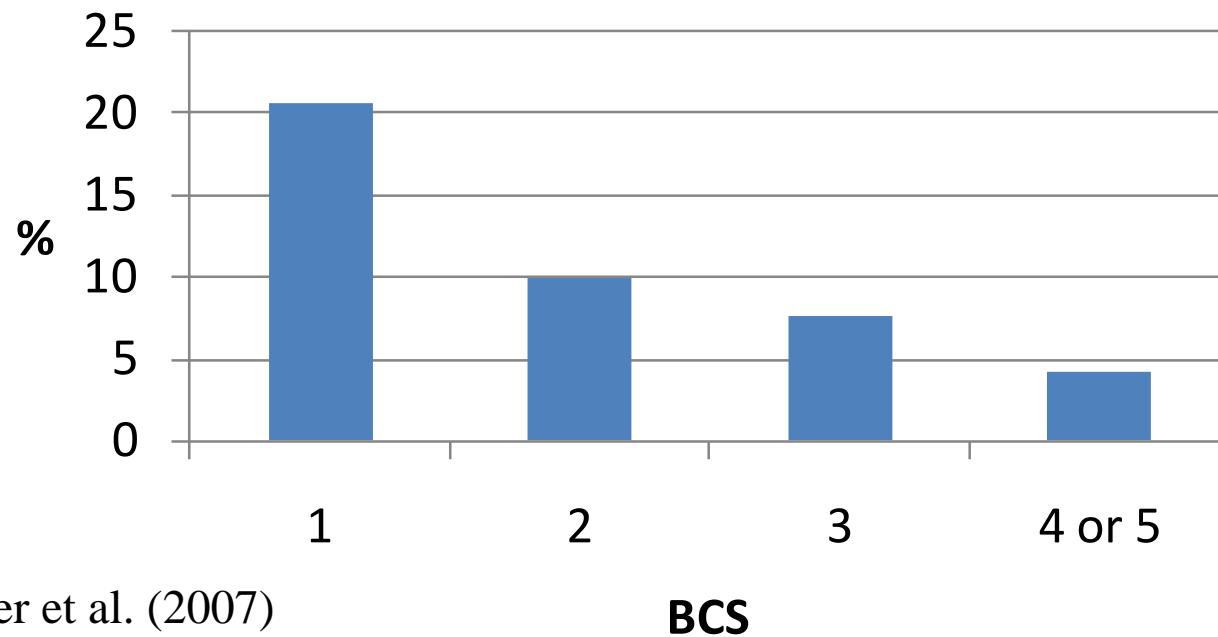
High feed costs  
Farrowing problems  
Increased preweaning mortality



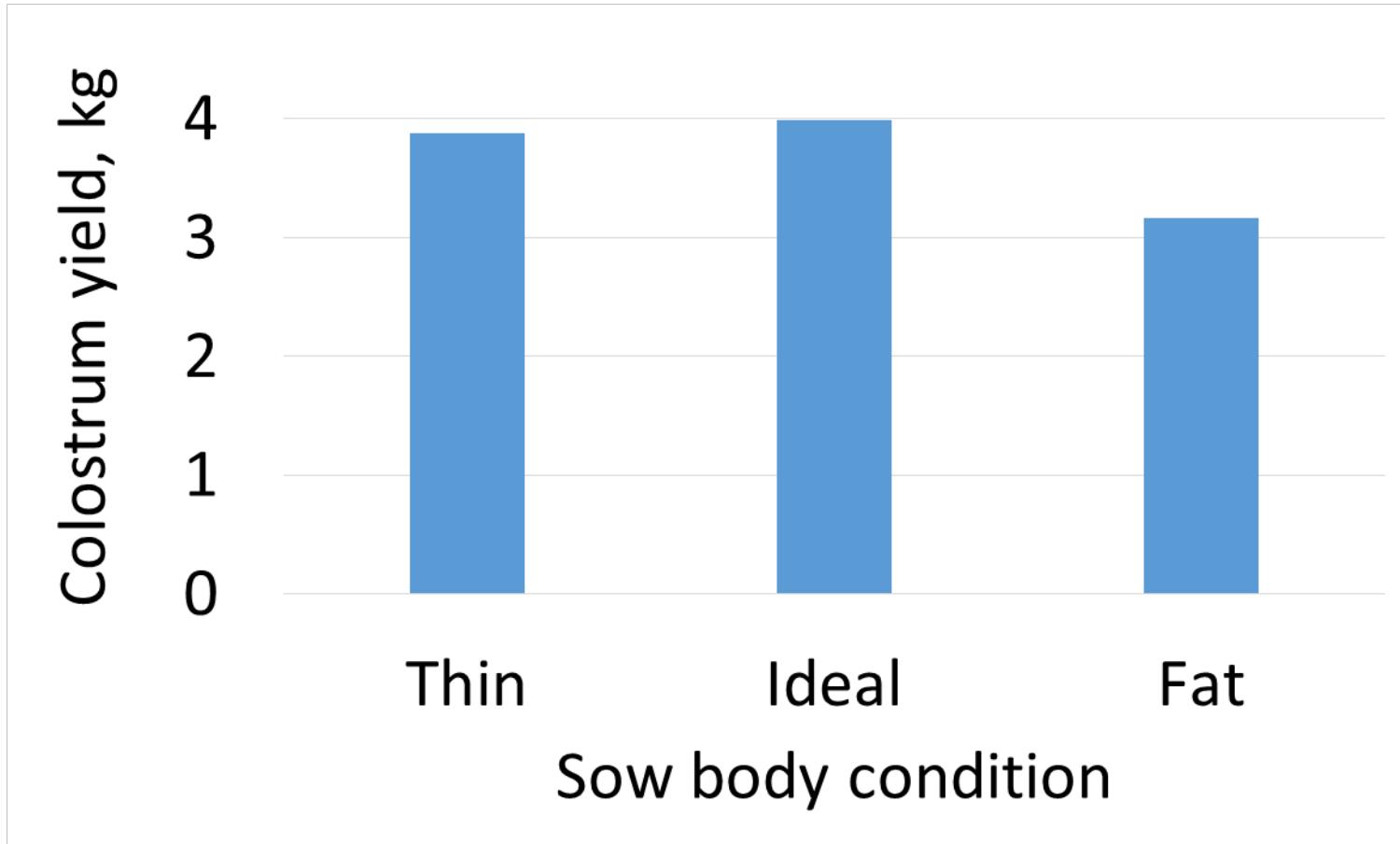
# Thin sows – impaired reproduction

- Sows that are too thin
  - Reduced farrowing rate
  - Less likely to exhibit estrus

**Acyclic ovaries from 3,158 cull sows**

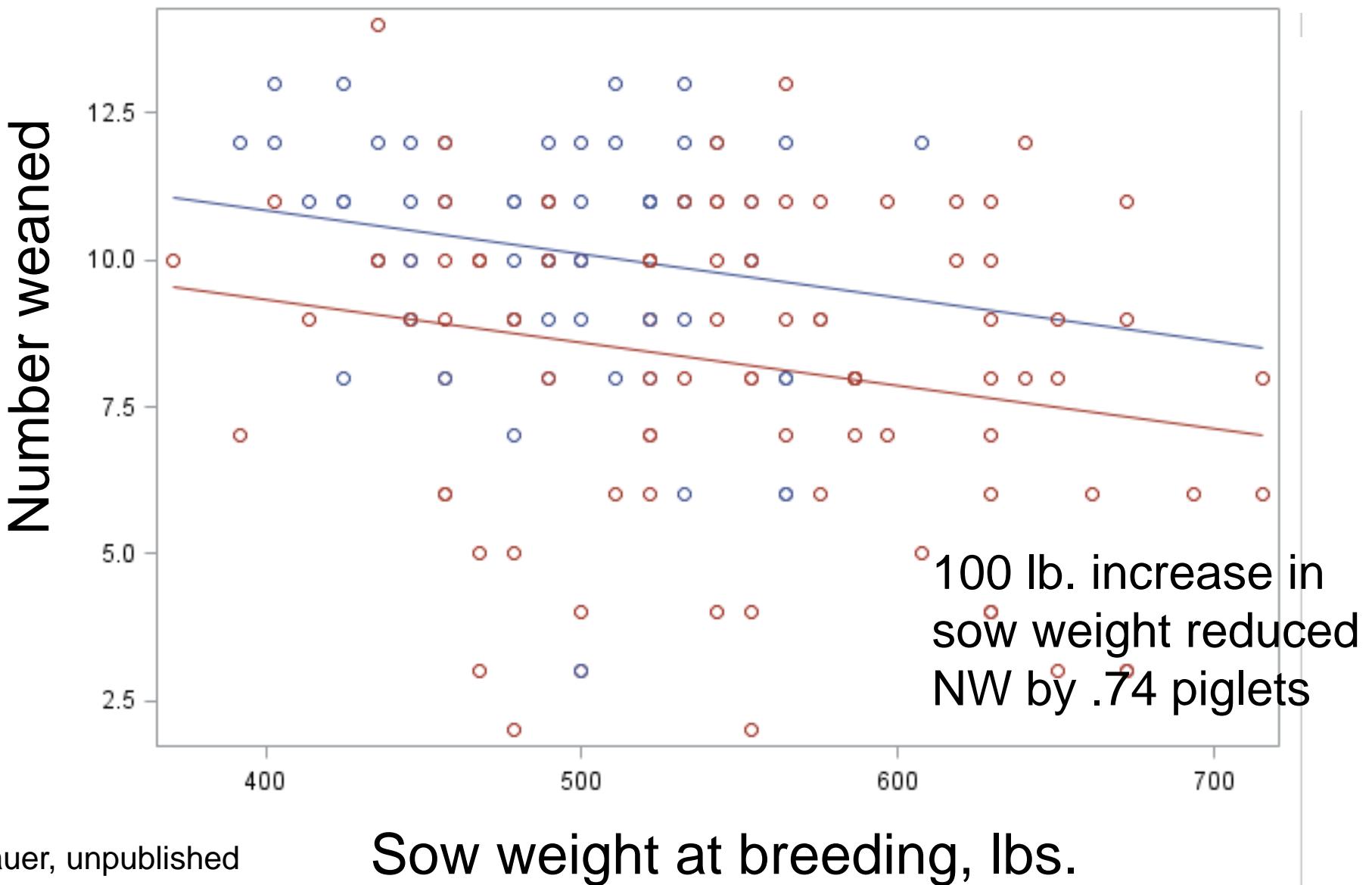


# Over conditioned sows produce less colostrum



Decaluwé et al. (2014)

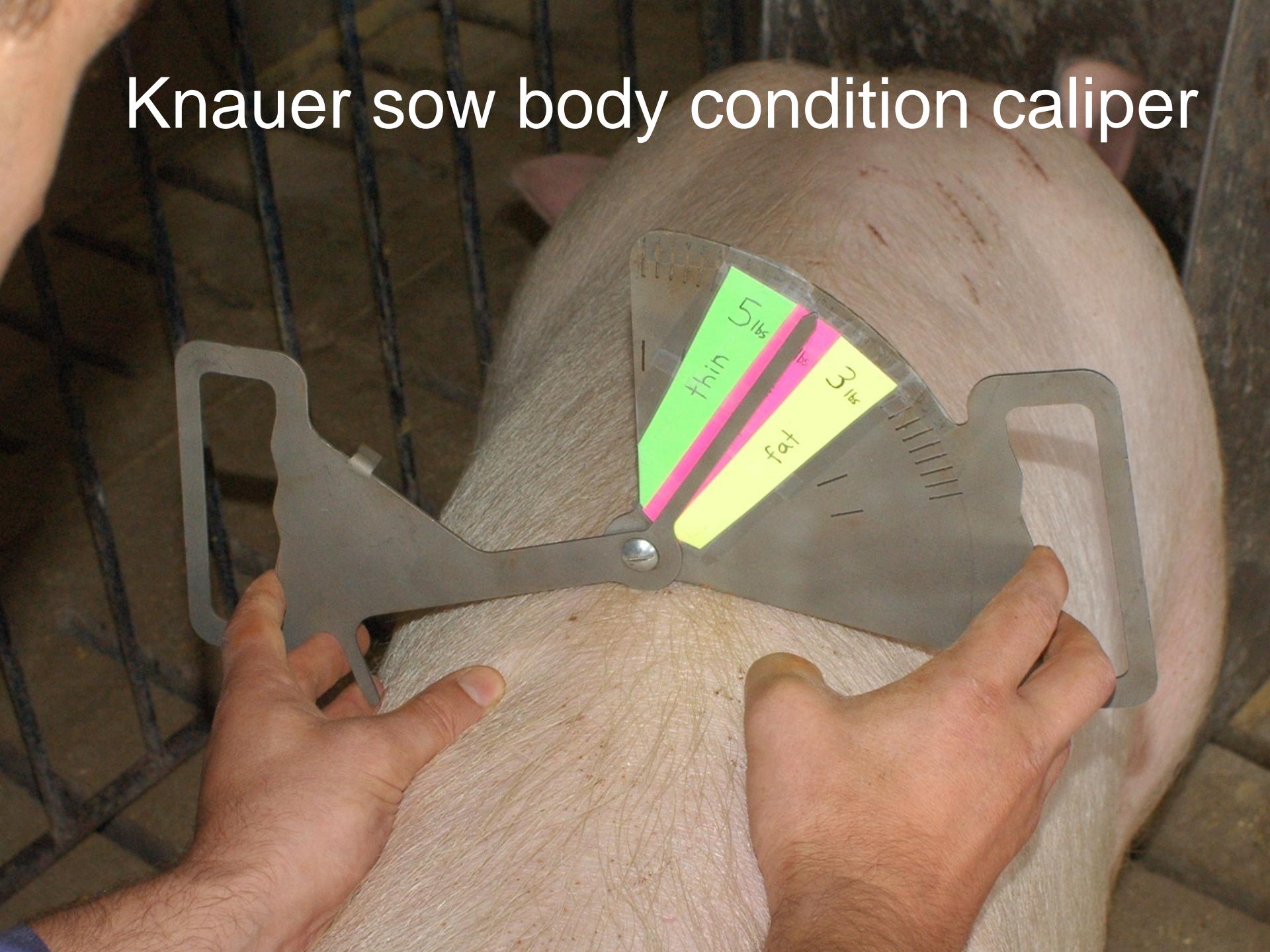
# Heavy sows wean fewer piglets



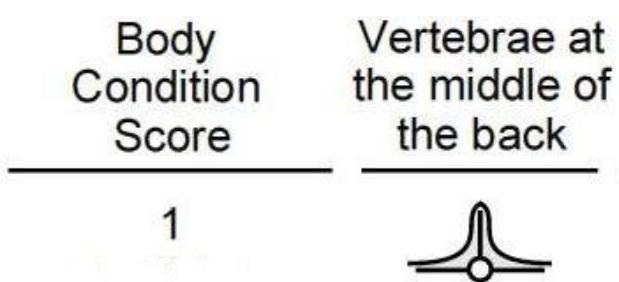
# Objective sow condition tools



# Knauer sow body condition caliper

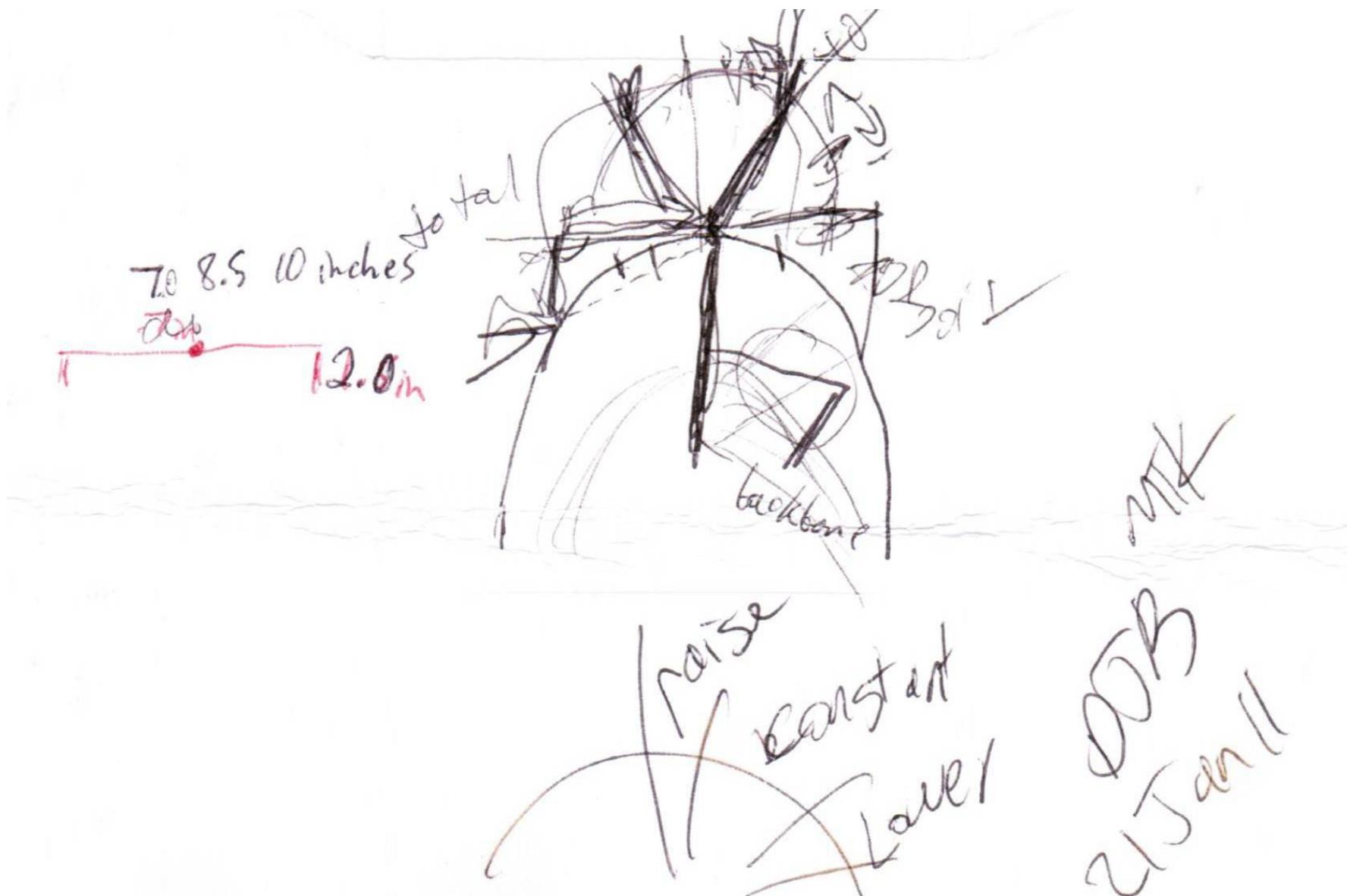


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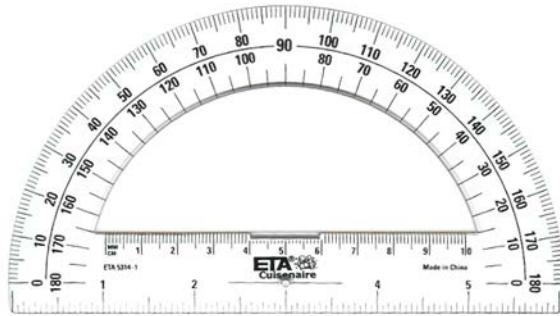


Adapted from Edmonson et al. (1989)

# Knauer sow body condition caliper



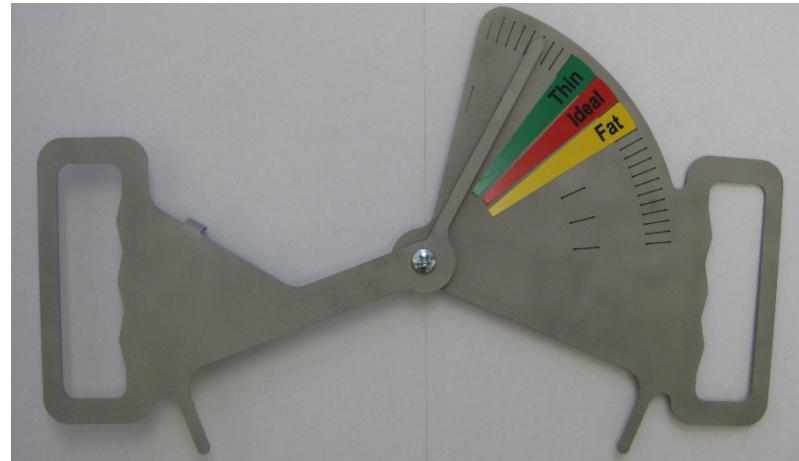
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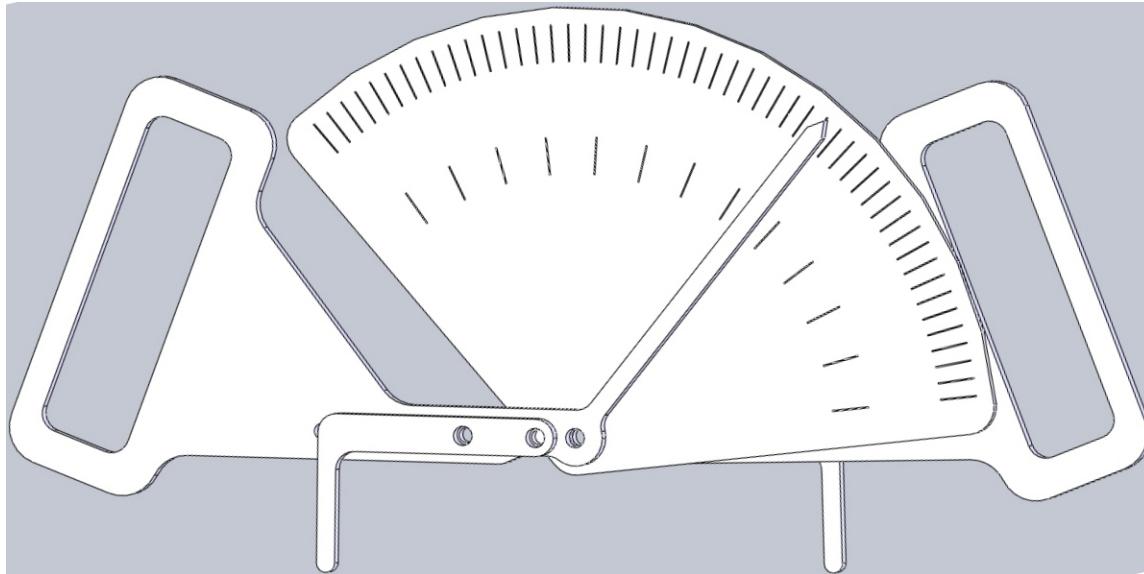
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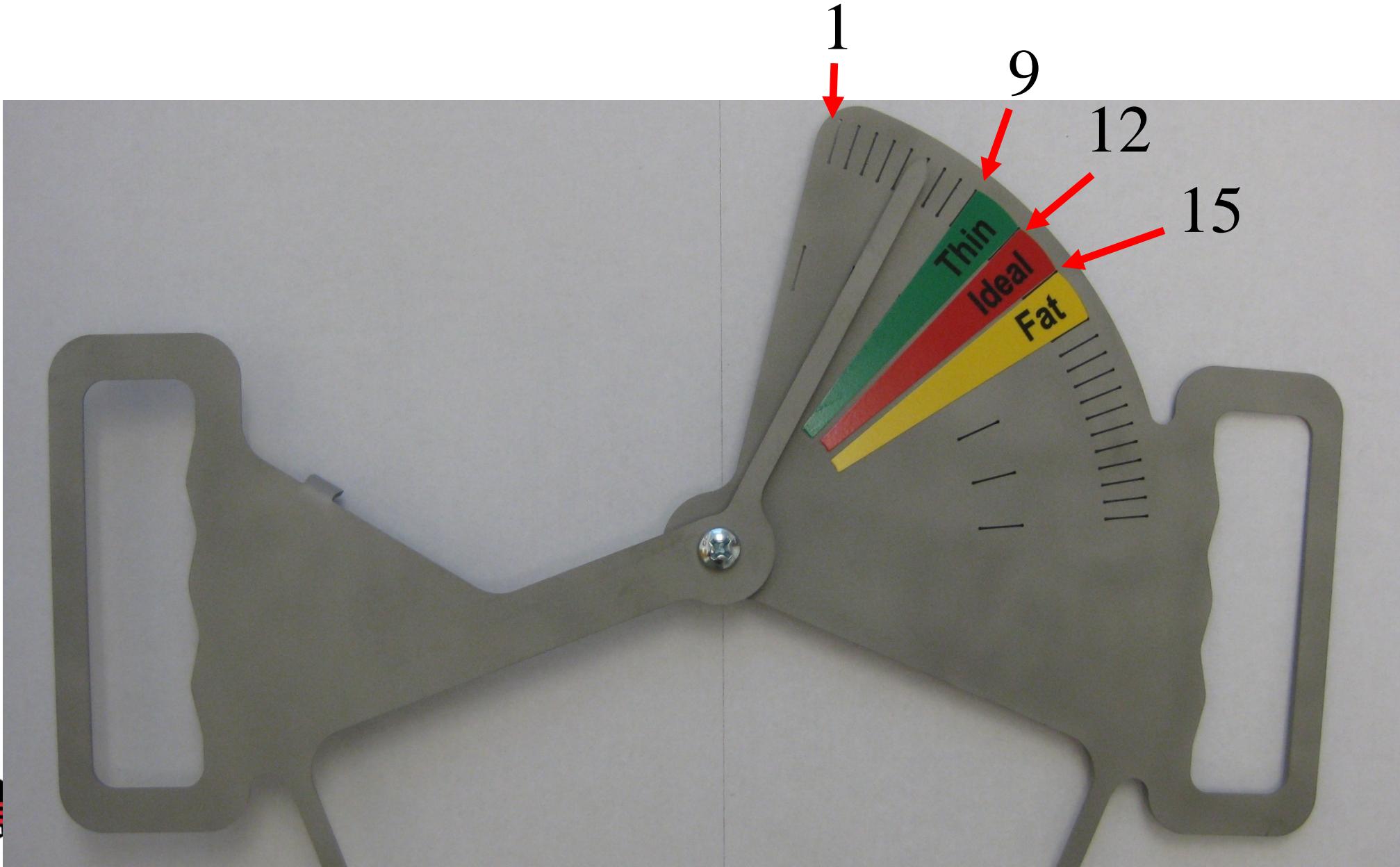
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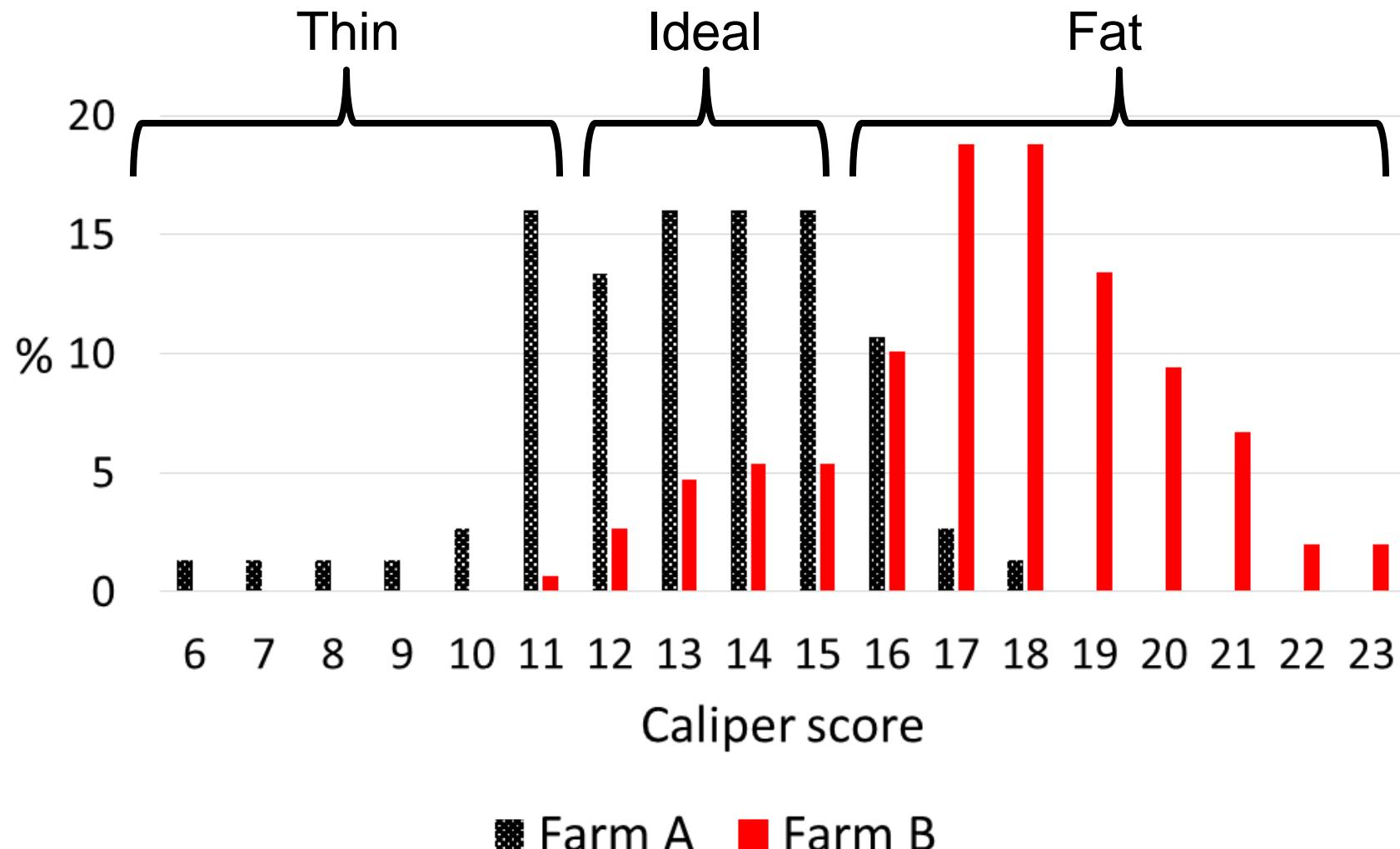
# Knauer sow caliper - prototypes



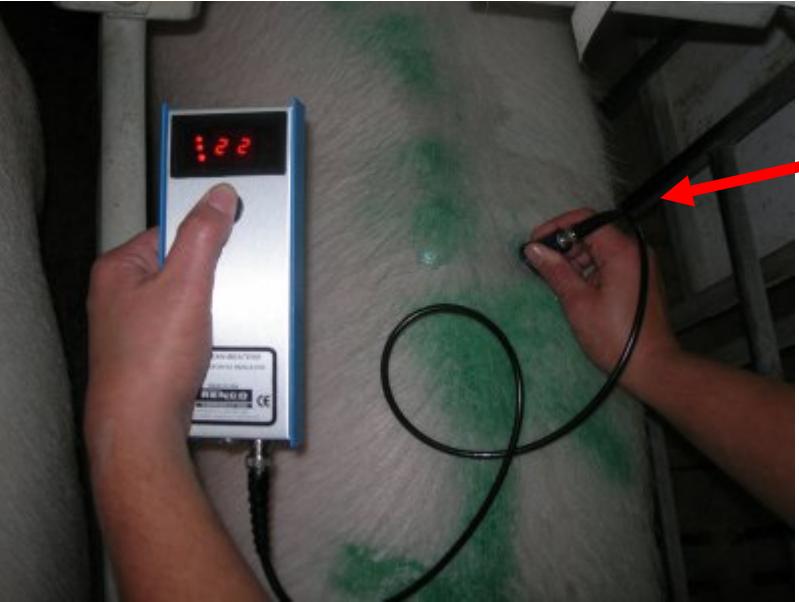
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# Validating problems with visual BCS



# Objective backfat and weight tools

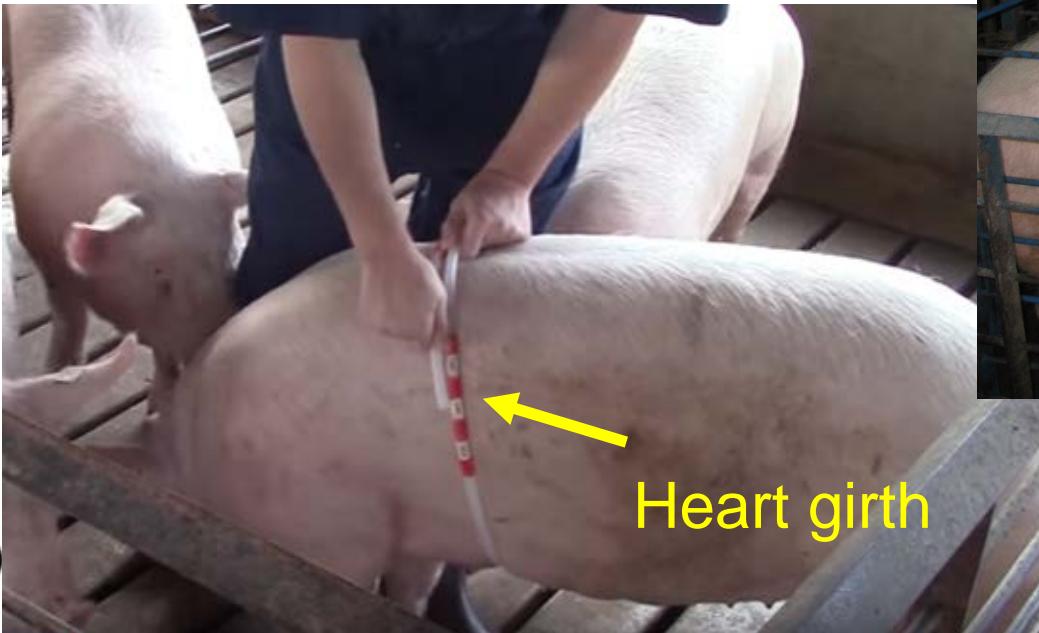


A-mode ultrasound

B-mode ultrasound

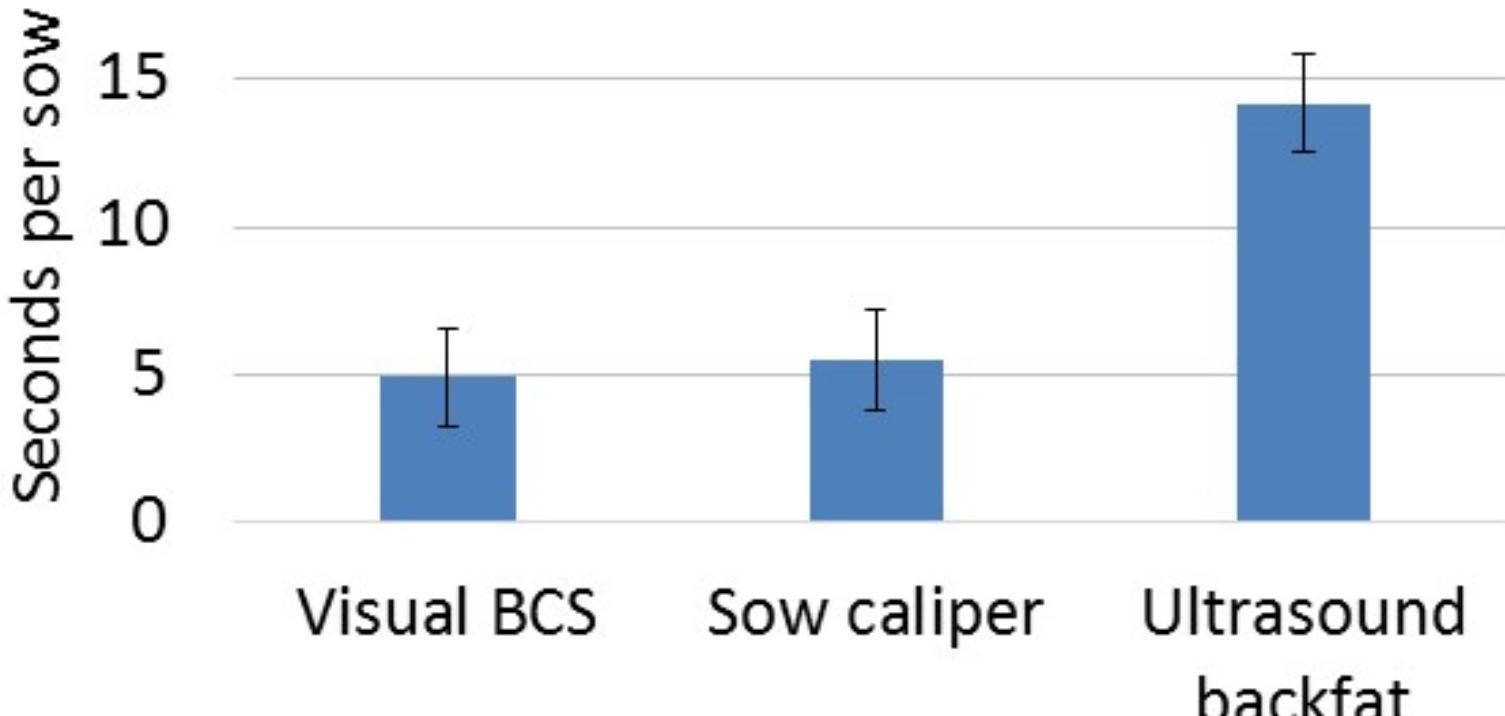


Weight



Heart girth

# BCS labor requirements



Knauer and Bryan (2015)

Technology



# What is ideal sow body condition?



# **Study A – Define ideal body condition in relation to reproduction**

- Miranda Bryan Thesis
- Commercial sow farm in eastern NC
- August 2012 - May 2013
- 1,500 whiteline sows
- Multiparous



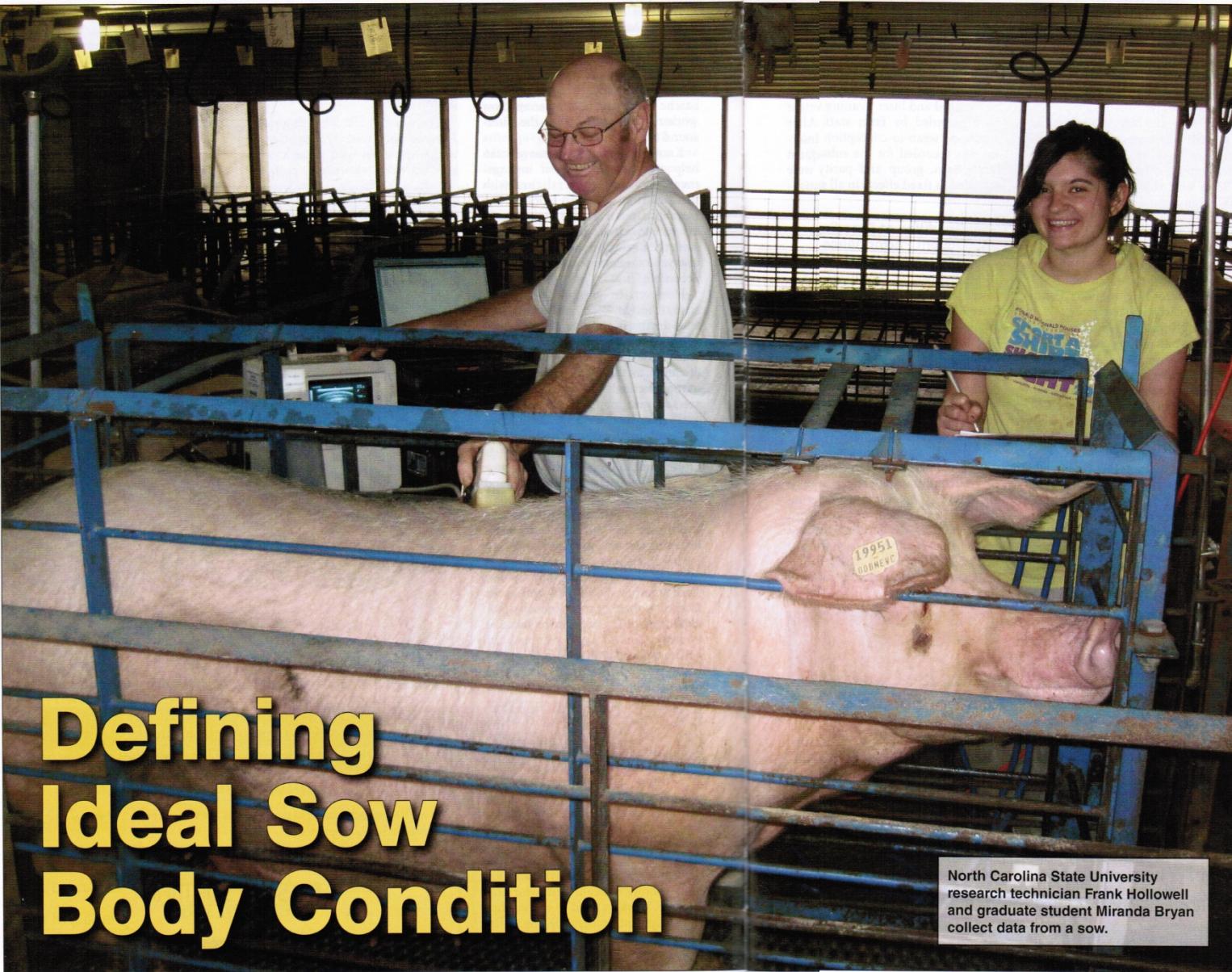


PHOTO BY MARK KNAUER

By Mark Knauer, North Carolina State University

Maintaining optimal sow body condition is an important strategy to maximize animal well-being and sow lifetime productivity. Most commercial producers feed gestating sows based on a visual (subjective) measure of body condition. However, the majority of barn workers, farm managers and service people are not highly trained in estimating body composition.

Further compounding problems with visual sow body condition scoring is the fact that the perceived ideal target for sow body condition varies among individuals.

Recently, North Carolina State University (NCSU) research validated sizeable variation in sow body condition between farms within the same production system using the same genetics, diets and housing (see [nationalhogfarmer.com/health/sow-body-condition-caliper-guides-feeding](http://nationalhogfarmer.com/health/sow-body-condition-caliper-guides-feeding)). The only difference between farms was the people adjusting the feed-drop boxes. These results suggest fast and accurate sow body condition tools would allow for needed standardization across farms.

Sow body condition is a composite trait of weight, backfat and muscling. This statement is supported by research results from several studies. In the past, many researchers and producers have used backfat as an objective measure of sow body condition. Backfat measurements can be a decent indicator of body condition. However, backfat is a poor indicator of muscling, an important component trait of body condition. Perhaps objective measurements of sow body condition should account for both backfat and muscling.

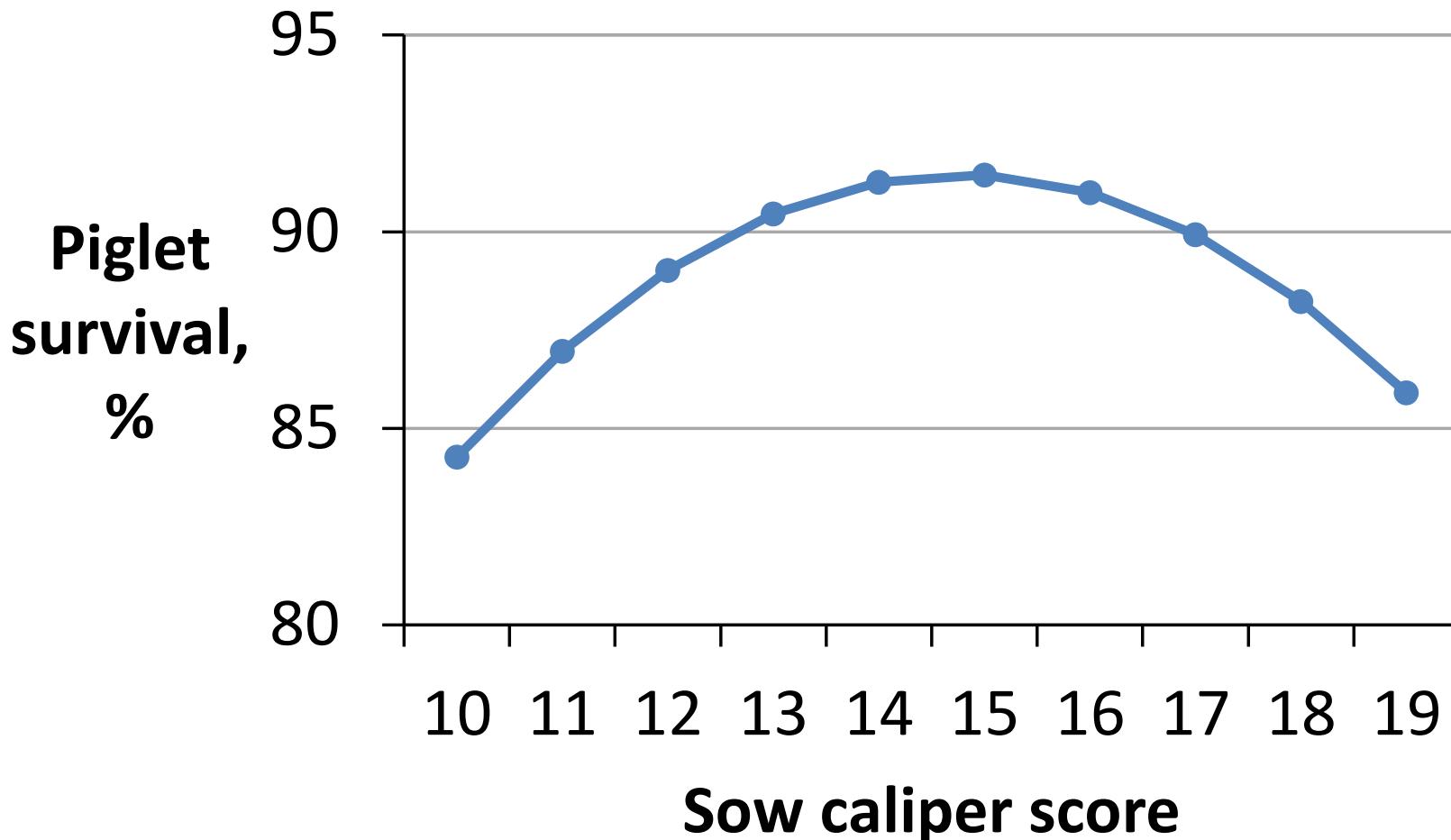
Surprisingly few studies have tried to identify the optimal sow body condition in relation to subsequent reproductive performance. Past research indicates a threshold level of body reserves is needed for reproduction. If sows lose greater than 16% of their muscle mass during lactation, subsequent reproductive performance declines. However, on today's commercial farms, determining loss of muscle mass during lactation may not

# Sow housing

- Stalls
  - Weaning to ~35 days
- Pens
  - 35 days to farrowing
  - $2.4 \times 3.0$  m
  - 4 to 5 sows per pen

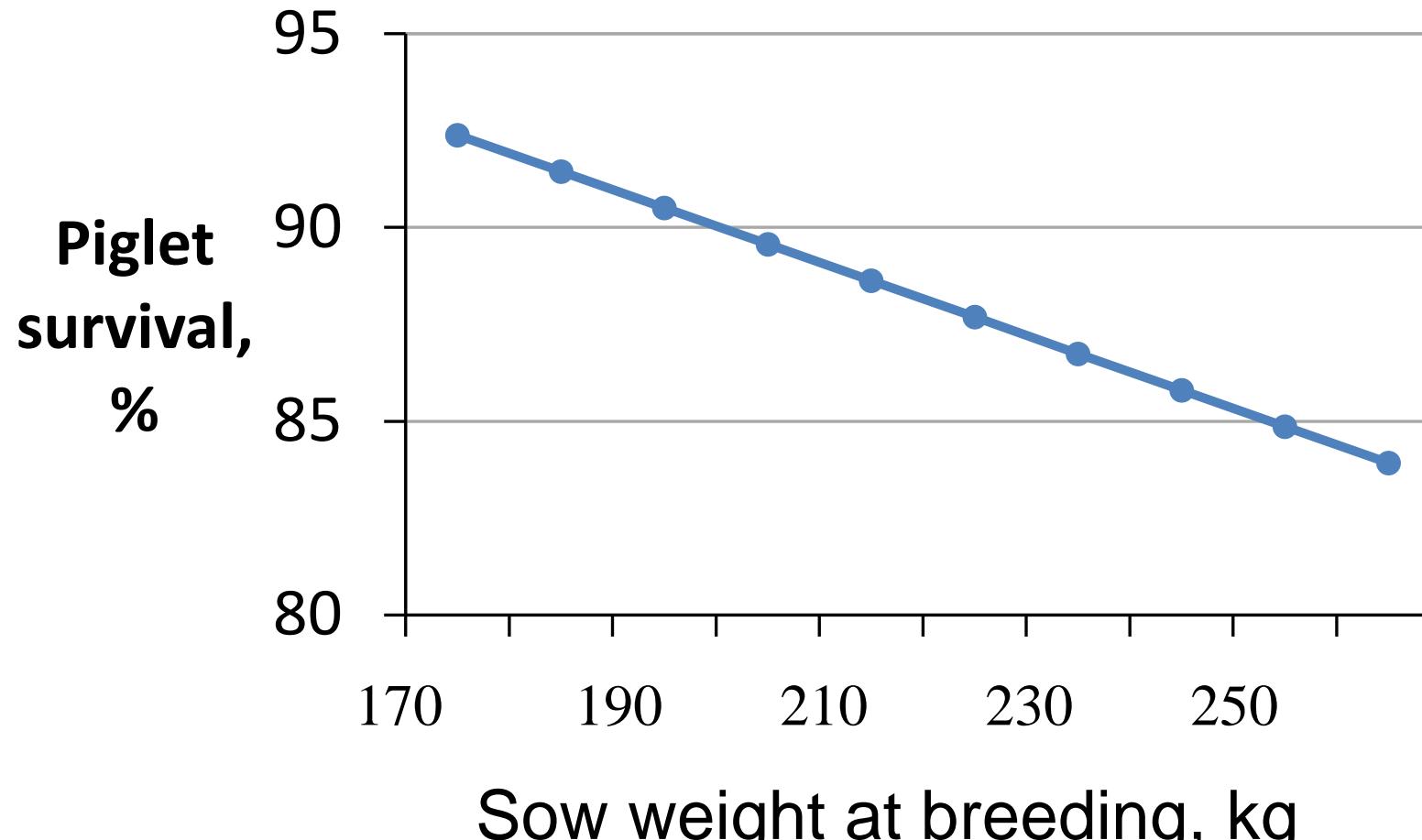


# Optimum caliper score for piglet survival



Bryan (2014)

# Lighter sows had greater piglet survival



Bryan (2014)

Parity  $p>0.05$

# **Study B – Define ideal body condition change in relation to reproduction**

- Commercial sow farm in eastern NC
  - 885 sows
  - 250 gilts
- Landrace x Large White
- February to August, 2013



# Traits measured



Ultrasound backfat



Sow caliper

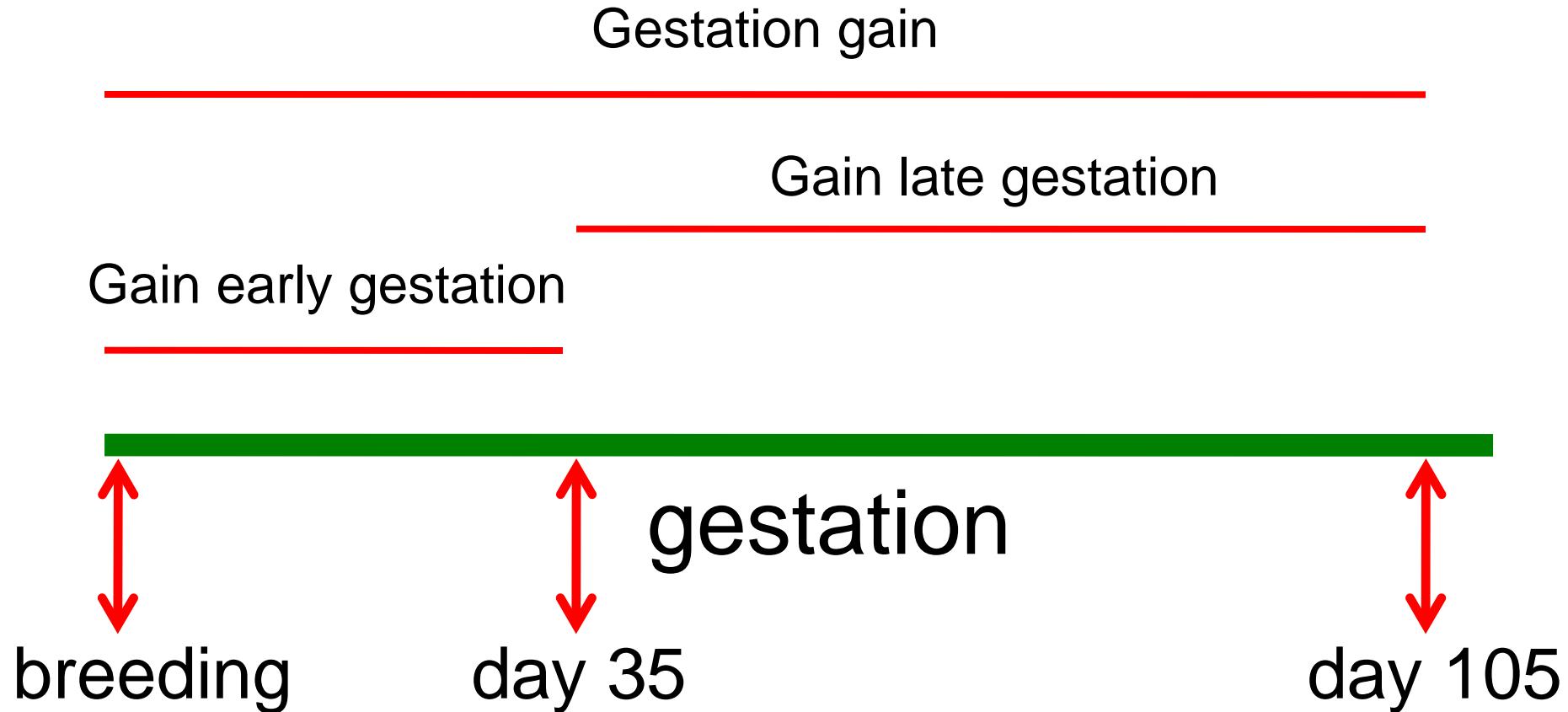


Farm body condition score

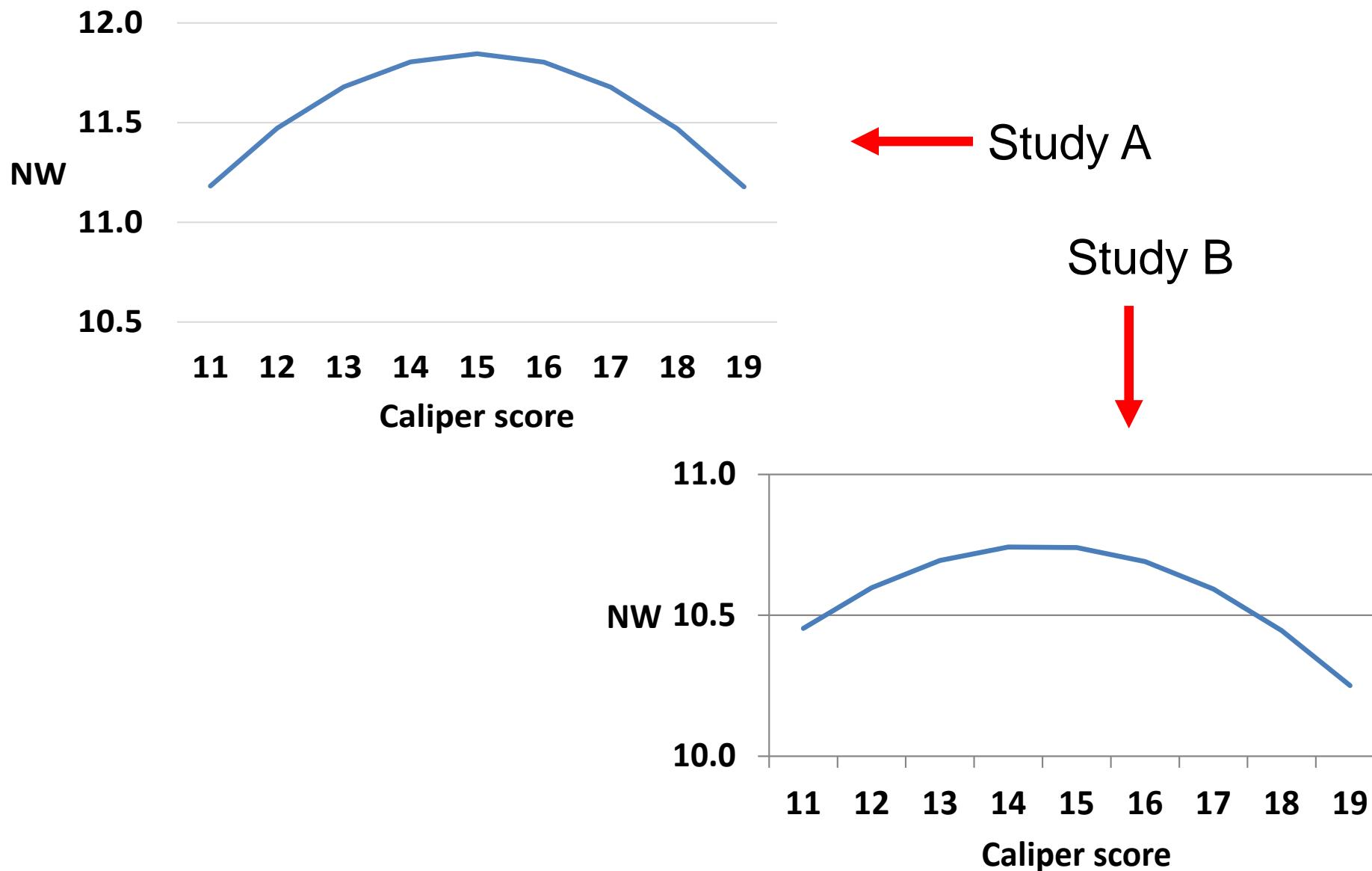


Heart girth (gilts)

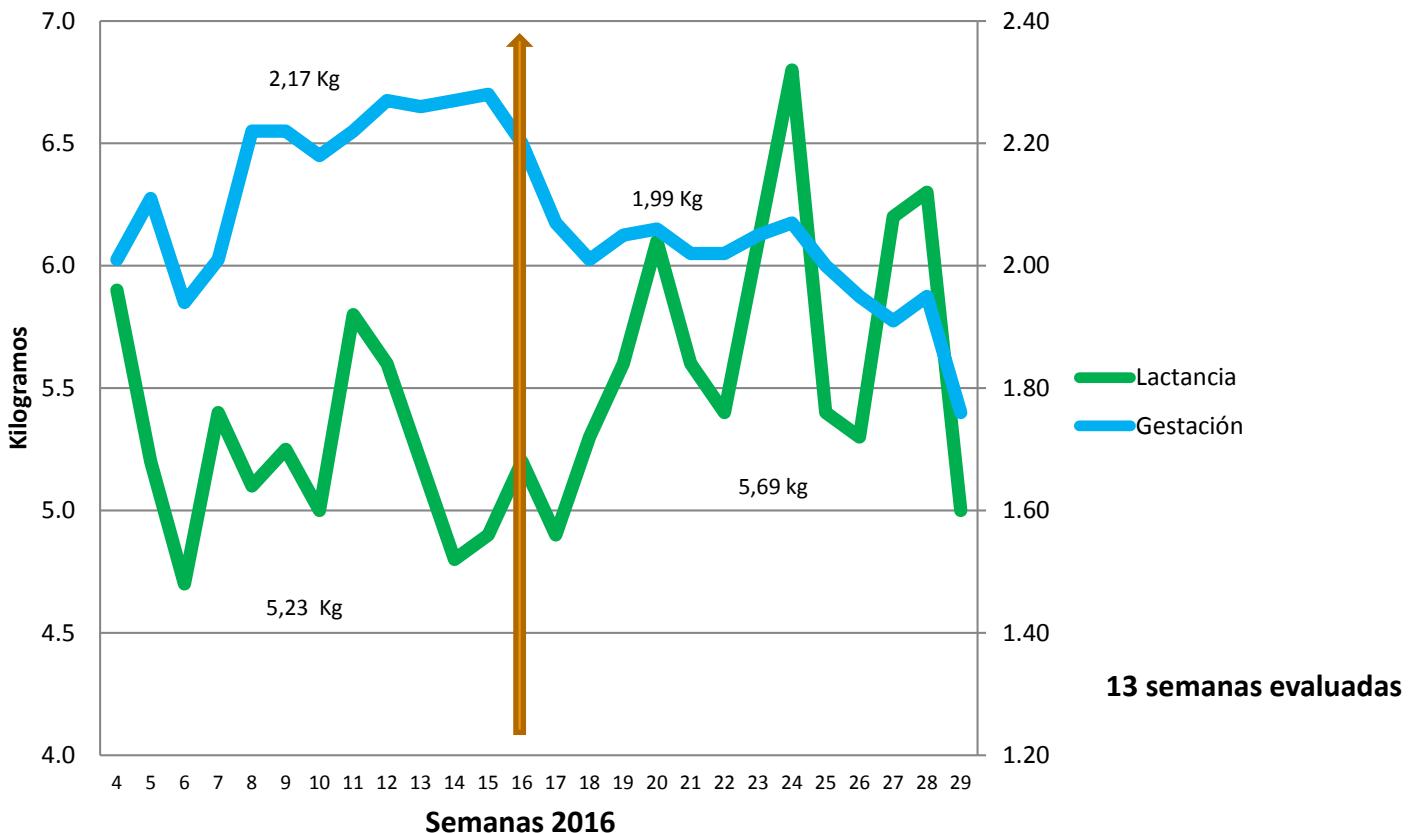
# Backfat, BCS, caliper and gilt weight traits



# Identifying “ideal” sow body condition

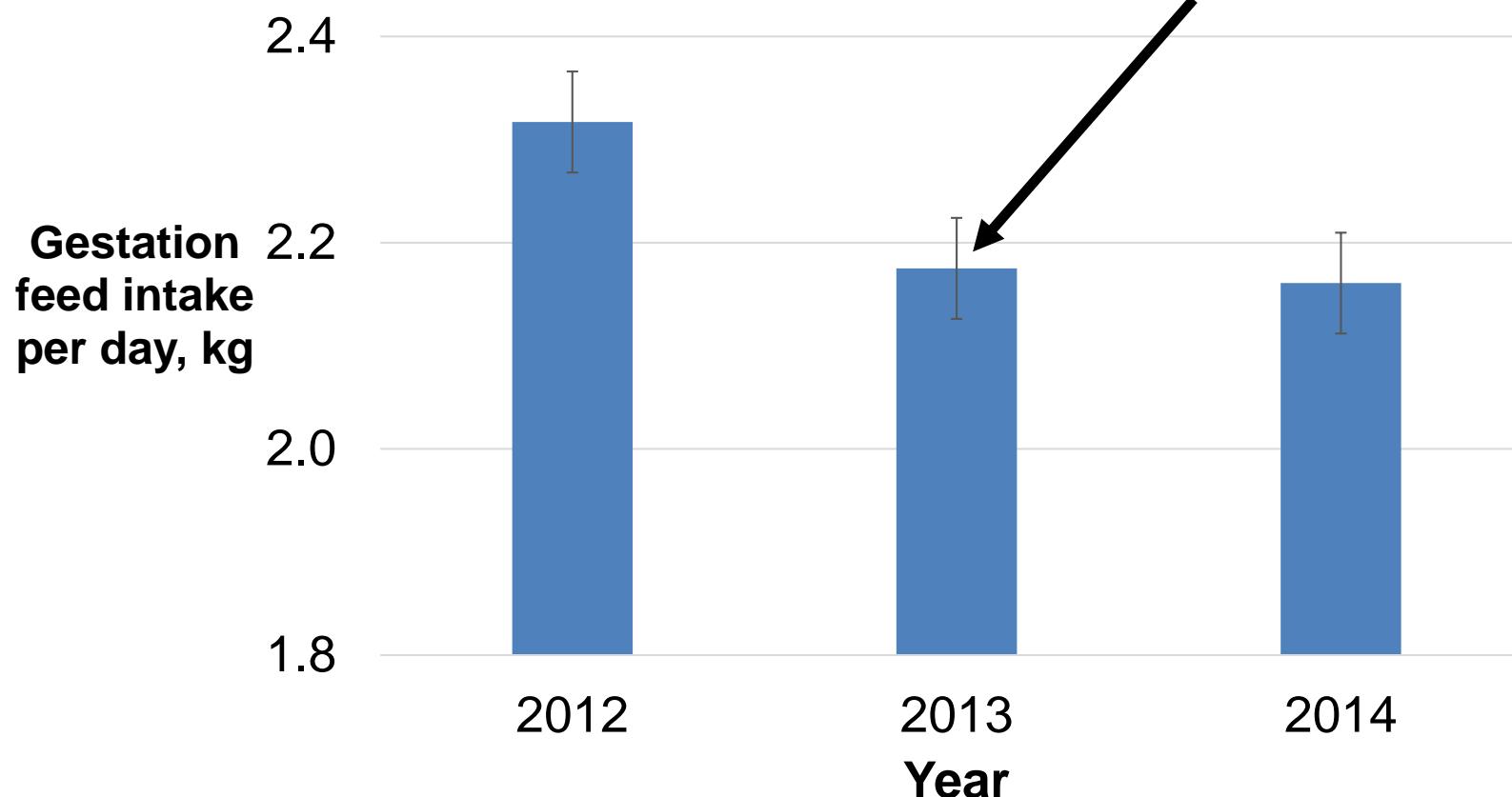


**GRÁFICA DE COMPORTAMIENTO DEL CONSUMO DE ALIMENTO GESTACIÓN Y LACTANCIA SEMANALMENTE DE ACUERDO A CAMBIO EN EL PLAN DE ALIMENTACIÓN DE ACUERDO A LA EVALUACIÓN DE CONDICIÓN CORPORAL CON EL PRECISOR**



# 18,000 NC system - implementation of sow caliper 2013

savings of \$285,000,  
\$15.82 per sow (U.S.)



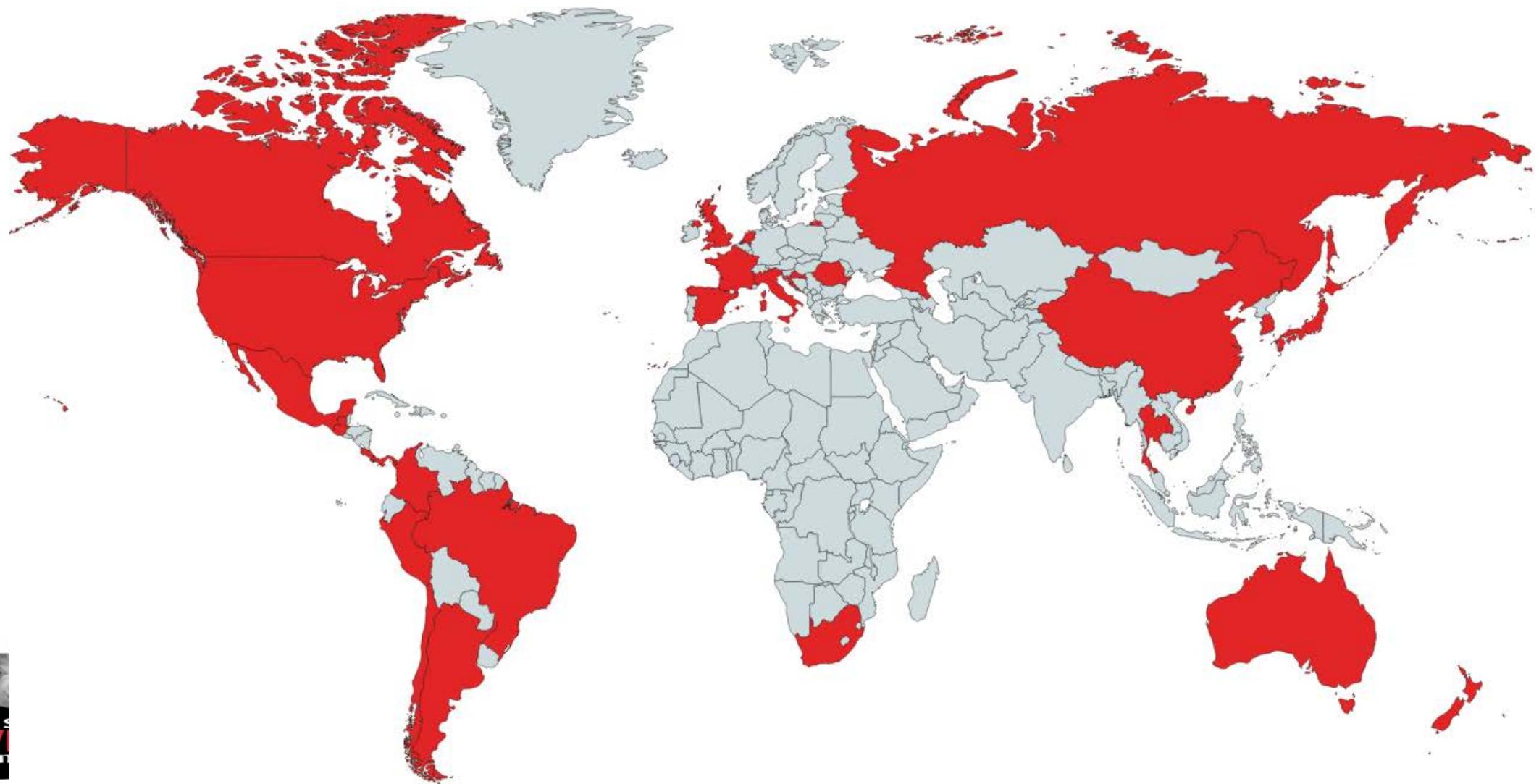
8 farms – 18,000 sows



# Summary

- Available BCS tools (sow caliper) eliminates the excuse for sows not in proper BC
  
- Sow body condition caliper – works & being adopted worldwide
  - 26 countries throughout the world
  - 25 states within U.S.

# Sow body condition caliper – adopted worldwide



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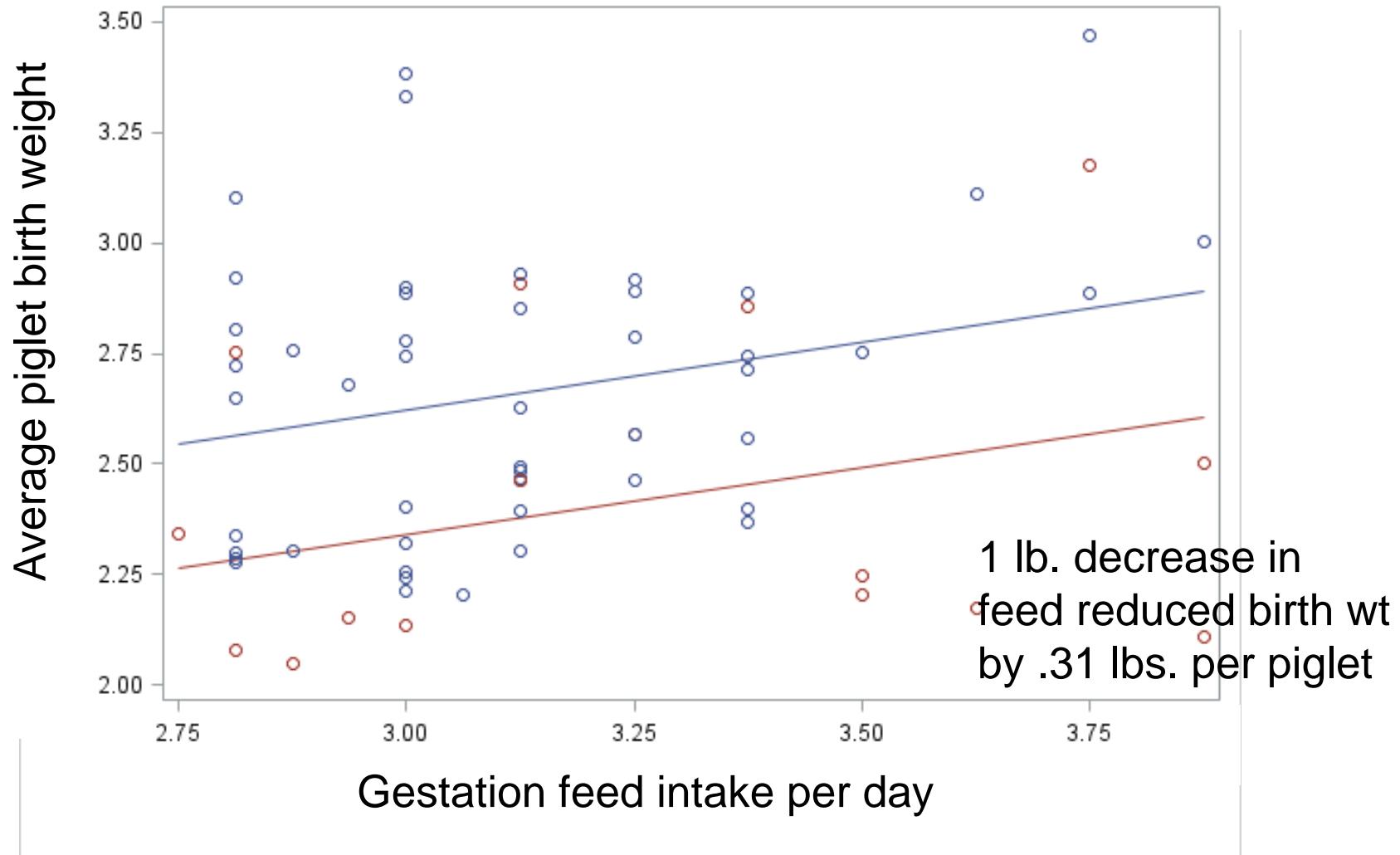
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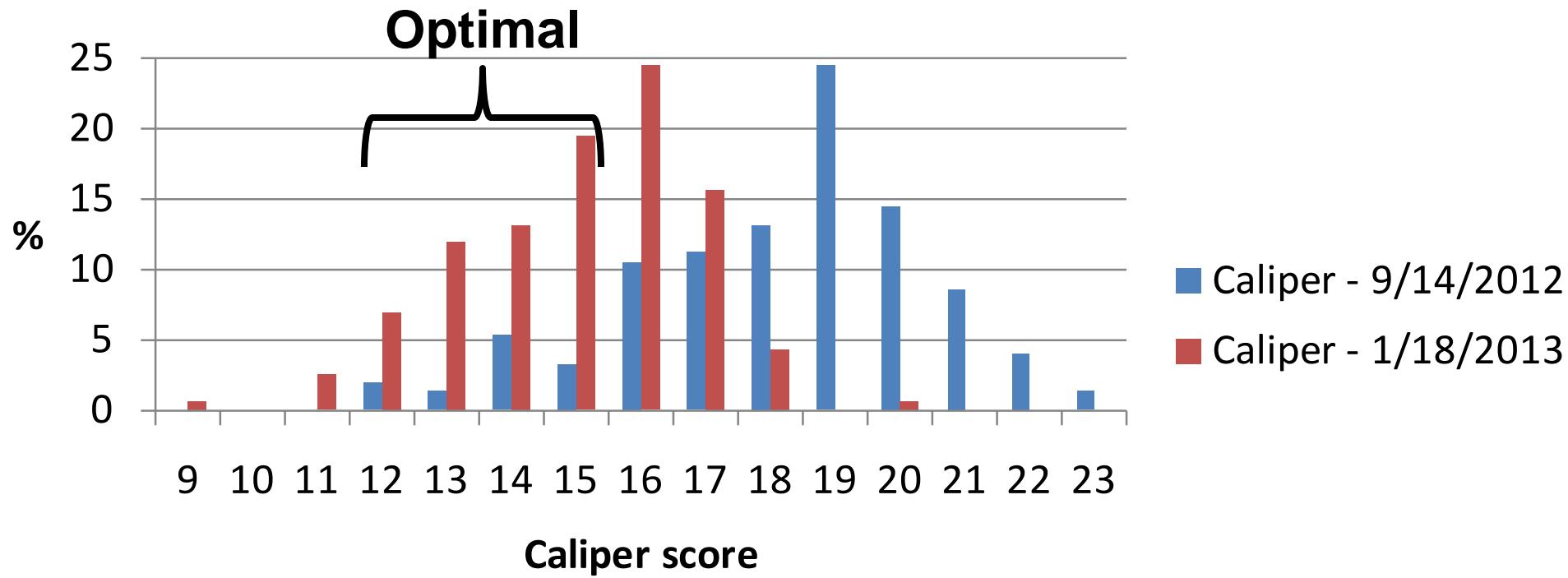
# Do not feed below maintenance requirements

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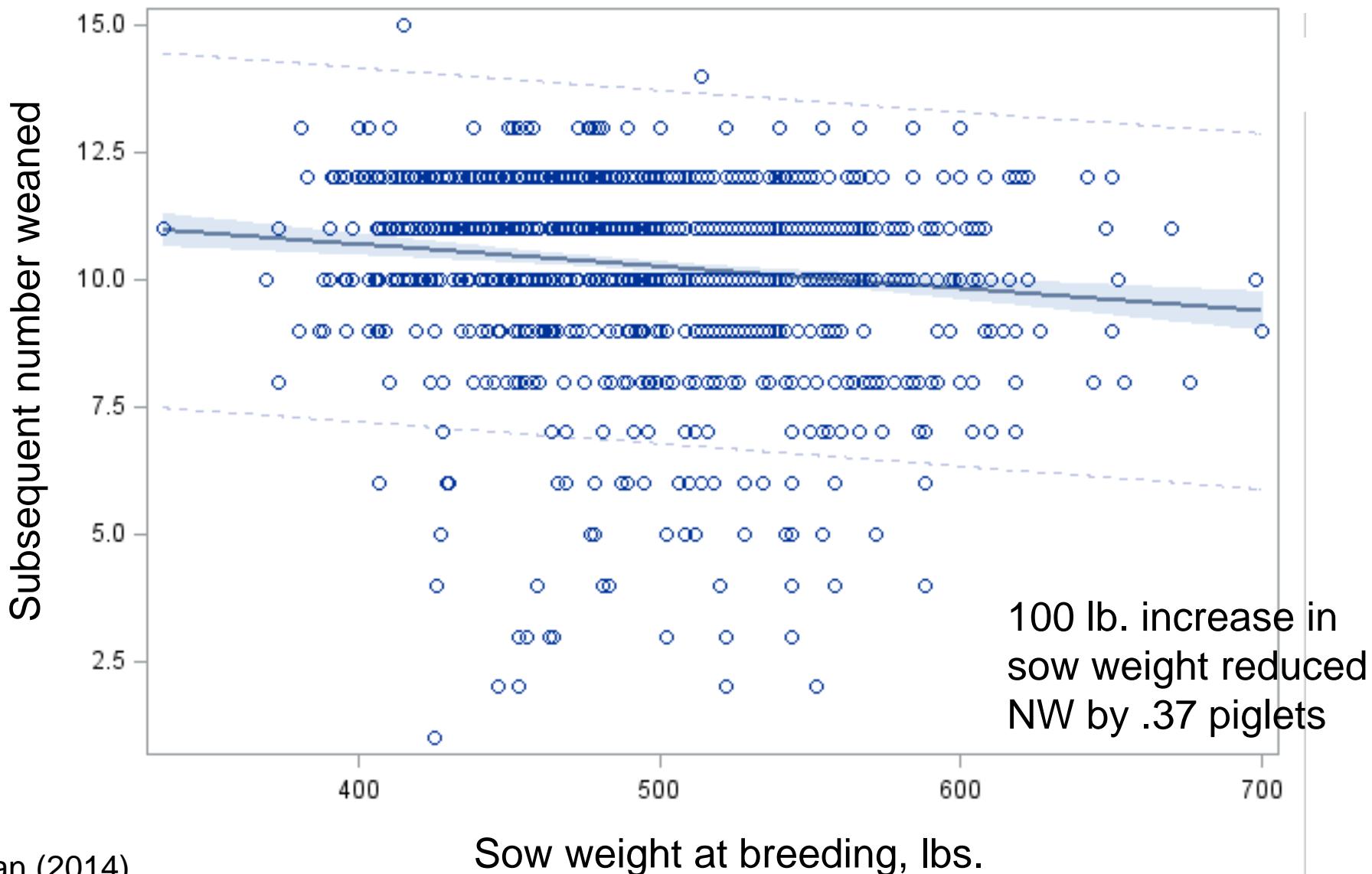


# Fast improvement in sow herd body condition possible

- Average herd caliper score improved from 18.2 to 15.0 in four months



# Heavy sows wean fewer piglets – Study B



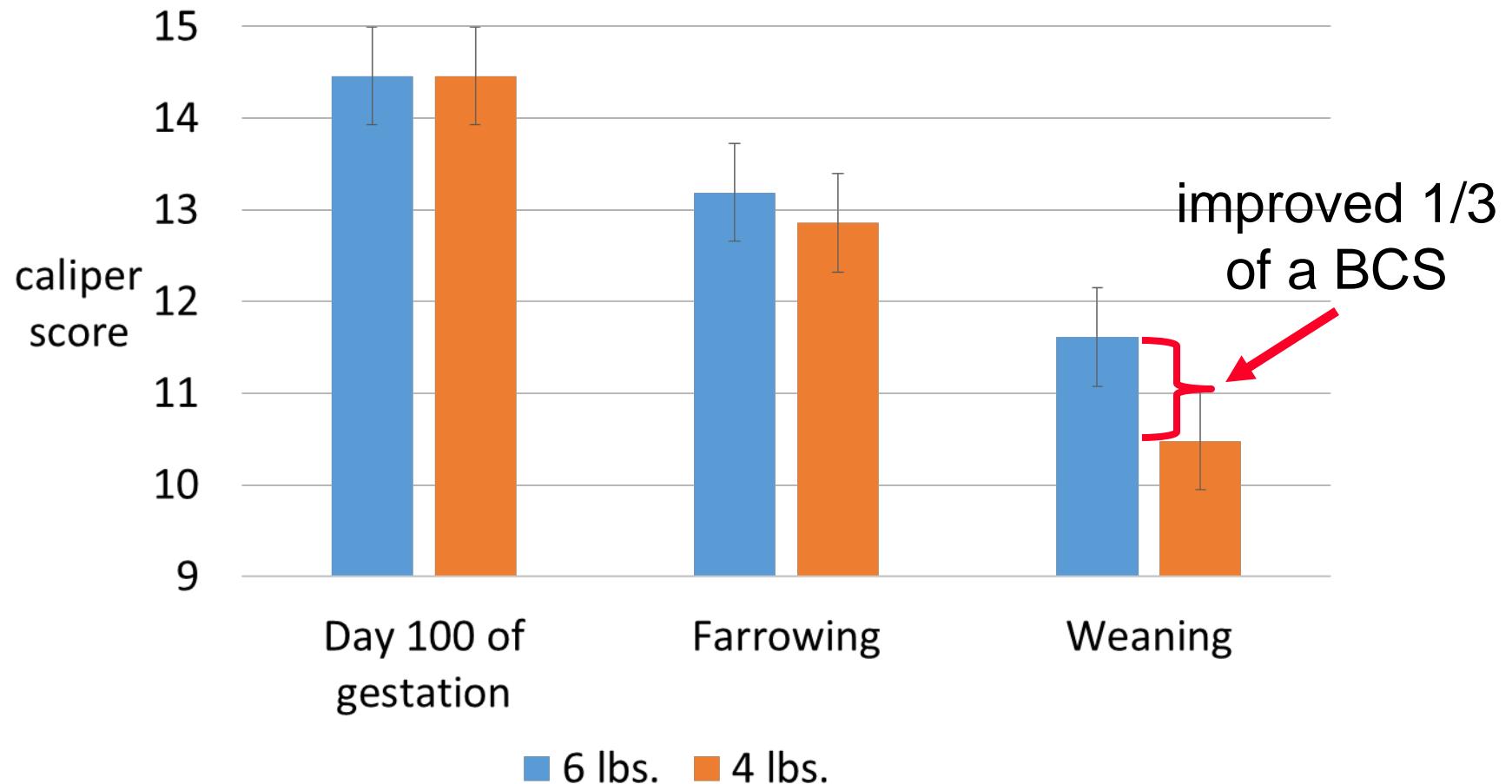
# Preventing thin & fat sows



# Preventing thin sows

- Gestation – cull if no response to ↑ feeding level
- Lactation
  - Prepare sow in late gestation
  - Management
    - Feed intake
    - Lactation length

# Increase feed in late gestation to improve BCS at weaning



# Preventing thin sows

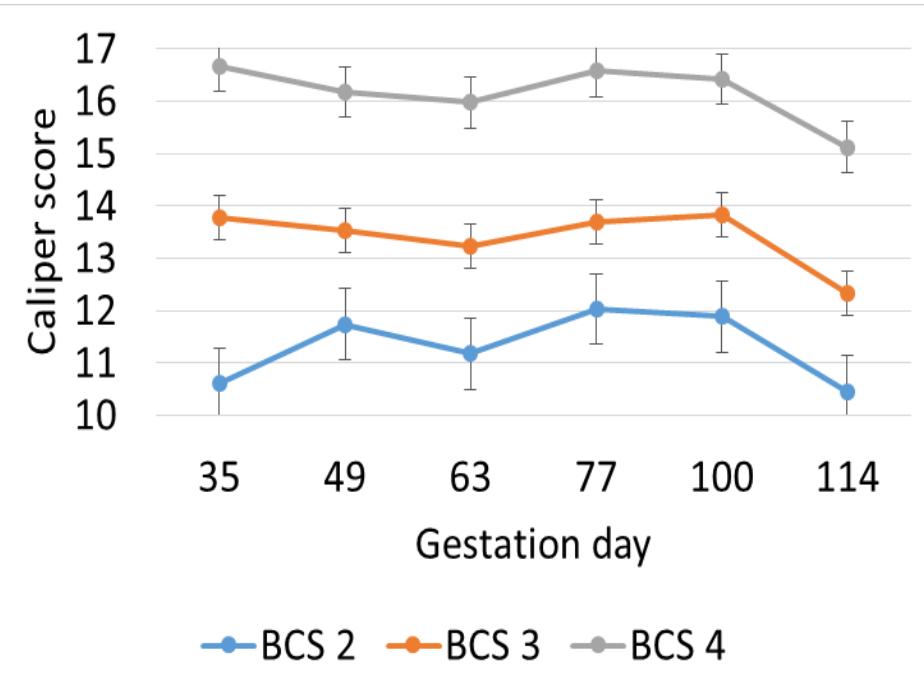
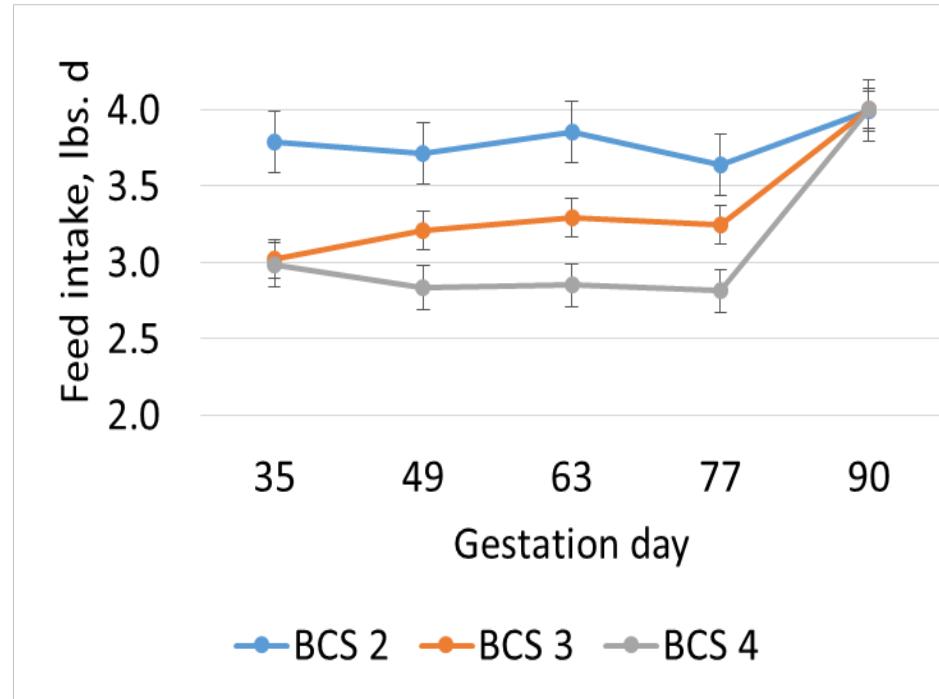
- Lactation – wean if BCS falls below threshold



# Preventing fat sows

- “Prevention” is key
- I messed up and my sow is fat
  - Do not try to “fix” during gestation with modern diets
  - Do not bump feed in late gestation
  - Perhaps correct in lactation?

# Effect of low gestation feeding levels on sow body condition



# Summary

- Thin & fat sows reduce \$
- “Prevention” of fat sows is key
- If a sow becomes thin, increase feeding level
  - Cull if she doesn’t respond to feed increase

# Update on feeding strategies for the highly prolific sow

# Steve Dritz & Mariana Menegat

Carine Vier, Mike Tokach, Joel DeRouchey,

Jason Woodworth, Robert Goodband



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## Nutrition Seminars



# Overview

## Gestation

- After breeding
- Early-mid gestation
- Late gestation

## Peripartum

## Lactation

## Wean-to-estrus interval

# Key points

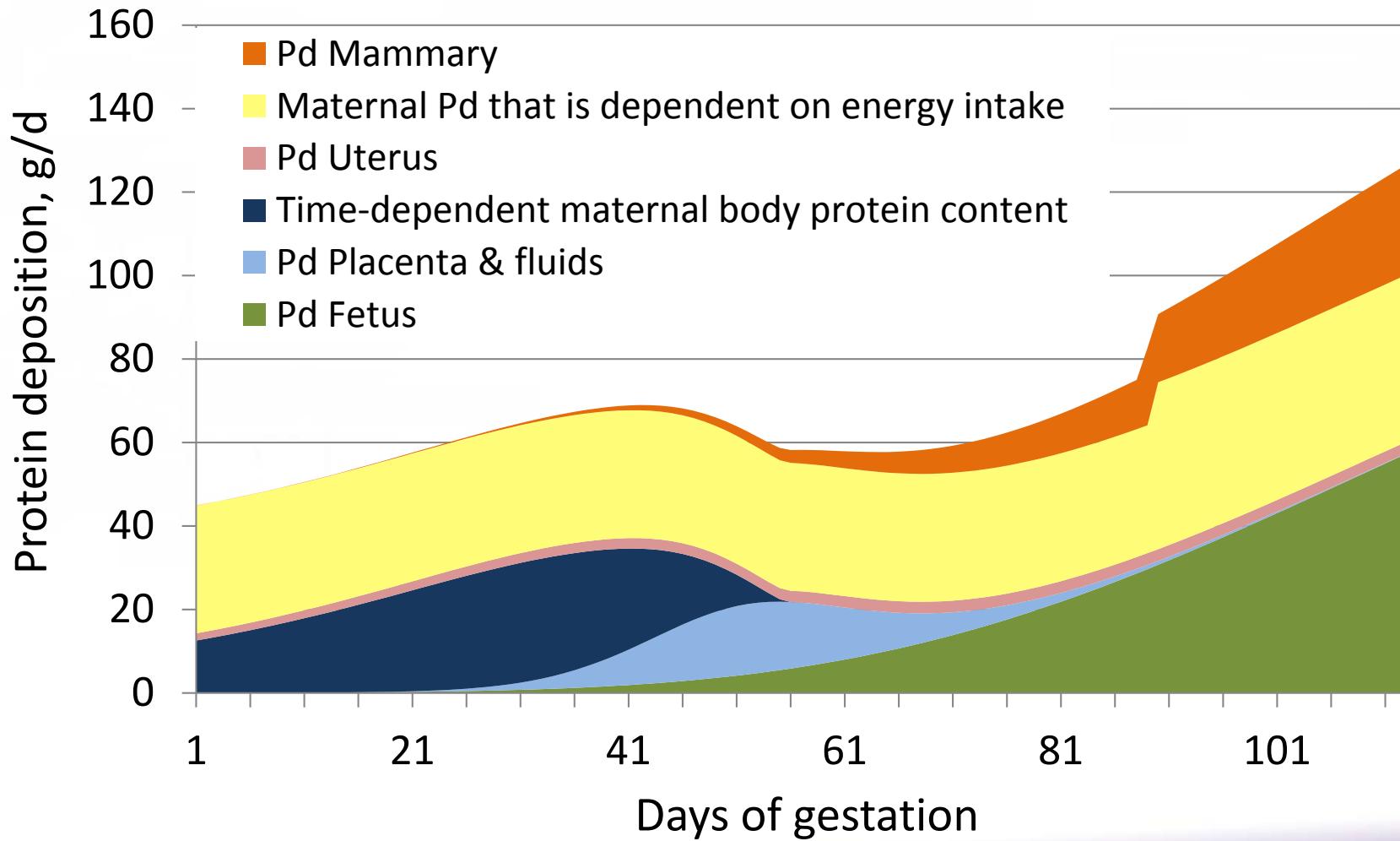
- Simplification of feeding programs
- Modest impact of nutrition on birth weight
- Maximization of feed intake in lactation

# Gestation

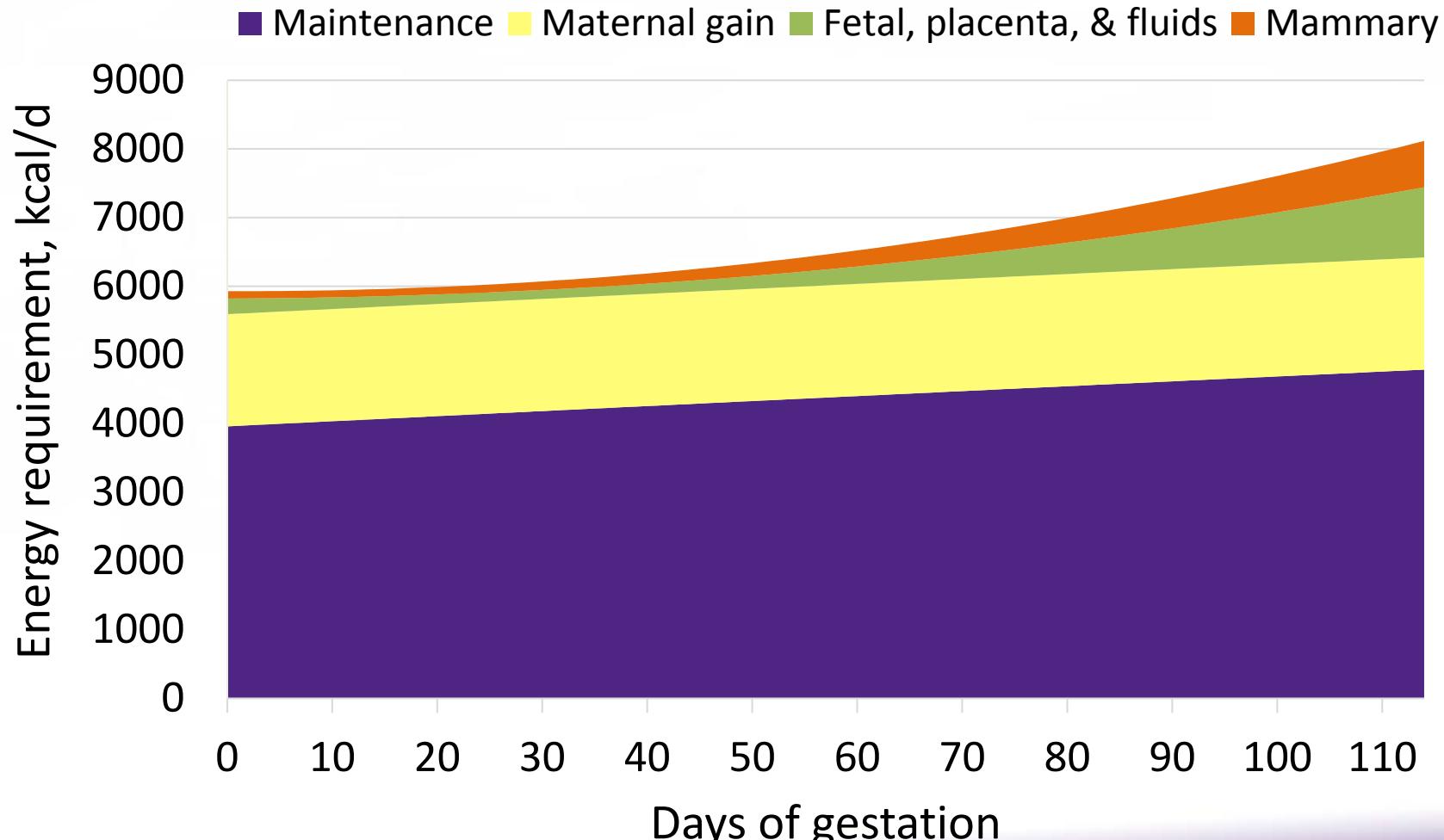
Goals of nutrition in gestation:

**Meet sow & conceptus requirements**  
**Manage sow body condition**

# Estimated total protein deposition of sows in gestation

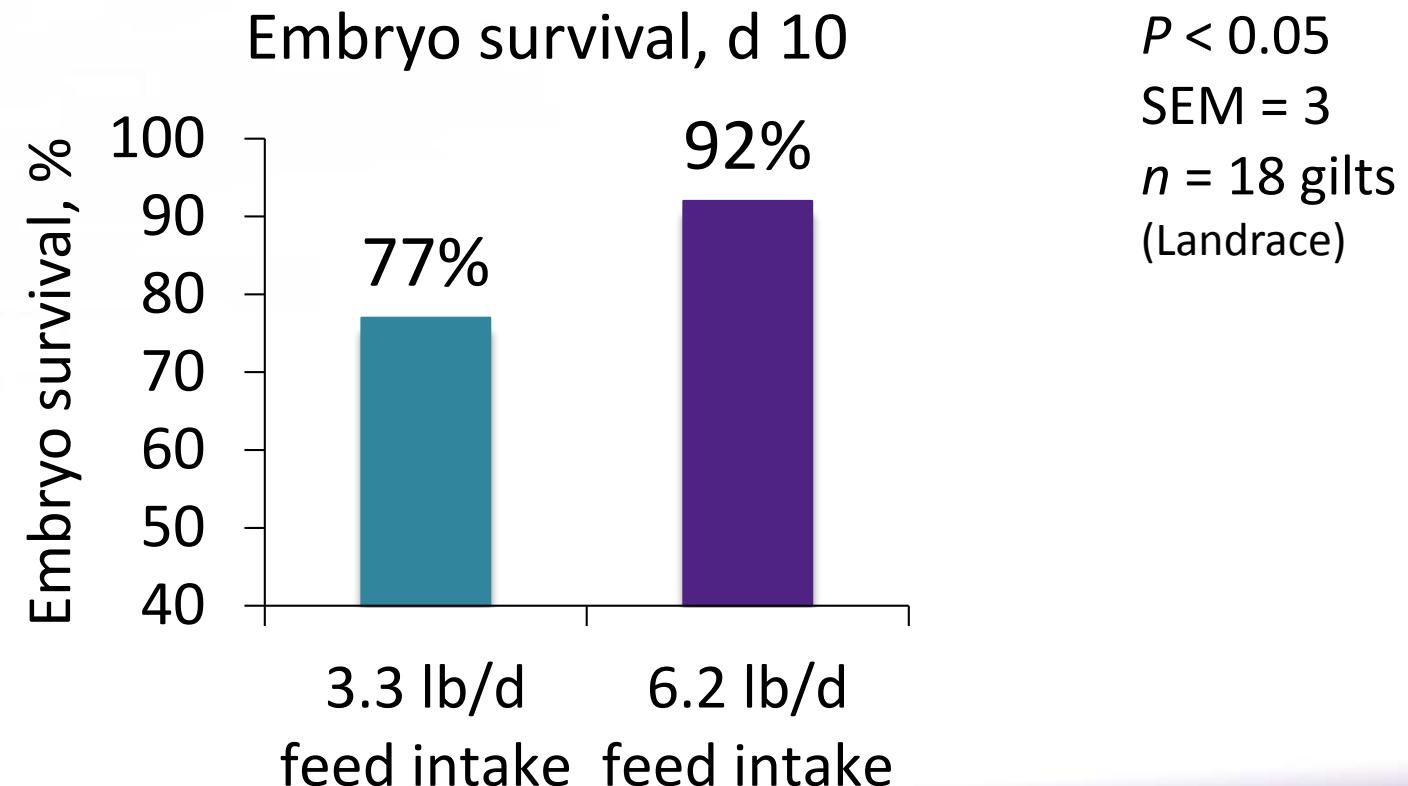


# Estimated daily ME requirements of gilts in gestation



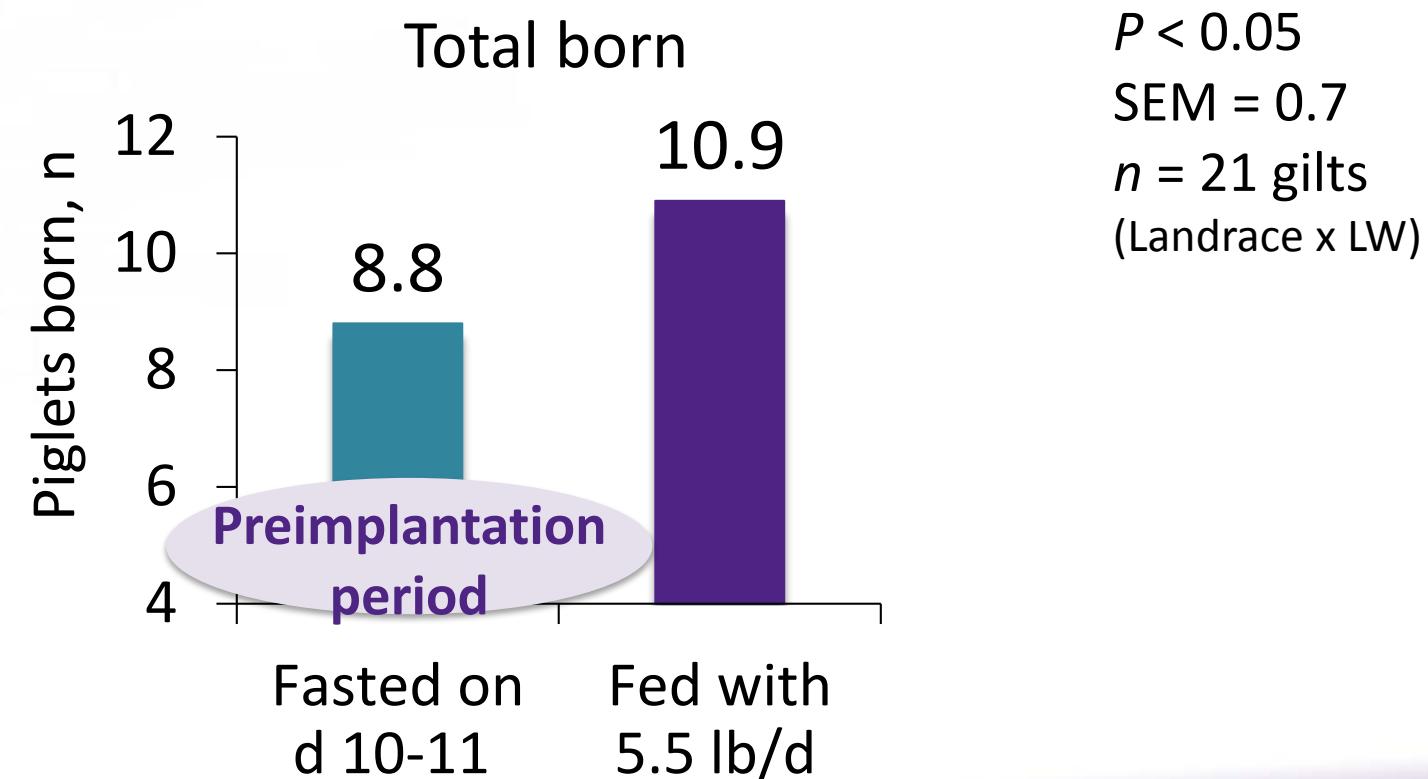
# Nutrition after breeding

Adequate feeding level after breeding  
improves embryo survival in gilts



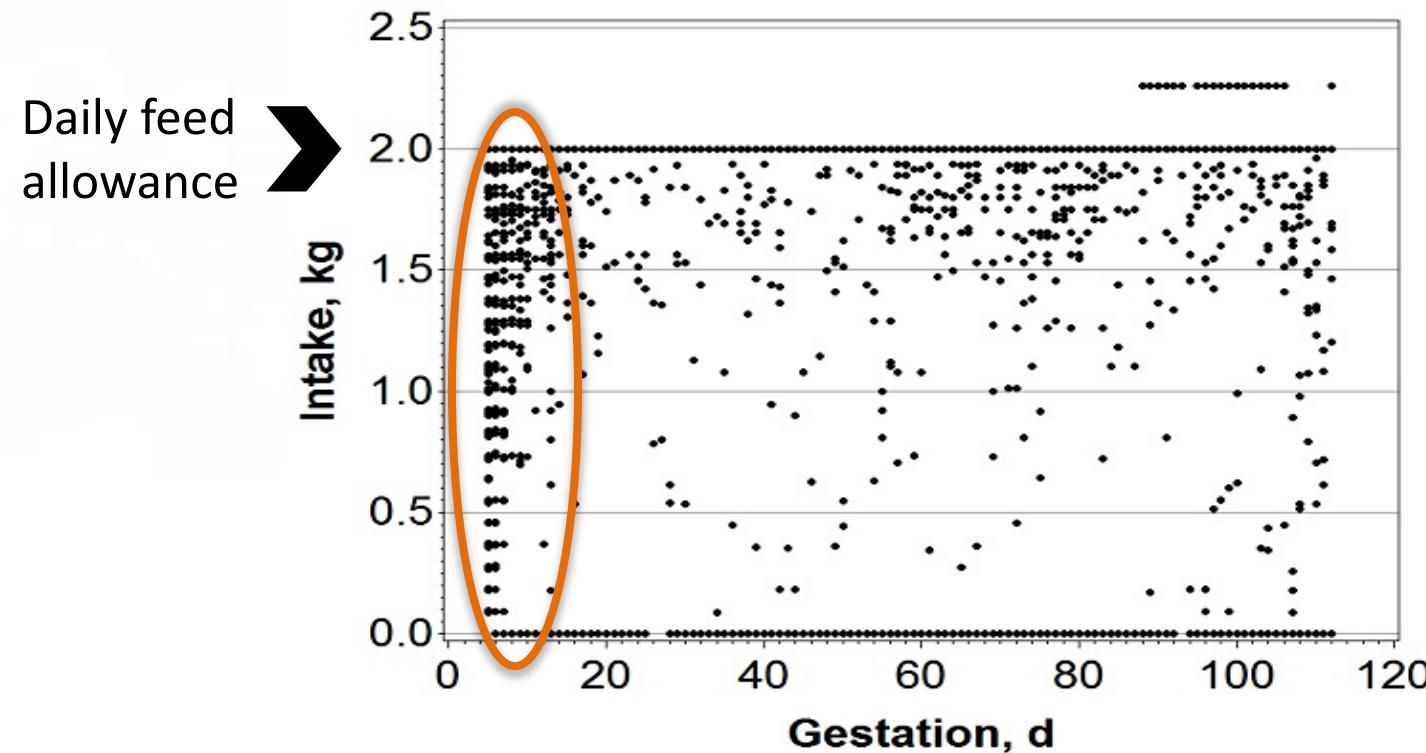
# Nutrition after breeding

Feed restriction in gilts after breeding impact  
total piglets born



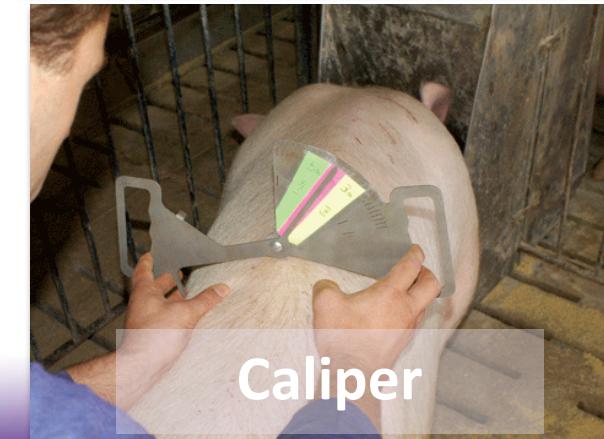
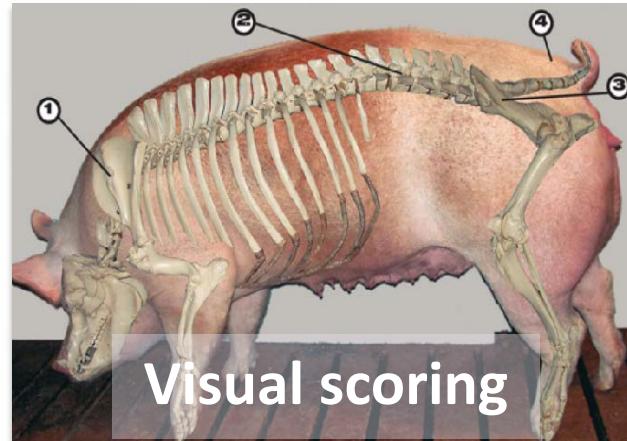
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Feed intake of group-housed gilts with an electronic sow feeding system

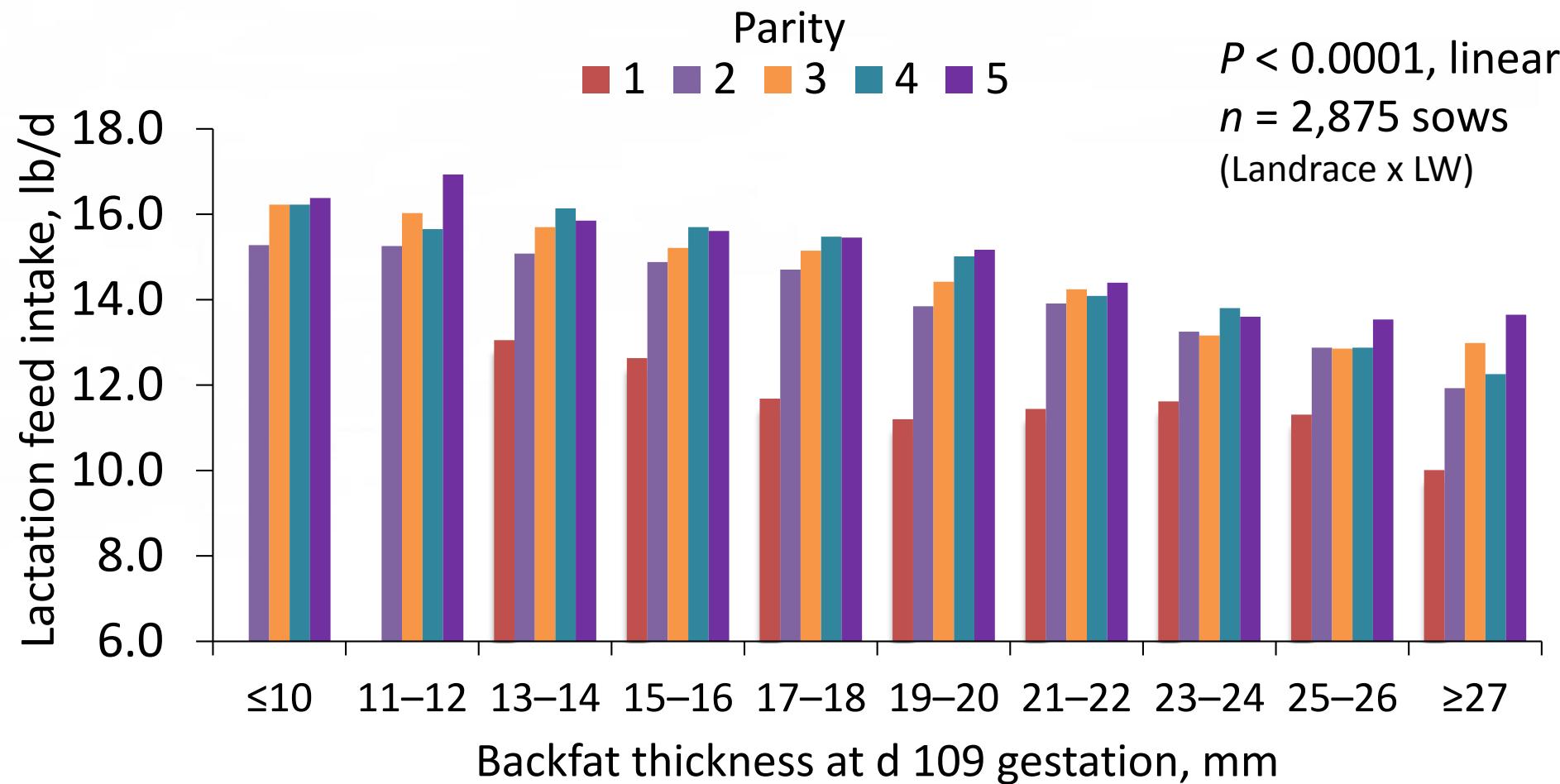


# Nutrition in early-mid gestation

## Properly conditioned herd



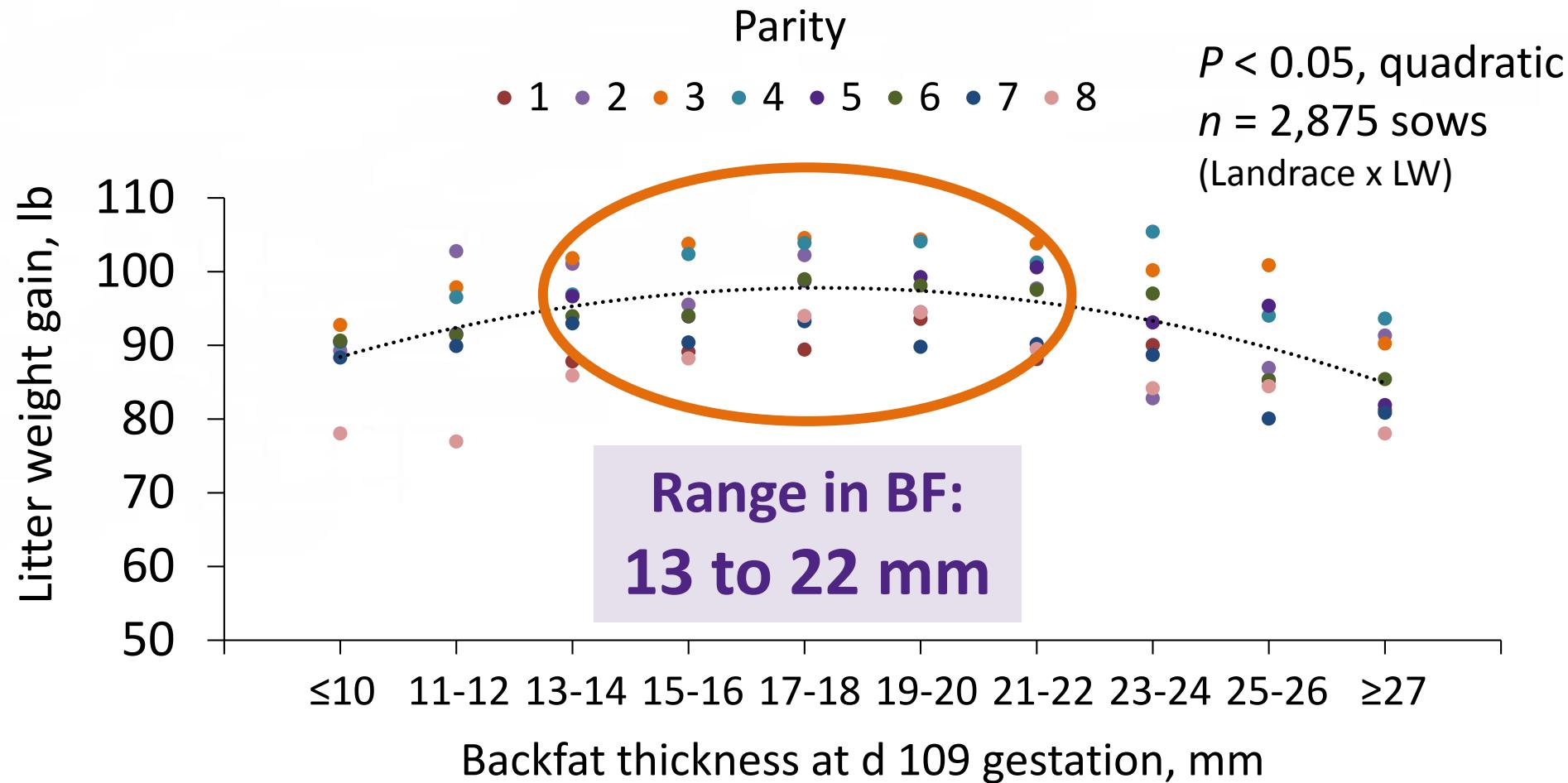
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<b>+1 mm backfat gestation</b>	<b>-0.1 to -0.3 lb</b> daily feed intake in lactation	<b>+2.9 lb</b> weight loss in lactation	<b>+0.25 mm</b> backfat loss in lactation	<b>+0.37 mm</b> backfat gain subsequent gestation
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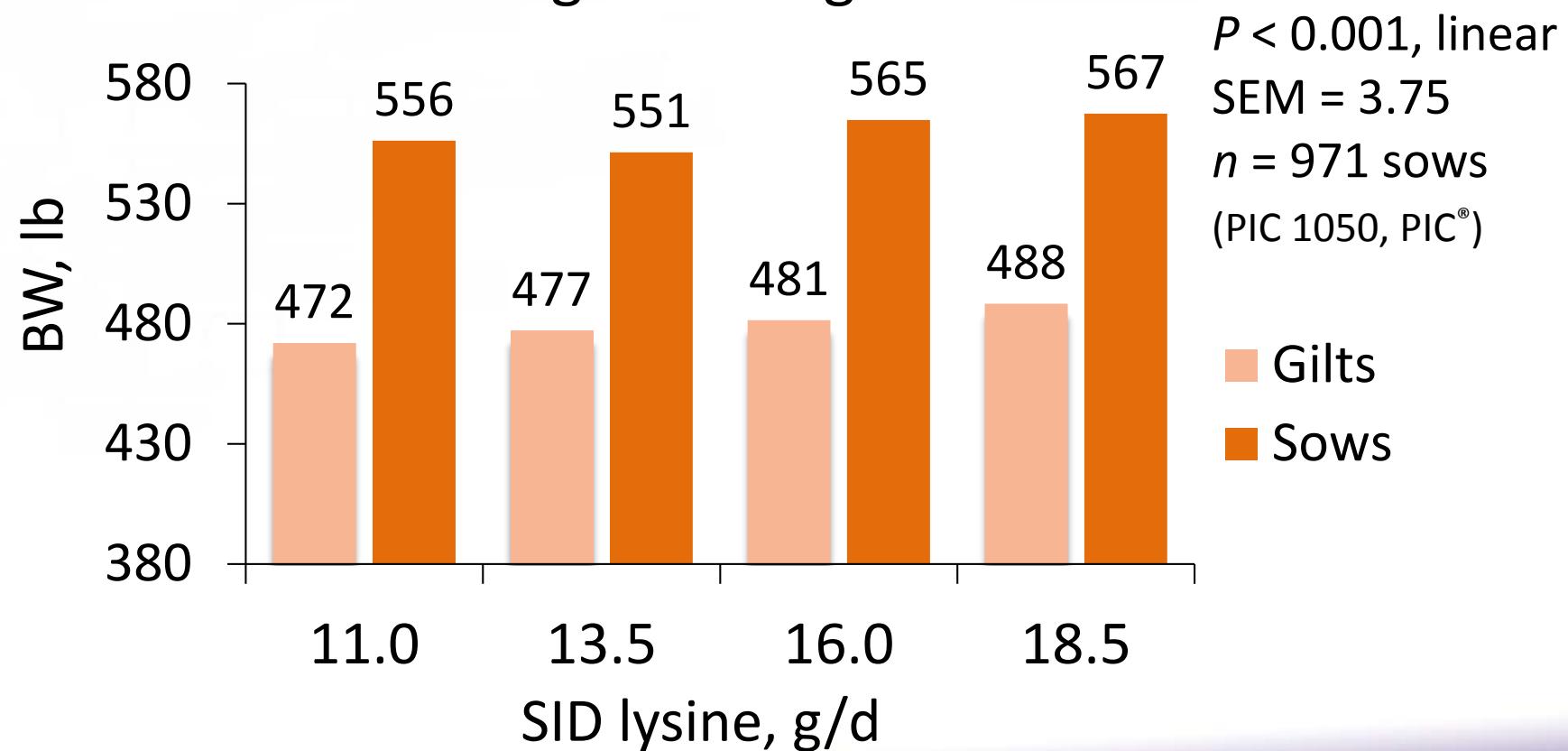
# Effect of backfat thickness in gestation on litter weight gain



# Nutrition in gestation

## Evaluation of lysine requirements in gestation

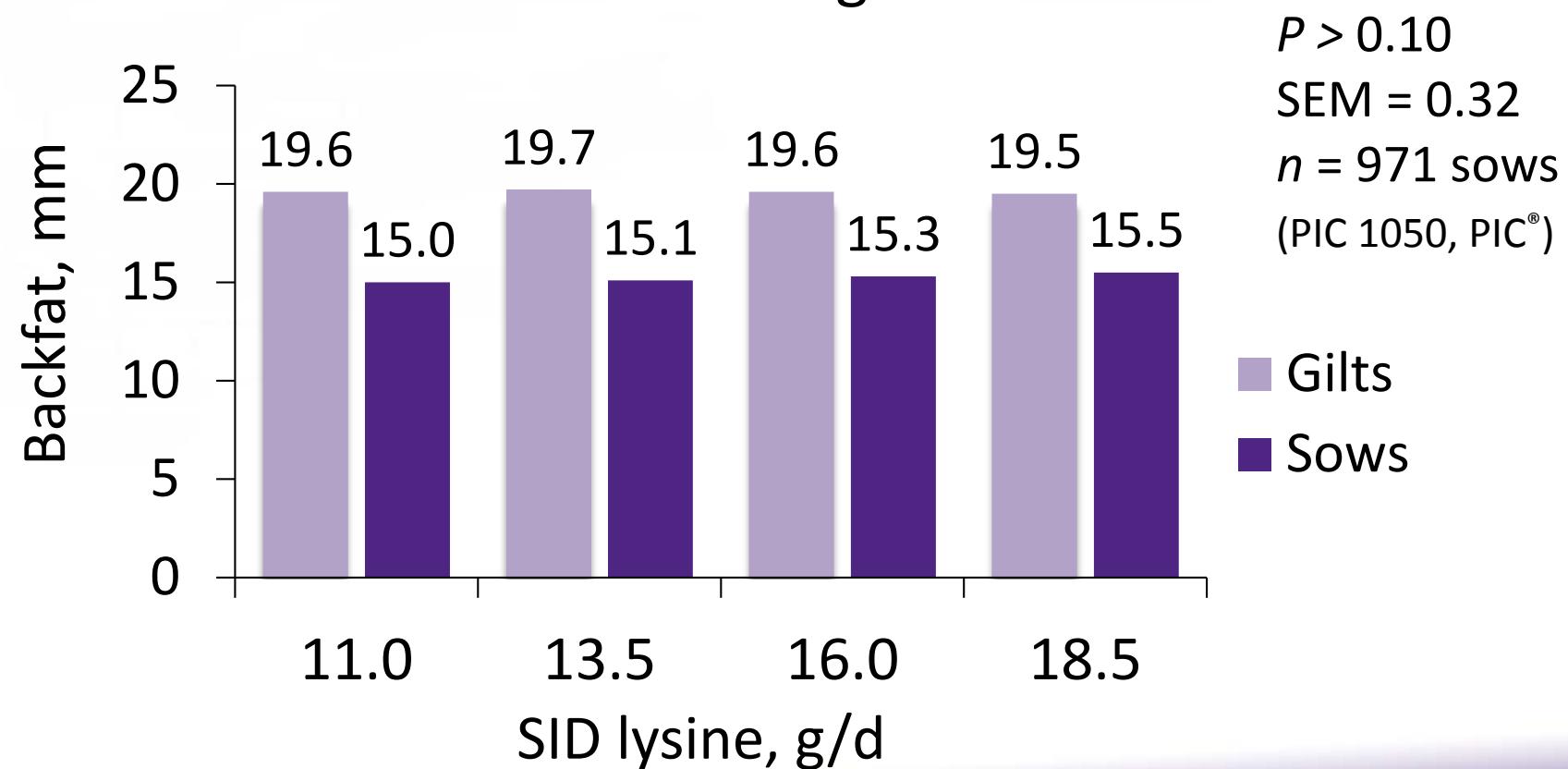
### Sow weight d 112 gestation



# Nutrition in gestation

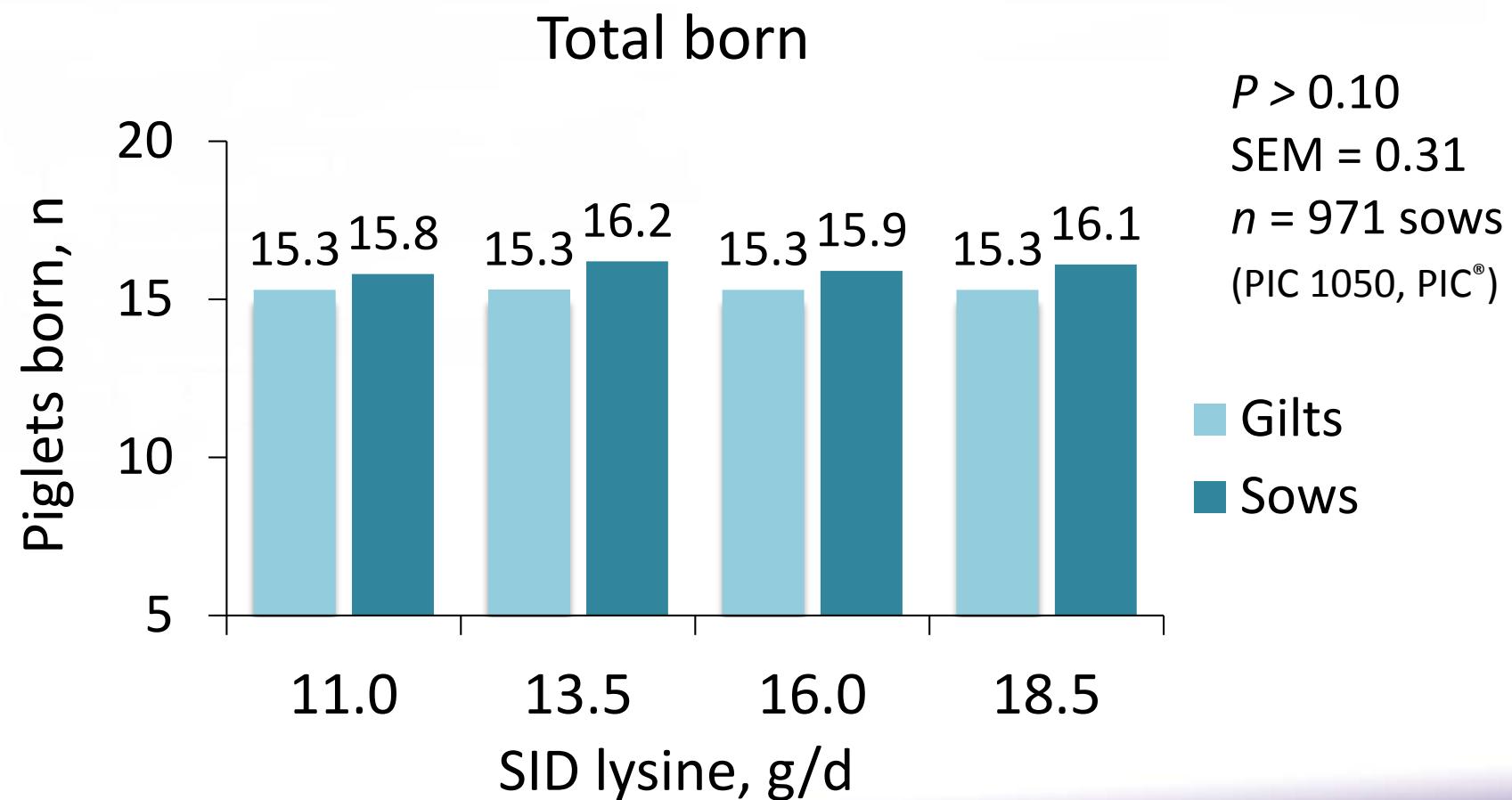
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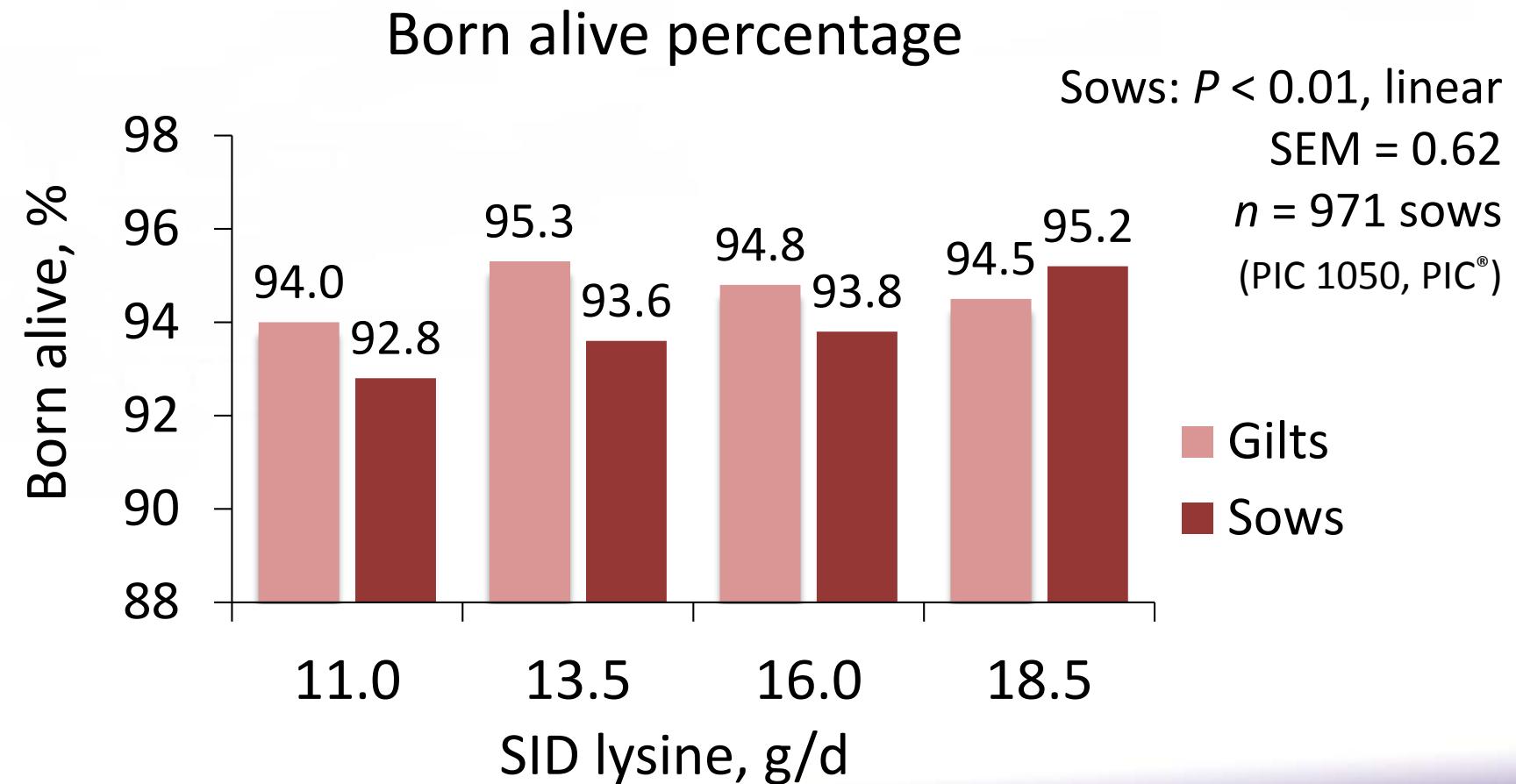
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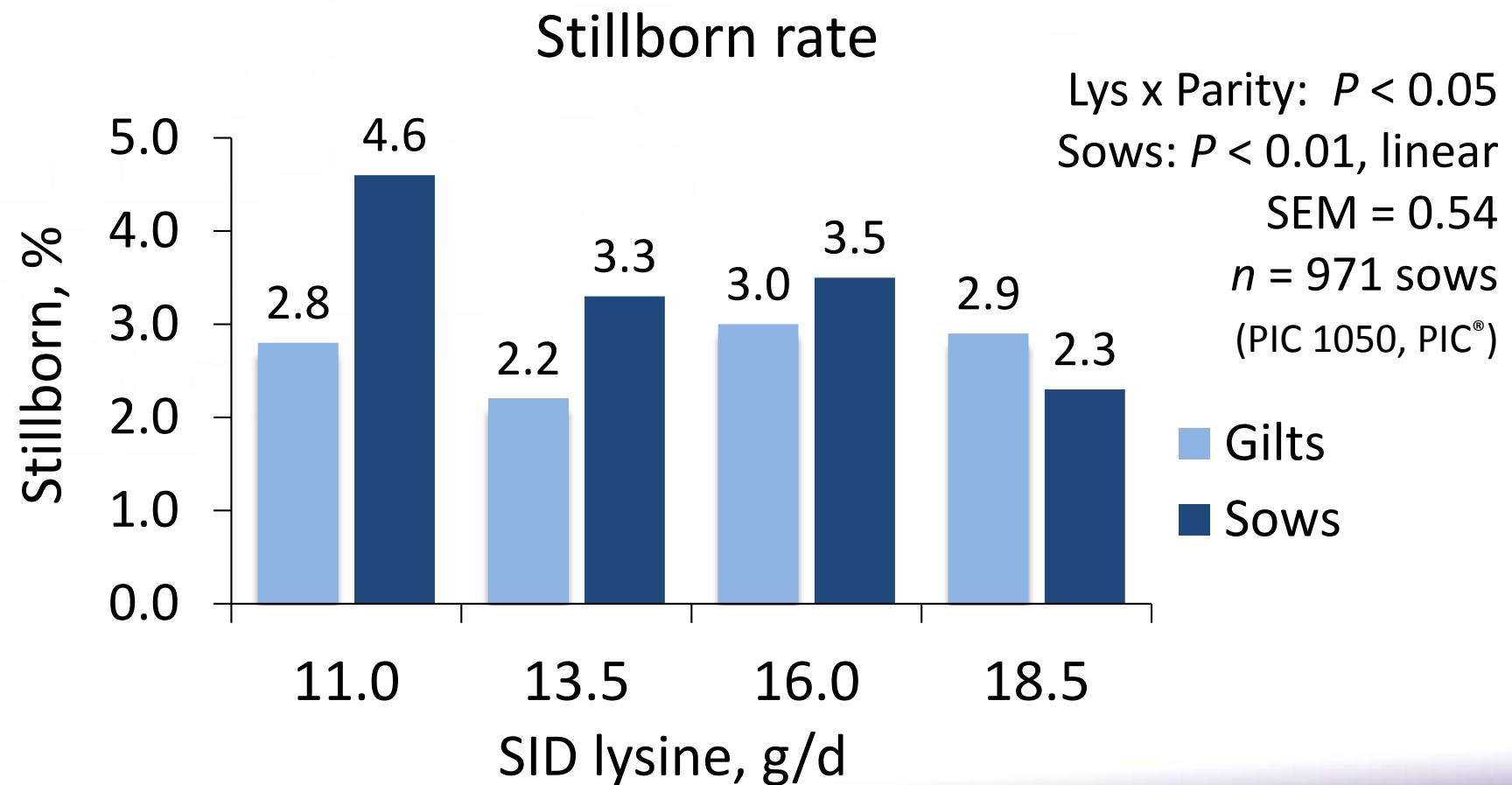
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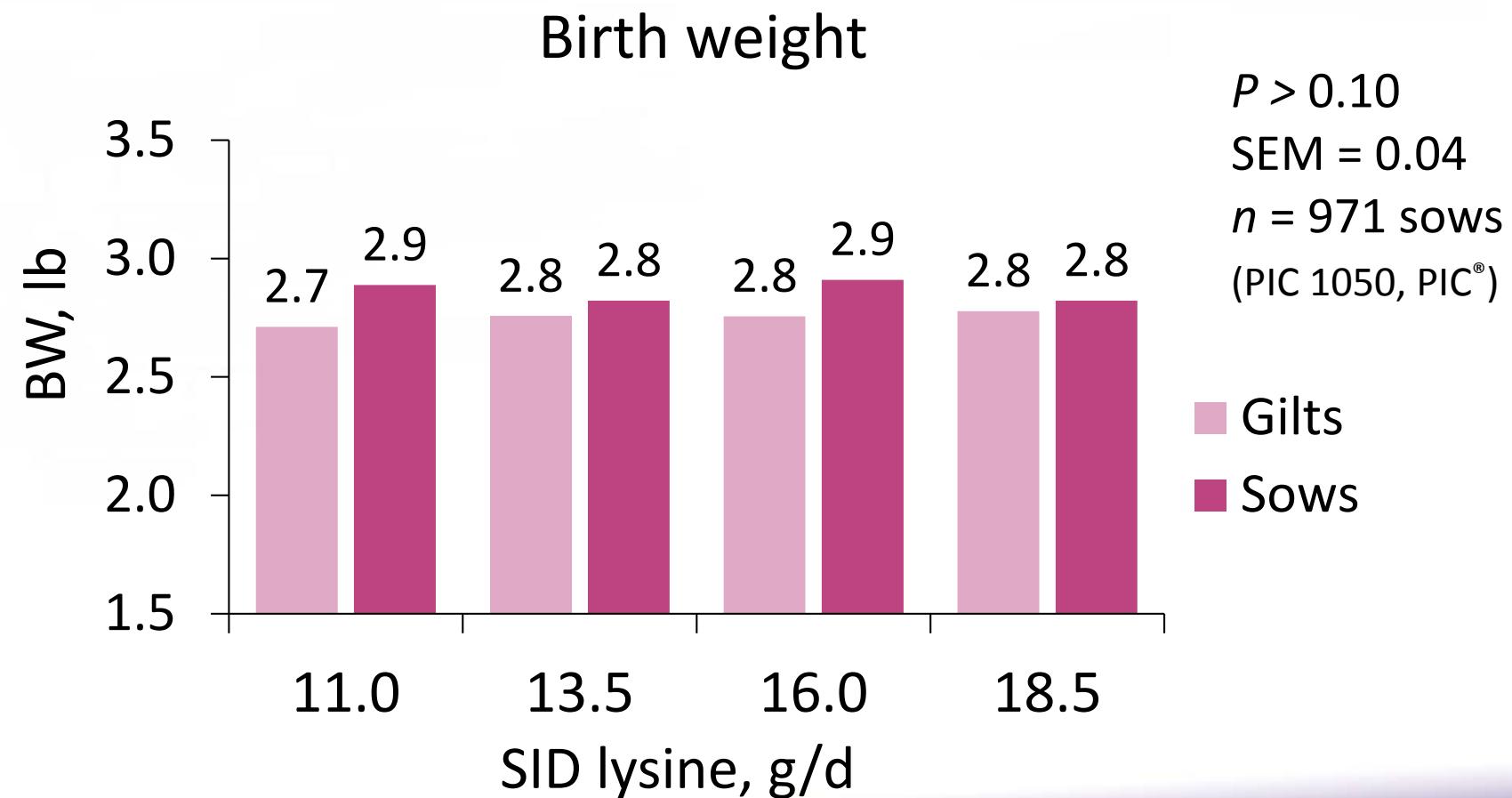
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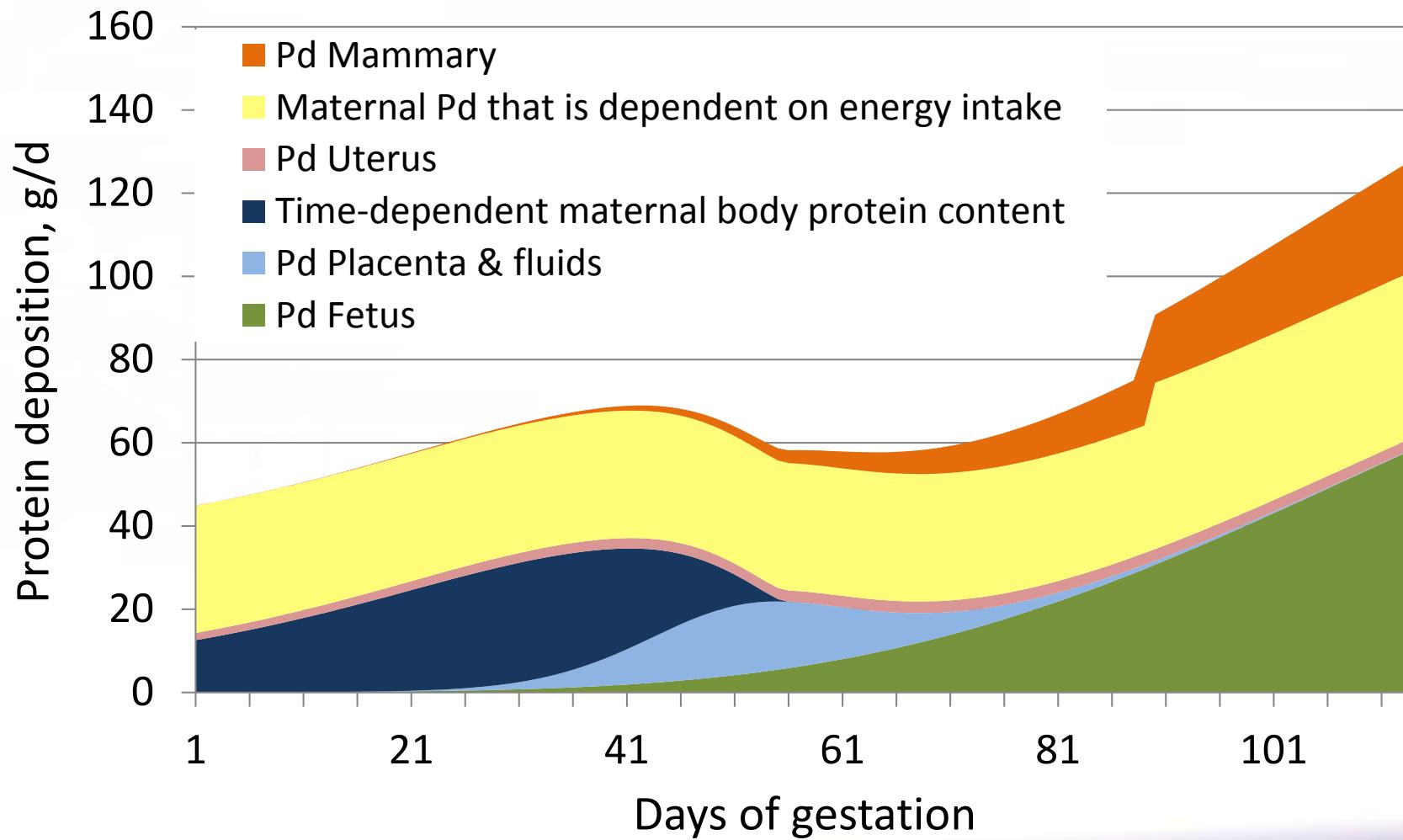


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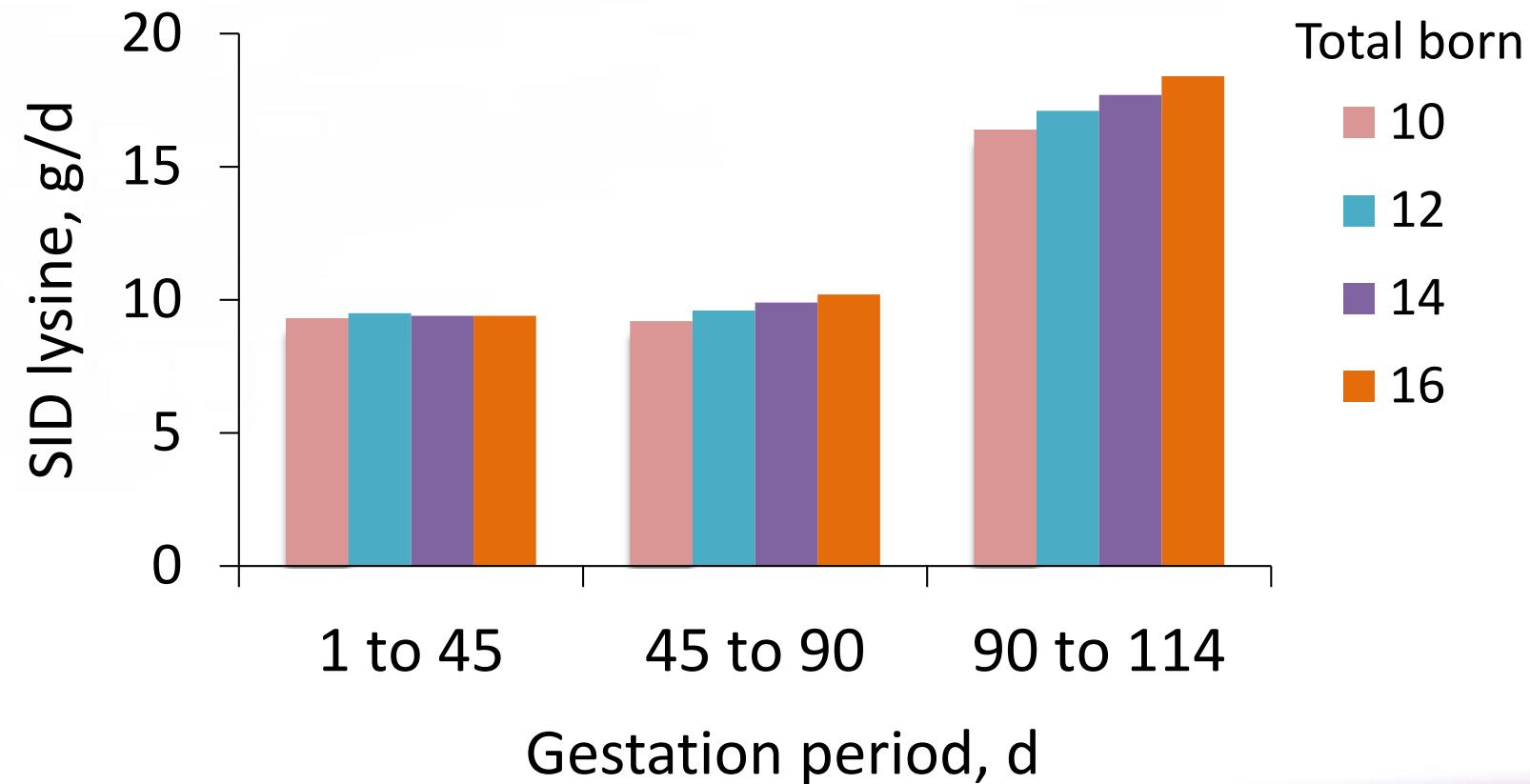
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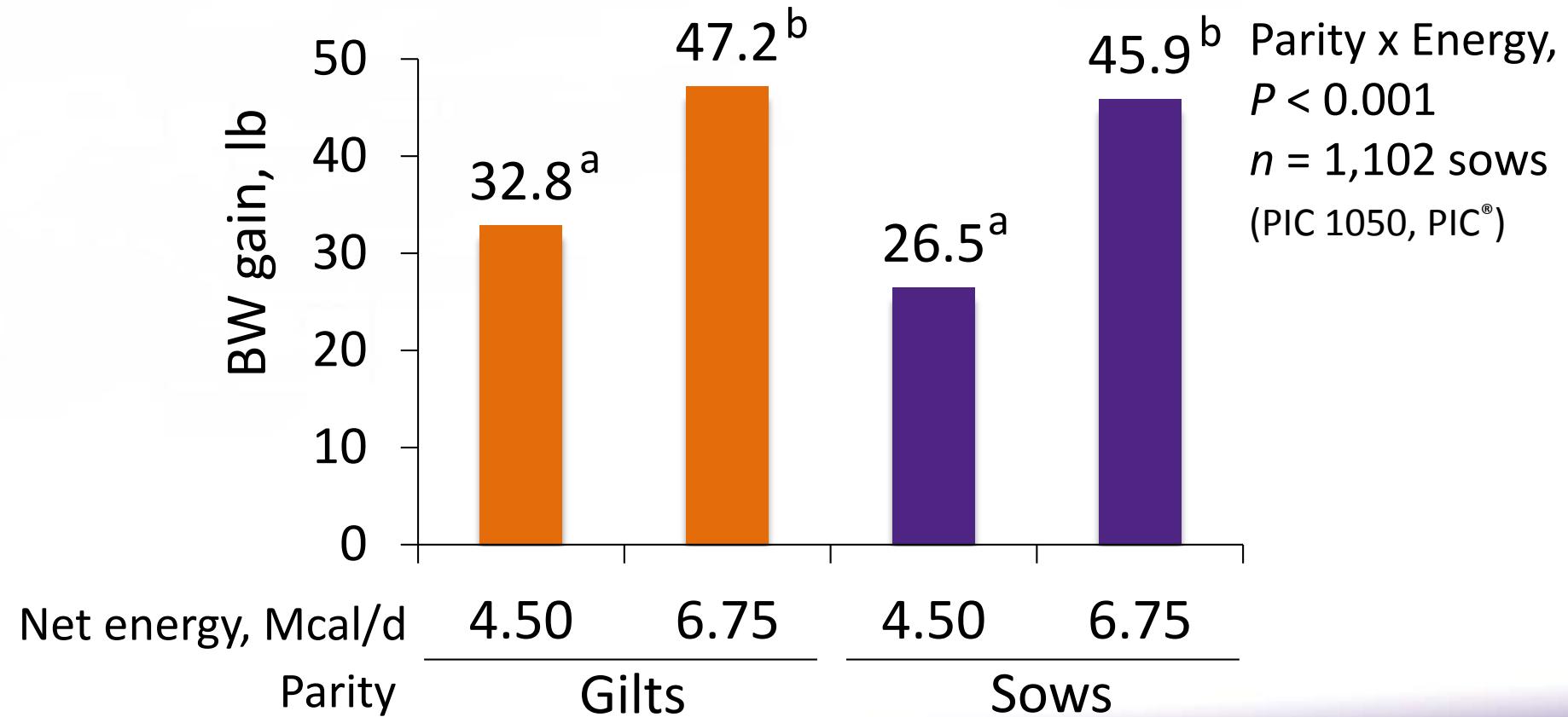
Amino acid requirements greatly increase in late gestation and w/ litter size



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# Bump feeding in late gestation

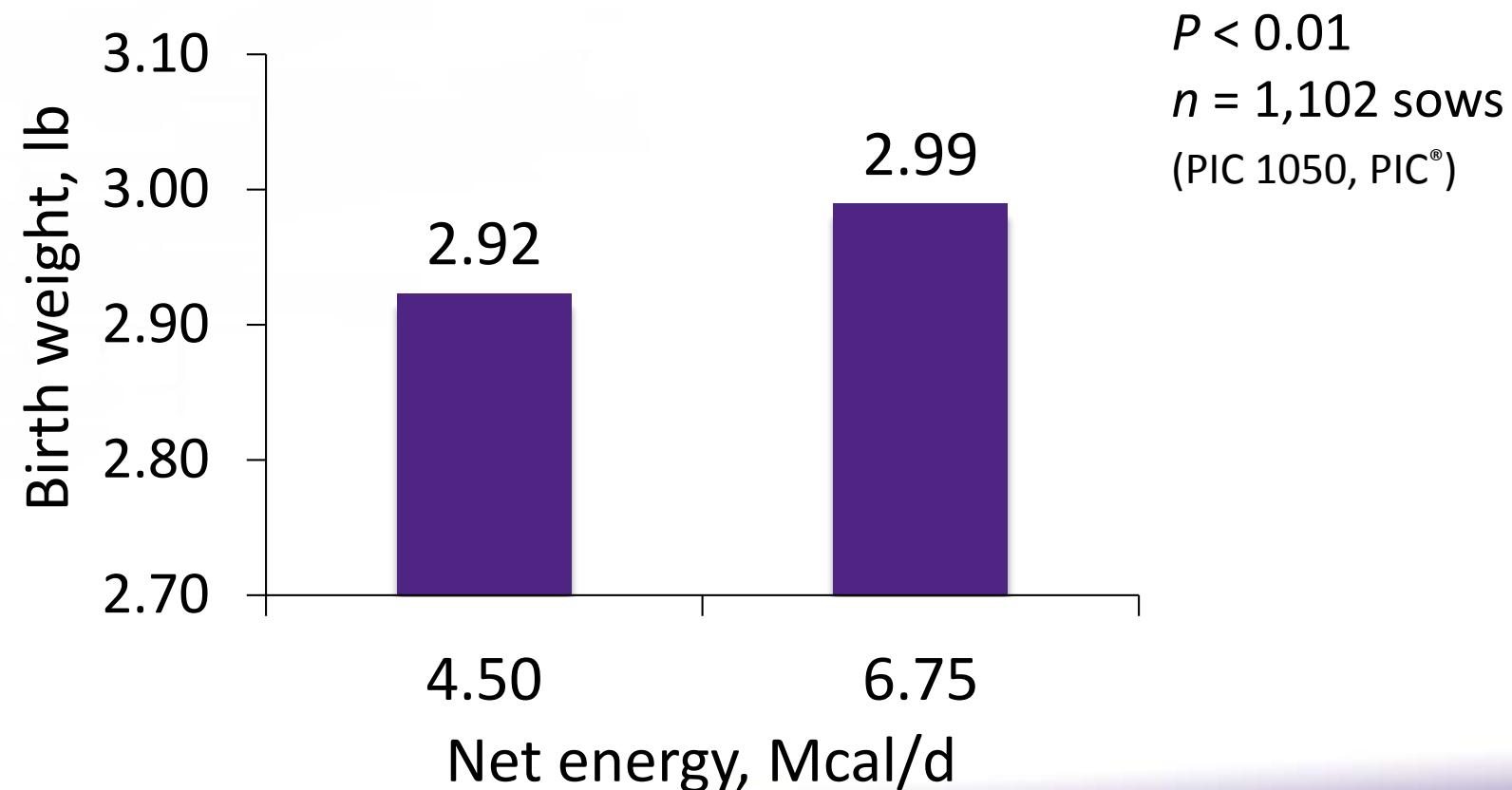
Energy intake in late gestation (d 90-111)  
increased weight gain by approx. 16.5 lb



Gonçalves et al., 2016  
*J Anim Sci*

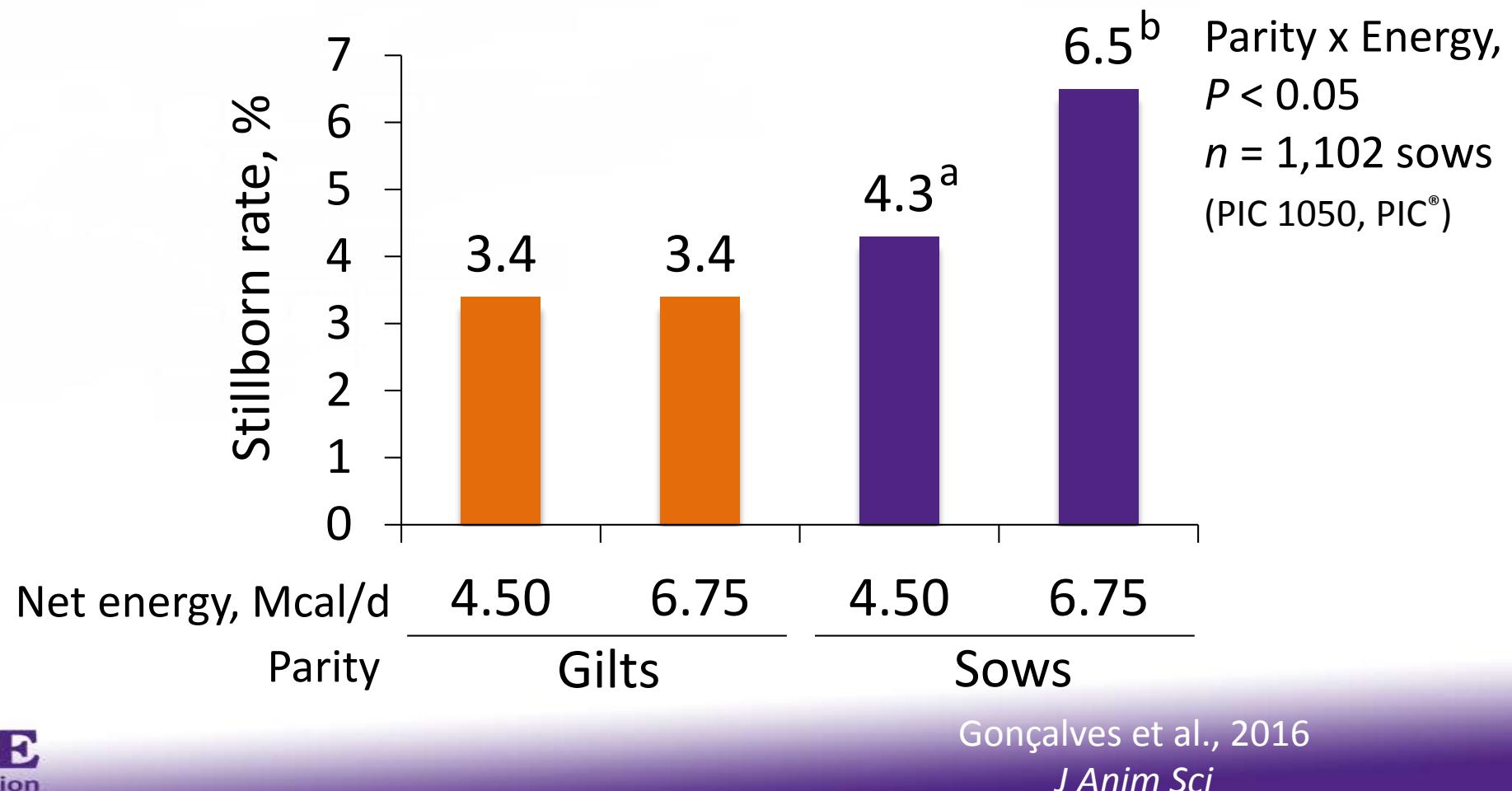
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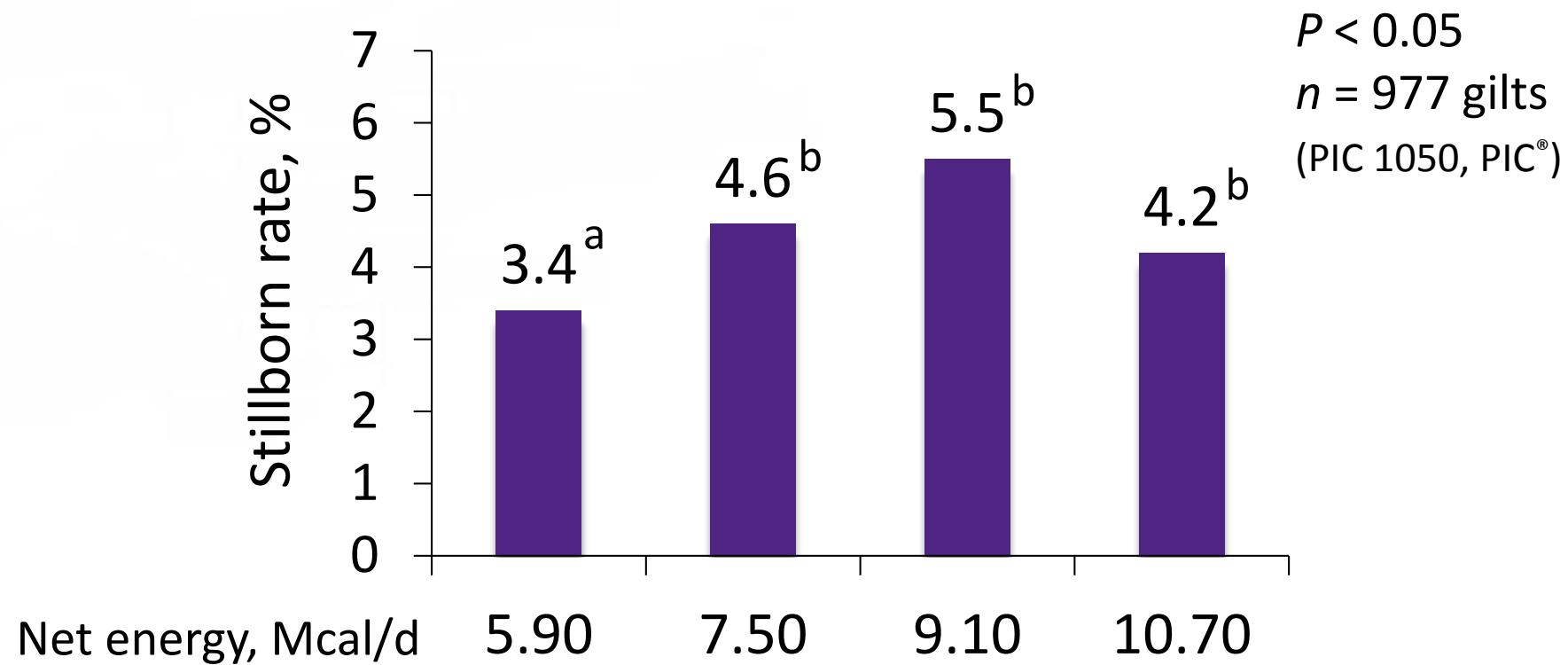
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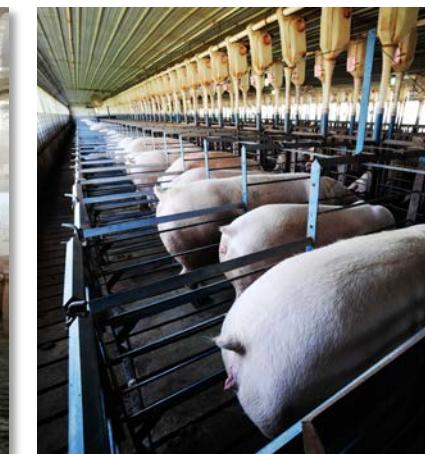


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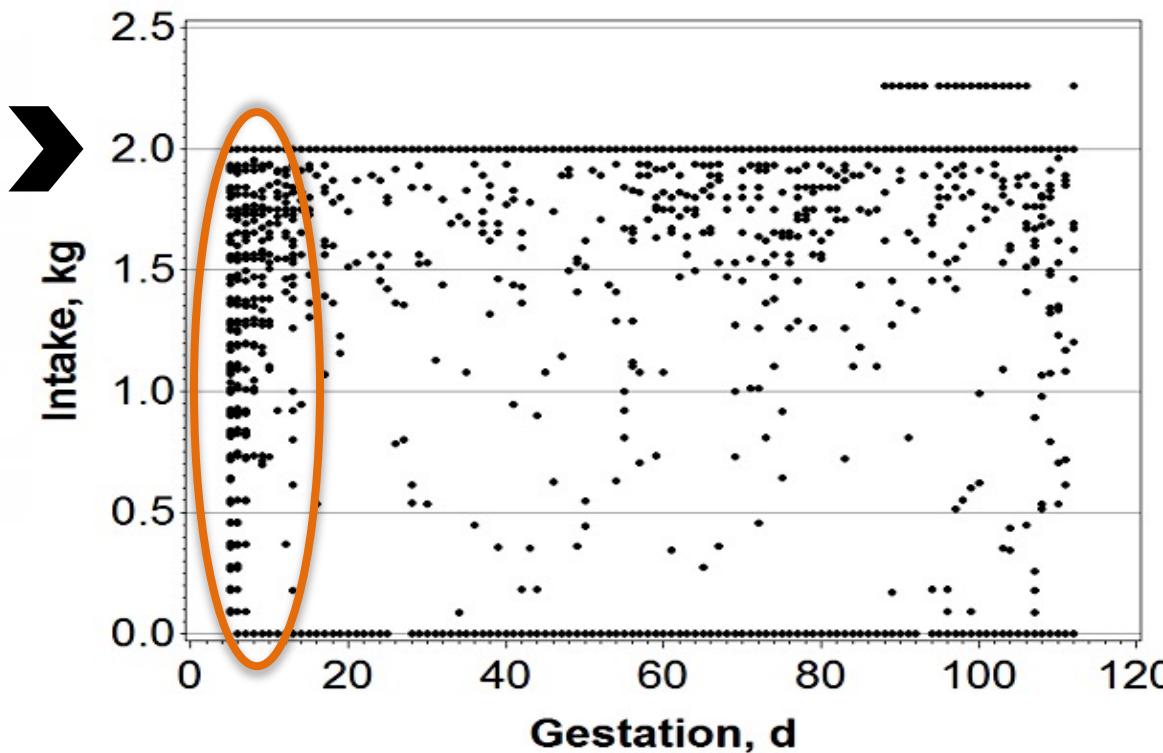
# Gestation feeding systems



# Electronic sow feeding systems

## Feed intake of **gilts** in ESF system

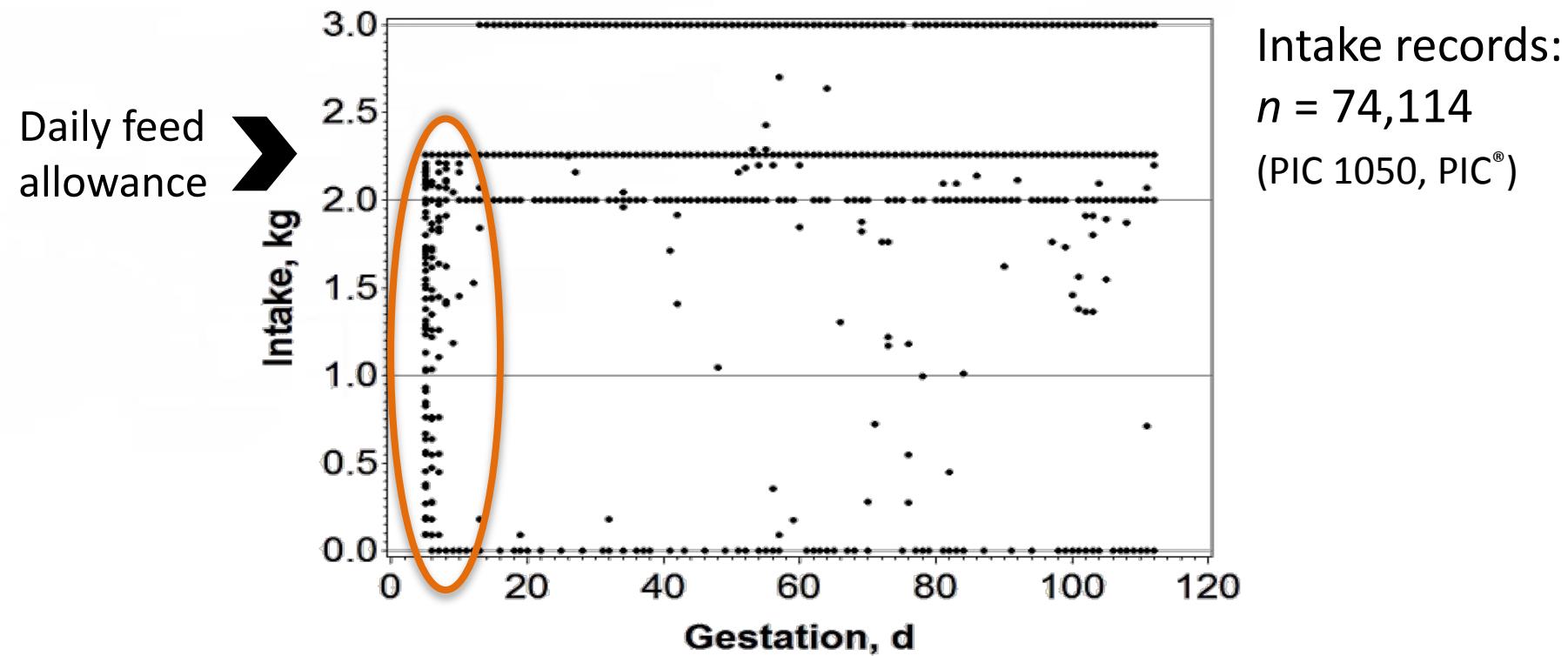
Daily feed allowance



Intake records:  
 $n = 74,114$   
(PIC 1050, PIC<sup>®</sup>)

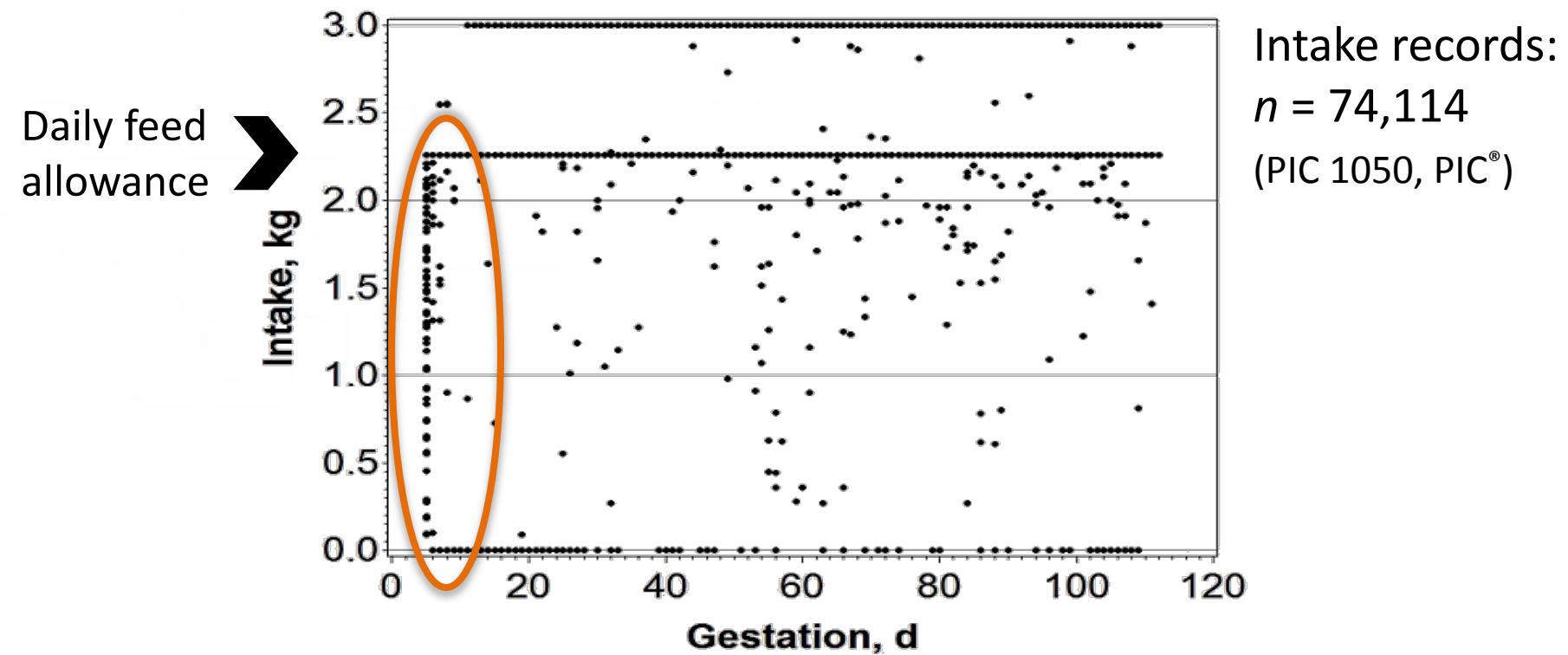
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Feed intake of **parity 1 sows** in ESF system



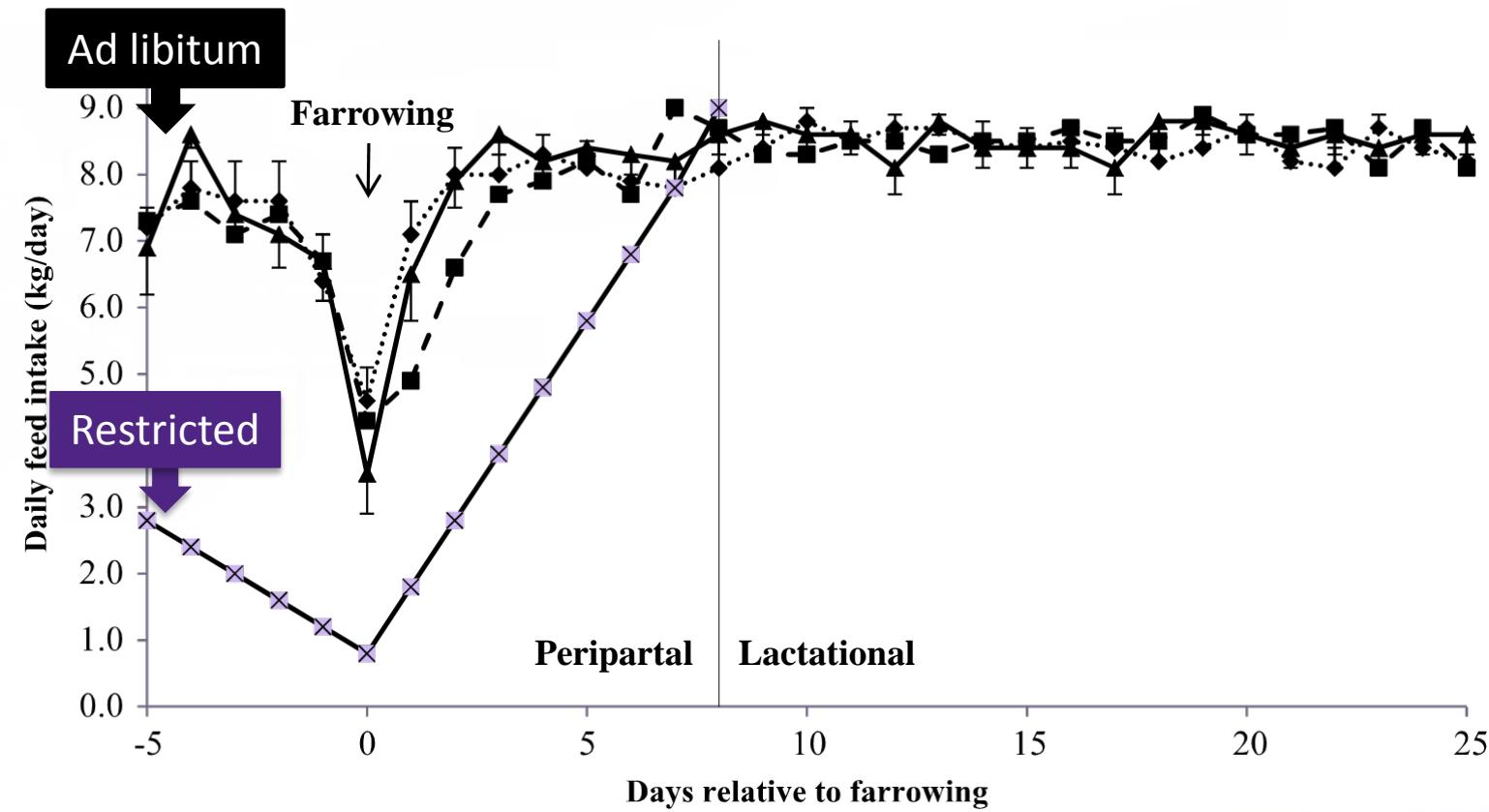
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Feed intake of **parity 2+ sows** in ESF system



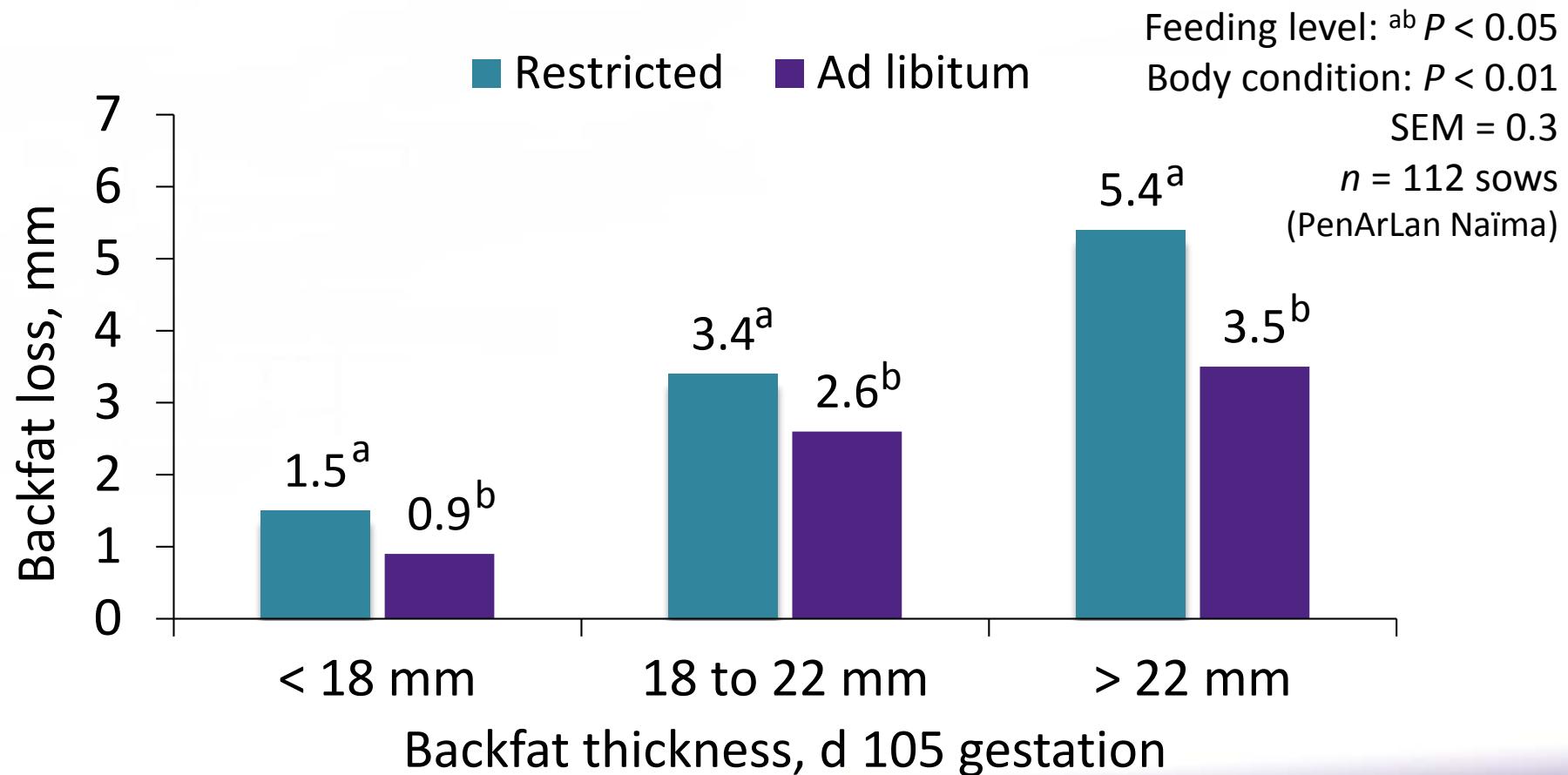
# Nutrition in peripartum

## Restricted vs. Ad libitum feeding



# Nutrition in peripartum

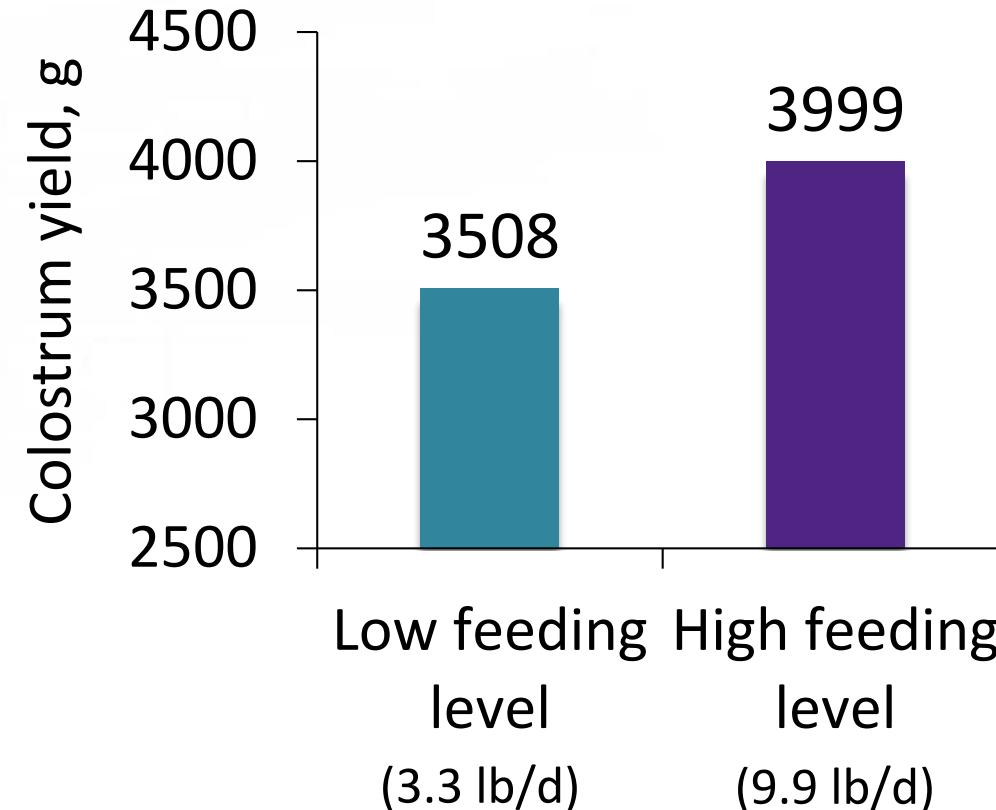
Ad libitum feeding on peripartum  
reduced backfat loss during lactation



# Nutrition in peripartum

Feeding level on peripartum influenced  
colostrum yield and composition

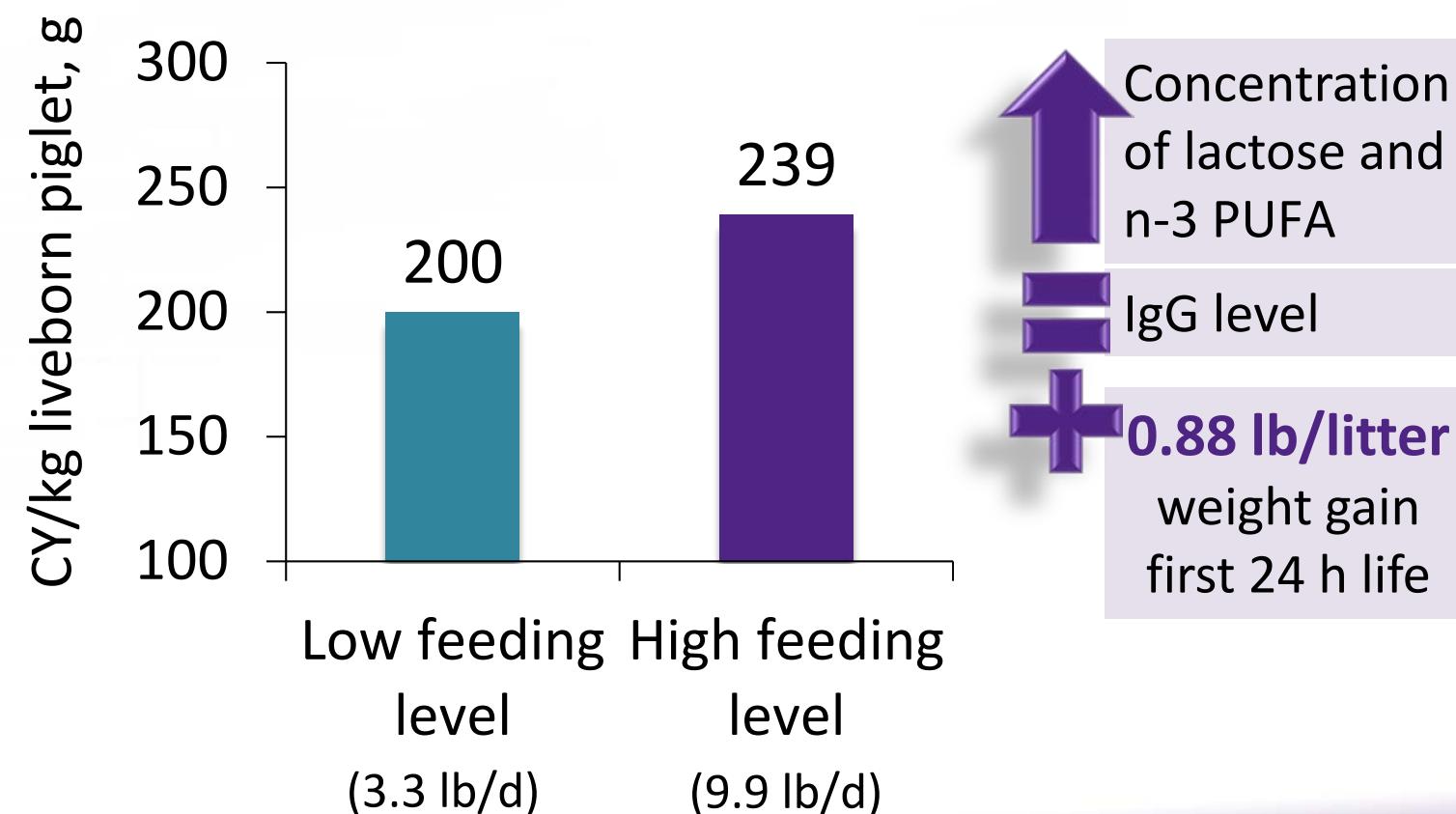
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 $n = 50$  sows  
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Feeding level on peripartum influenced  
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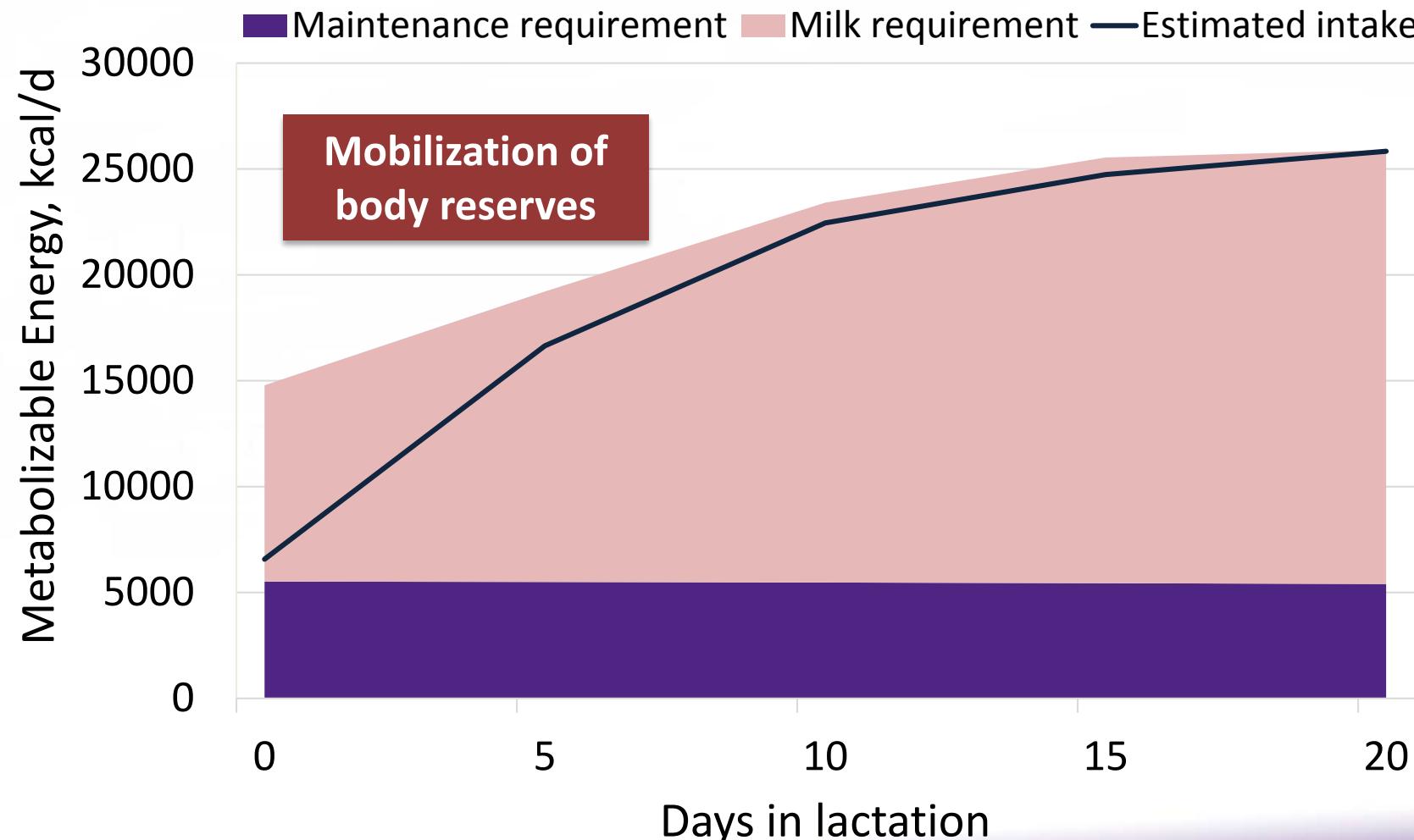


# Lactation

Goal of nutrition in lactation:

**Maximize feed intake**

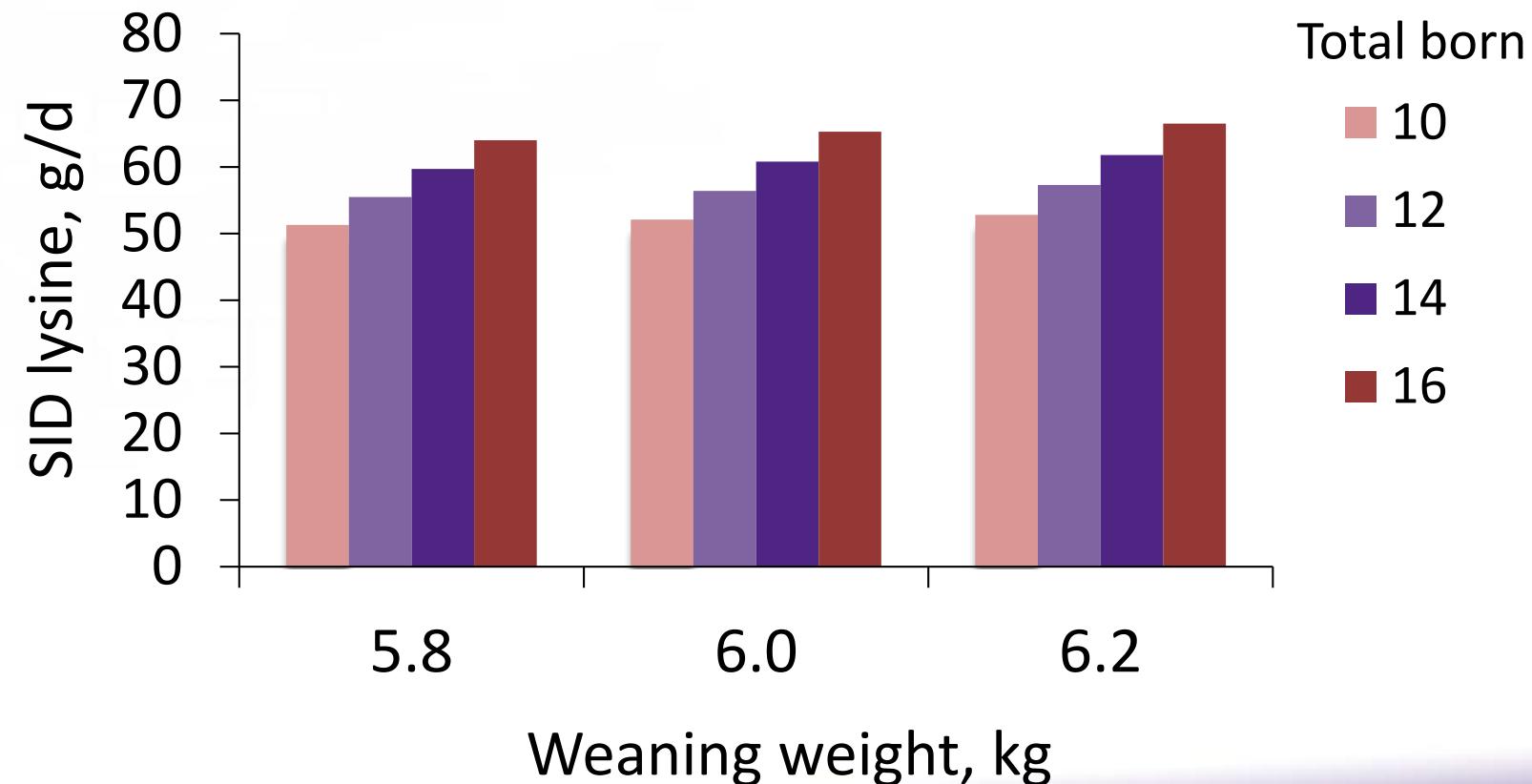
# Estimated daily ME requirements and intake of sows in lactation



Adapted from NRC, 2012

# Nutrition in lactation

Amino acid requirements in lactation increase  
w/ litter size and litter growth rate

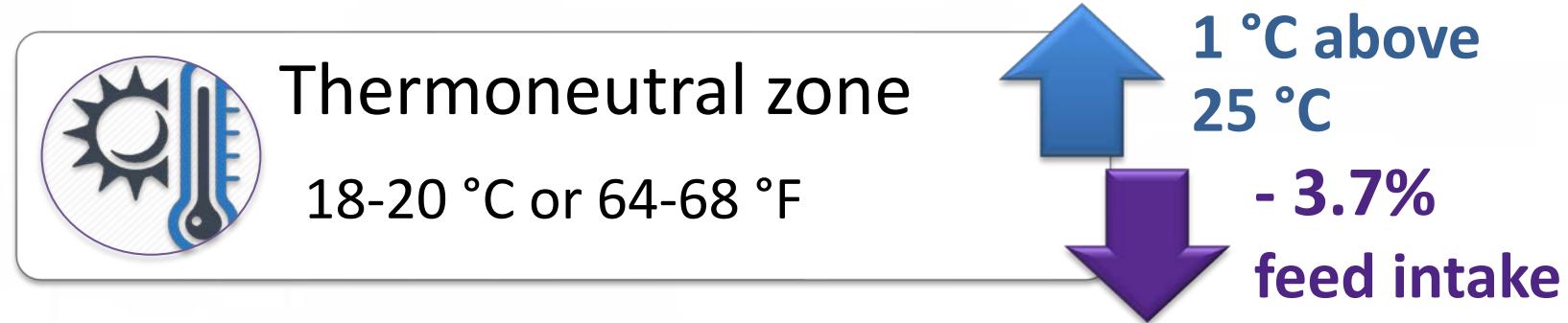


# Lactation

How to minimize lactational catabolism?

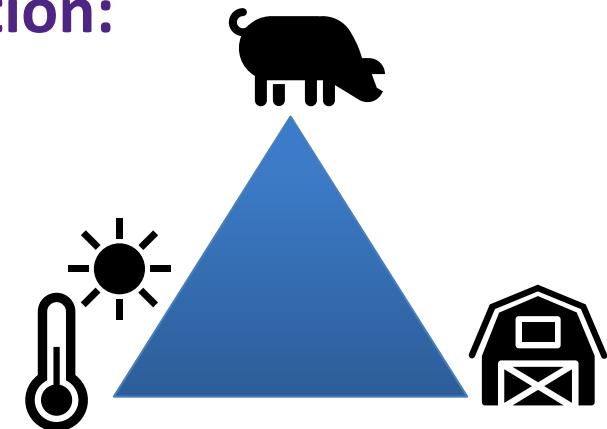
- 1) Maximize feed intake
- 2) Appropriate amino acid levels

# Feed intake in lactation



## Diet impact on feed intake in lactation:

- Fat inclusion ≈ 3%
- Soybean meal level < 35%
- Cautious fiber inclusion
- Mycotoxins
- Unpalatable ingredients
- Water access



# Feed intake in lactation



Water consumption  
7.3 gallons water per day



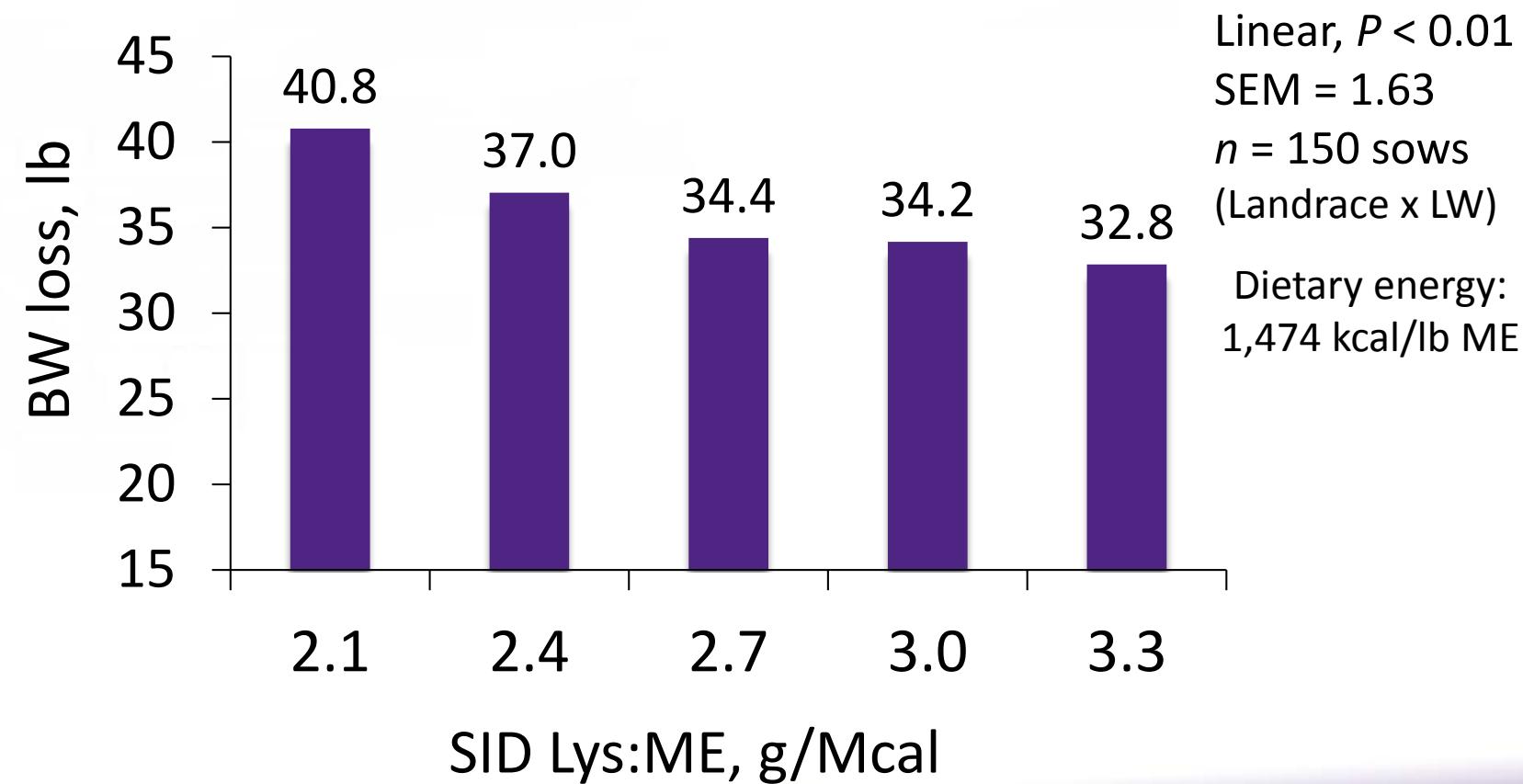
Correlation w/  
feed intake

## Impact on water intake in lactation:

- Water flow
- Malfunctioning drinkers
- Acquaintance to new drinkers
- Feeder and drinker design
- Temperature

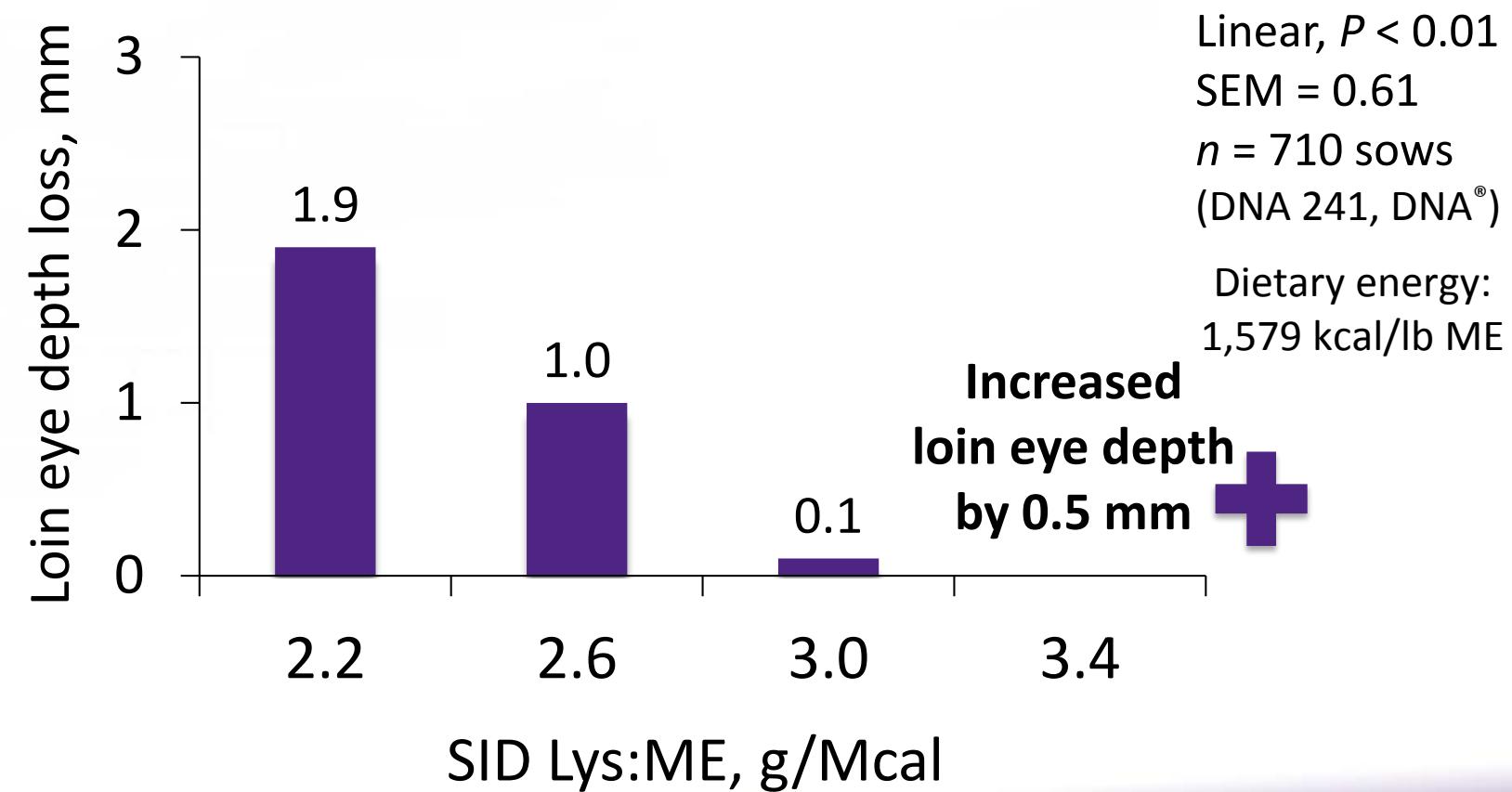
# Amino acid levels in lactation

Appropriate **lysine levels** reduce body weight loss during lactation



# Amino acid levels in lactation

Appropriate **lysine levels** reduce protein loss during lactation

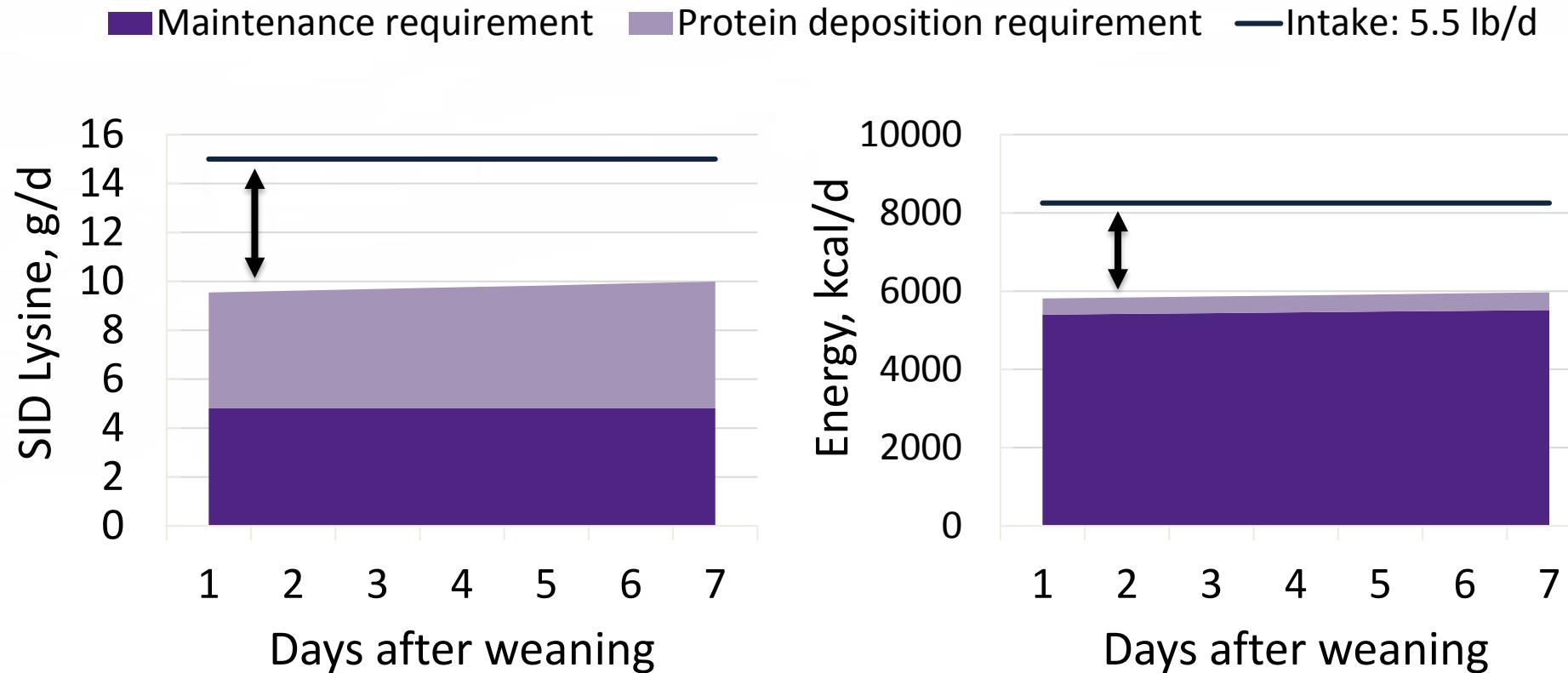


# Wean-to-estrus interval

Goal of nutrition in WEI:

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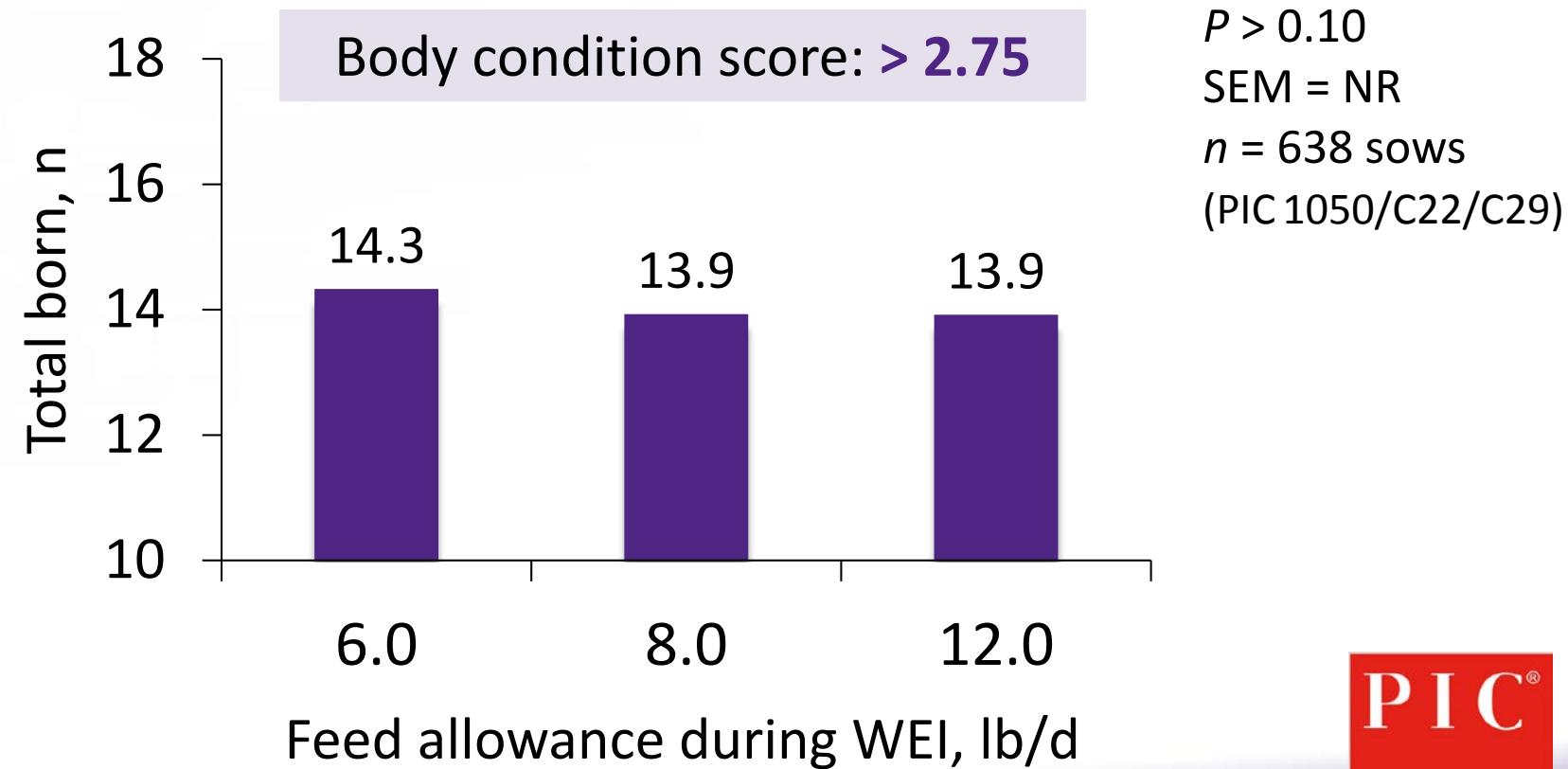
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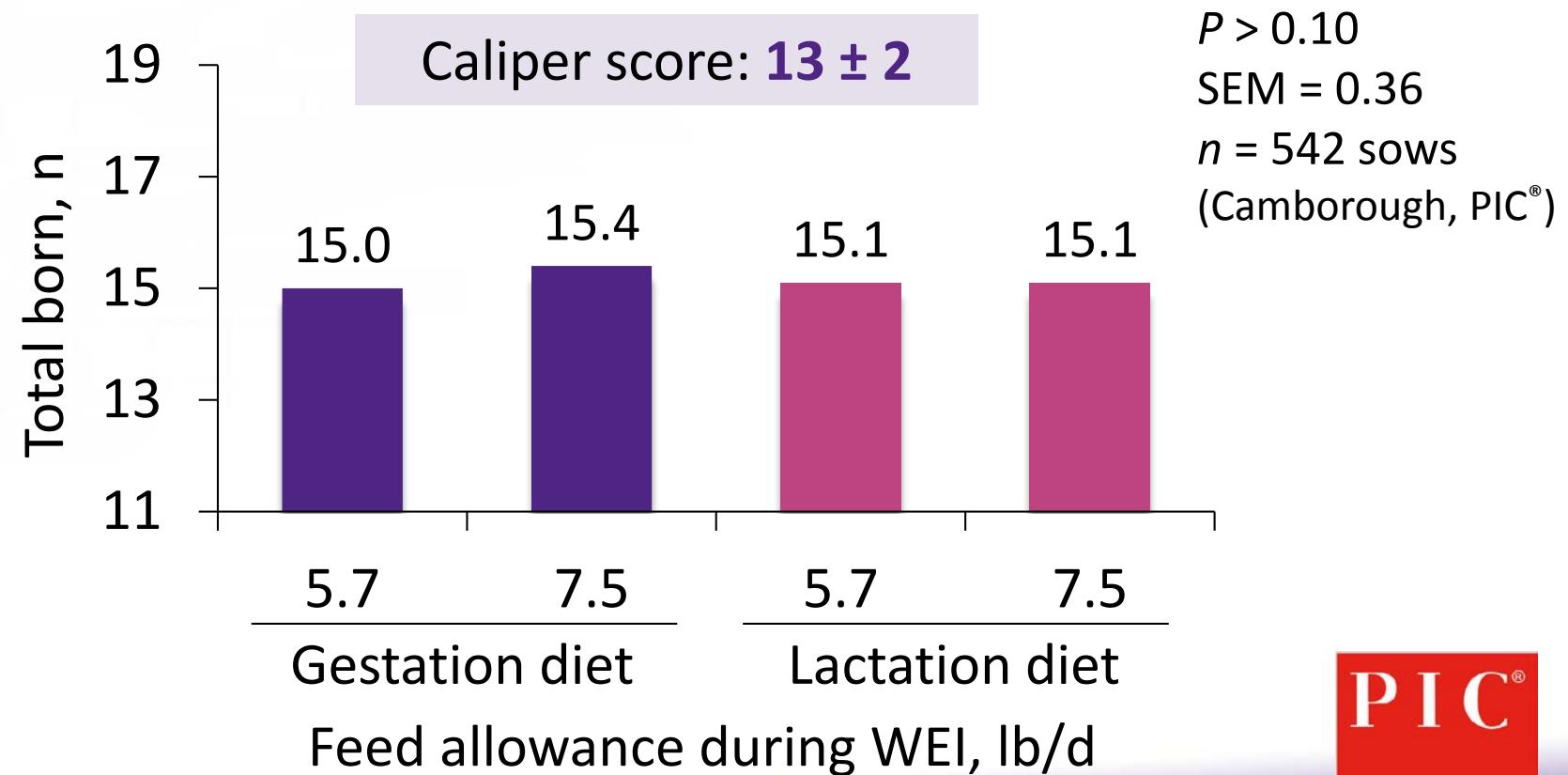
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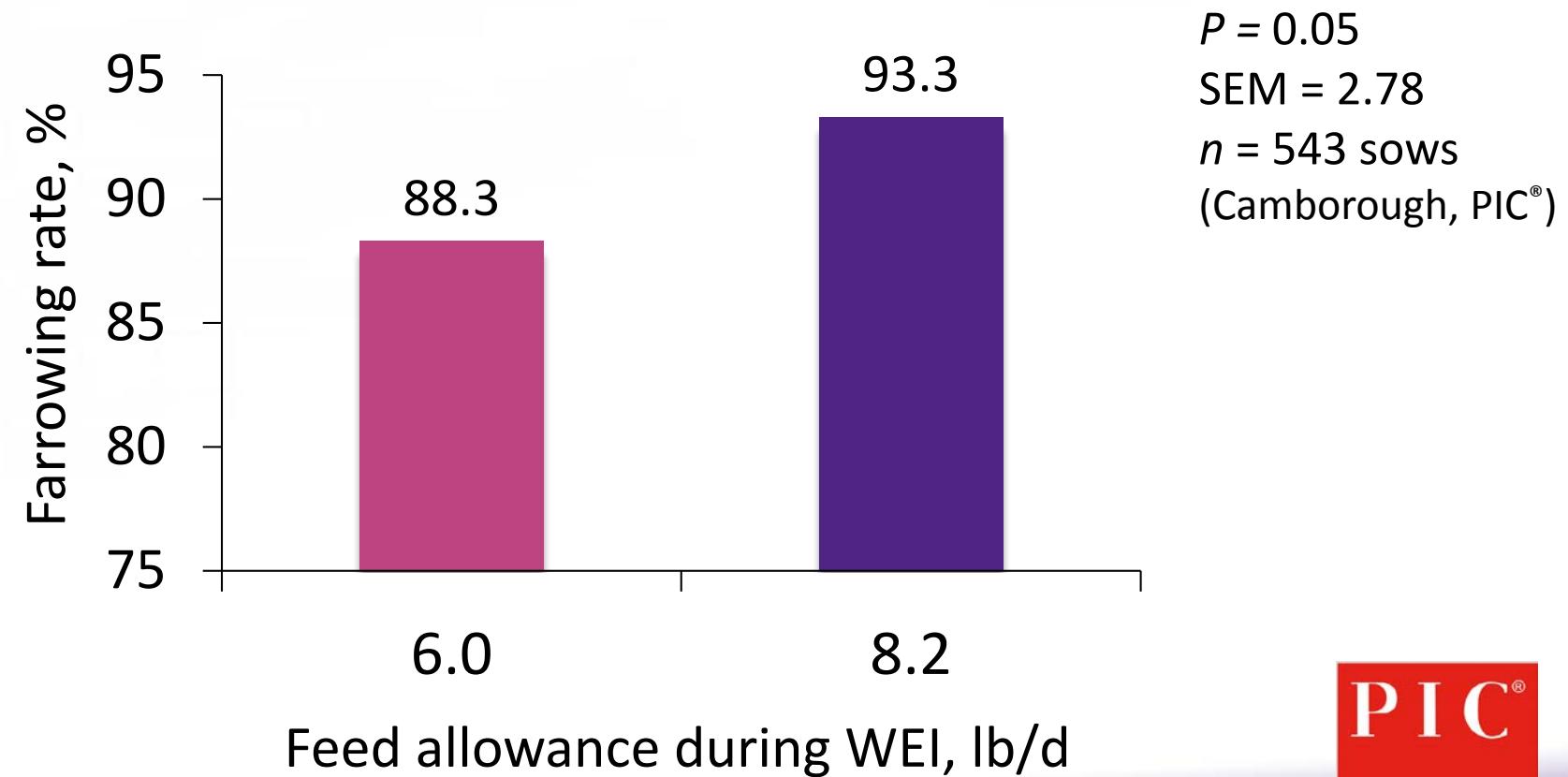
# Wean-to-estrus interval

Sows in good body condition do not benefit from feeding lactation diet during WEI



# Wean-to-estrus interval

Contrarily, high feed allowance of lactation diet improved farrowing rate



# Take-home message

- Avoid feed restriction after breeding
- Adjust body condition by day 30 of gestation
- Impact of nutrition on birth weight is modest
- Maximize feed intake in lactation at placement
- Simplify feeding programs
- Investigate strategies for transition feeding and WEI

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# Feeding Group- Housed Sows

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# Introduction

- Modern consumers demand production practices and facilities that they can associate with animal friendliness
- Beyond the housing setting definition, producers have to decide what feeding system to use



# Introduction

- Basic principles need to be well understood to develop sound management practices and stay competitive in the business
- There is not the best one group housing system, but each one with the pros and cons
- We would like to share our experience and lessons learned over the last few years



# Outline

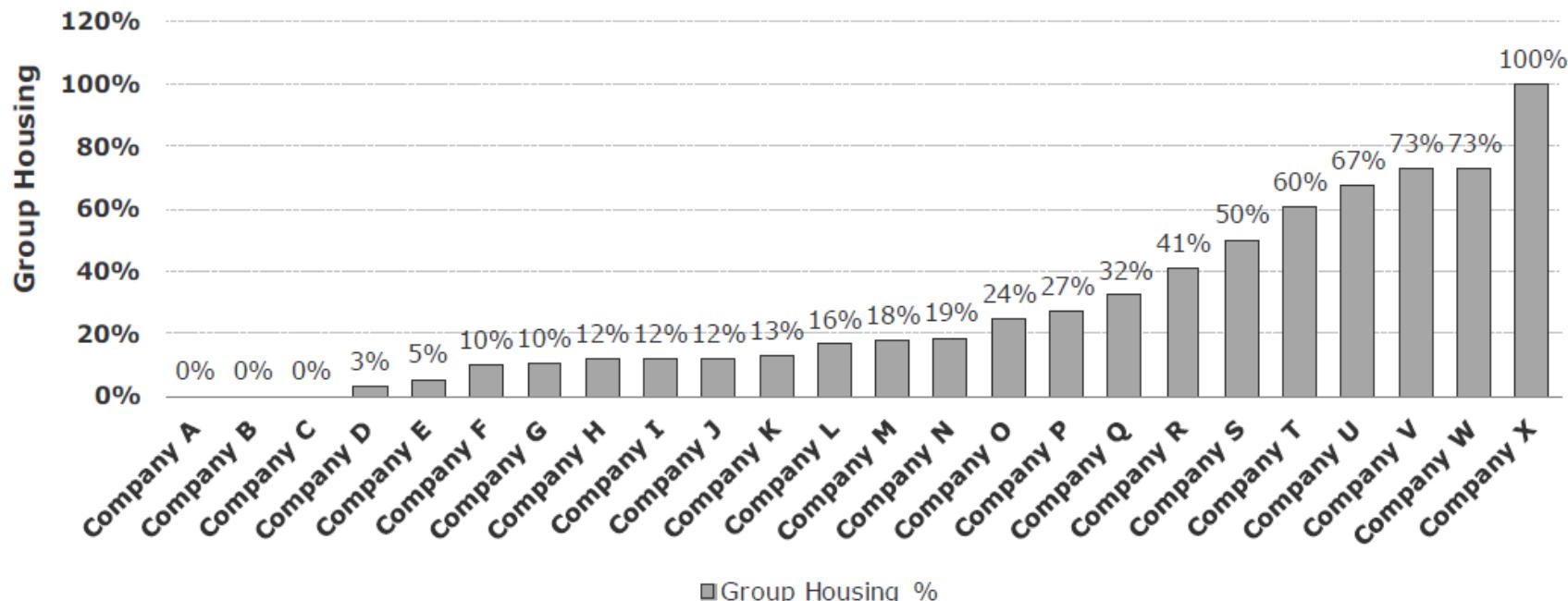
- Overview
- Lessons Learned
- Take Home Message

# Group Housing in NA Industry

Last Segmentation Done by PIC

- 88% of the companies had sows in group housing
- 33% of sow inventory were in group housing

**USA Housing Segmentation**  
**Group Housing Penetration Per Company**





# Most Common Options

Floor Feeding



Stanchion



ESF – Electronic Sow Feeding



Free Access



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# Group Housing Comparison

	Stalls	Free Access	Floor Feeding	Stanchions	ESF	JYGA Gestal
Body Condition Management *	++++	+++	++	+++	++++	++++
Aggressions	X	X	XXX	XX	XX	X
Building / Retro fitting Costs	X	XXX	X	X	XXX	XX
Running Costs	X	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
Ease of management	++++	+++	+++	+++	++	++
Feed Usage	X	XX	XXX	XX	X	X

+ poor, ++ acceptable, +++ good, +++++ very good  
x lower, xx moderate, xxx higher



\* It considers the potential to have a better managed body condition.

## Stanchions Overview

- Lower building costs and easier to retro-fit stalled farms
- Harder to manage body condition in larger pens
- Tend to use more gestation feed than individual feeding systems (1/4 to 1/2 more lbs/d)





## Stanchions Key Points

- Needs to consider one feeder per sow in the pen
- Same time feeding pattern every day
- Segregation by body condition, parity and weight. Smaller pens work better (8 to 14 sows)

# Floor Feeding Overview

- Lower retro-fitting costs
- Harder to manage body condition in larger pens
- Tend to use more gestation feed than individual feeding systems (1/4 to 1/2 more lbs/d)





## Floor Feeding Key Points

- Space below feeders plays a role in the distribution and competition while sows eat
- Same time feeding pattern every day
- Segregation by body condition, parity and weight. Smaller pens work better (4 to 10 individuals)

# ESF Overview

- Higher building and running costs
- Allow individual sow feeding in group housing
- More challenging to manage
- Technology brings new solutions



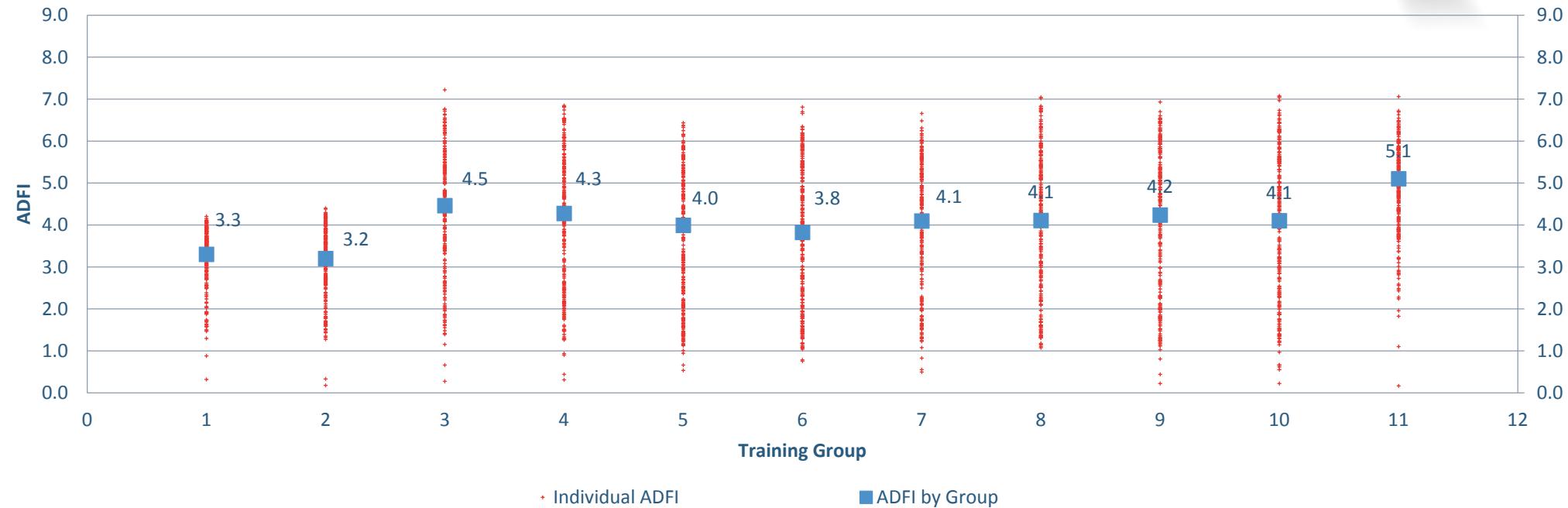


## ESF Key Points

- A proper gilt training process is needed for proper performance
- Be proactive to use the reports to find non-eater sows as soon as possible
- Have people engaged to technology and open to new ways to produce pigs

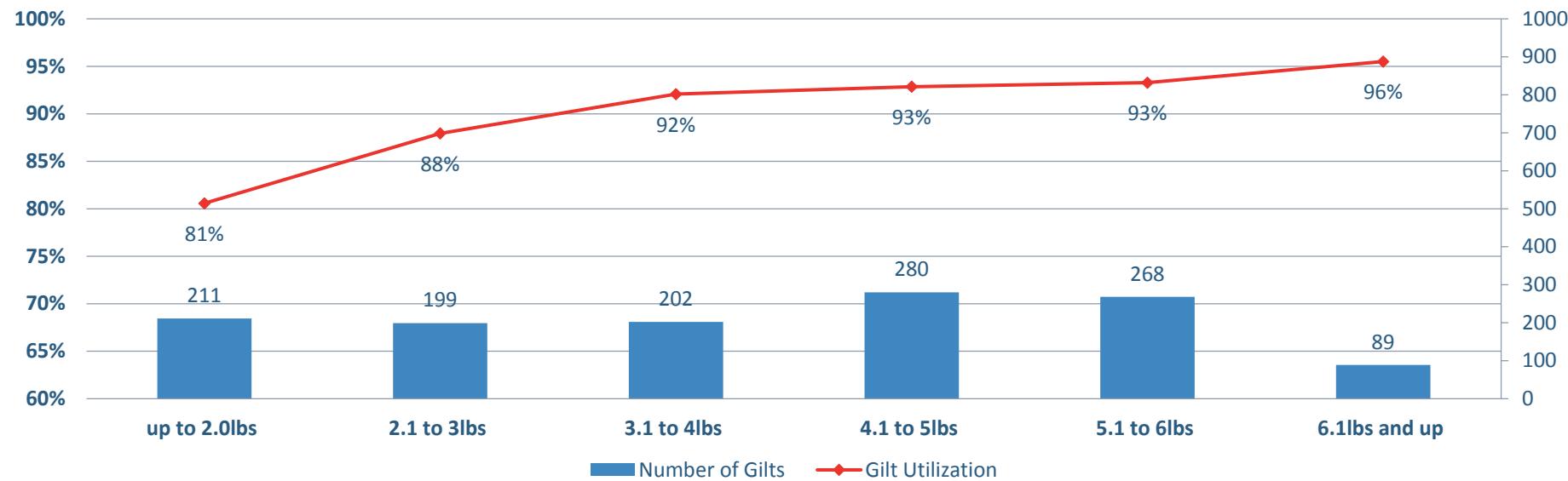


# ESF Gilt Training ADFI (lbs.) at a 5K Sow Unit



- Blue dots: ADFI for the gilt training group.
- Red crosses: individual ADFI.
- Total of 2,714 gilts trained, ~250 gilts per training group, 11 training groups, 3 weeks gilt training process.

# Gilt Utilization By ADFI (lbs) At Training



\* Preliminary results 2018.

- Total of 1,249 gilts bred. Average 90% gilt utilization, 3 weeks gilt training process.

# JYGA- Gestal Overview



- Combination of ESF and Free Access
- Allows individual sow feeding
- Does not need to have gilt training, but just crate breaking.

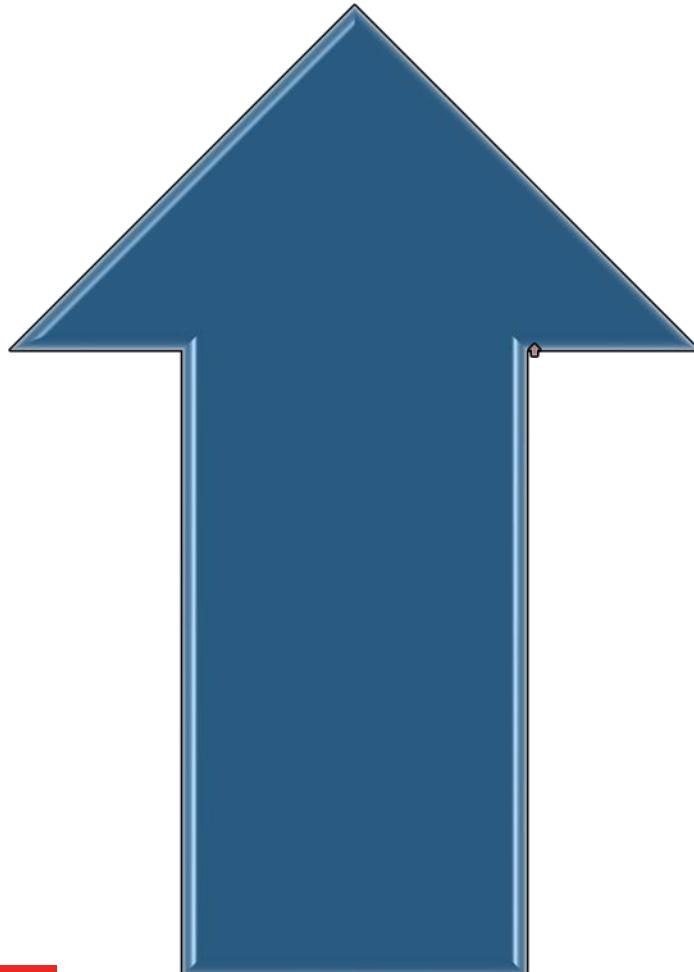


# Free Access Overview

- Higher building costs due to stock density/sow
- Easier to manage condition than Stanchion and Floor Feeding: Possible to lock up sows with unfavorable body condition
- Size of pen and segregation by body condition, parity and weight still important



# Group Size



## Larger Groups

### (More than 150 individuals):

The group is intended to be large enough to minimize or eliminate social hierarchy.

Usually ESF dynamic.

## Medium Groups

### (40 to 150 individuals)

Structured to match either the size of a breeding group and/or the capacity of a particular feeding unit.

Usually ESF static and Free access.

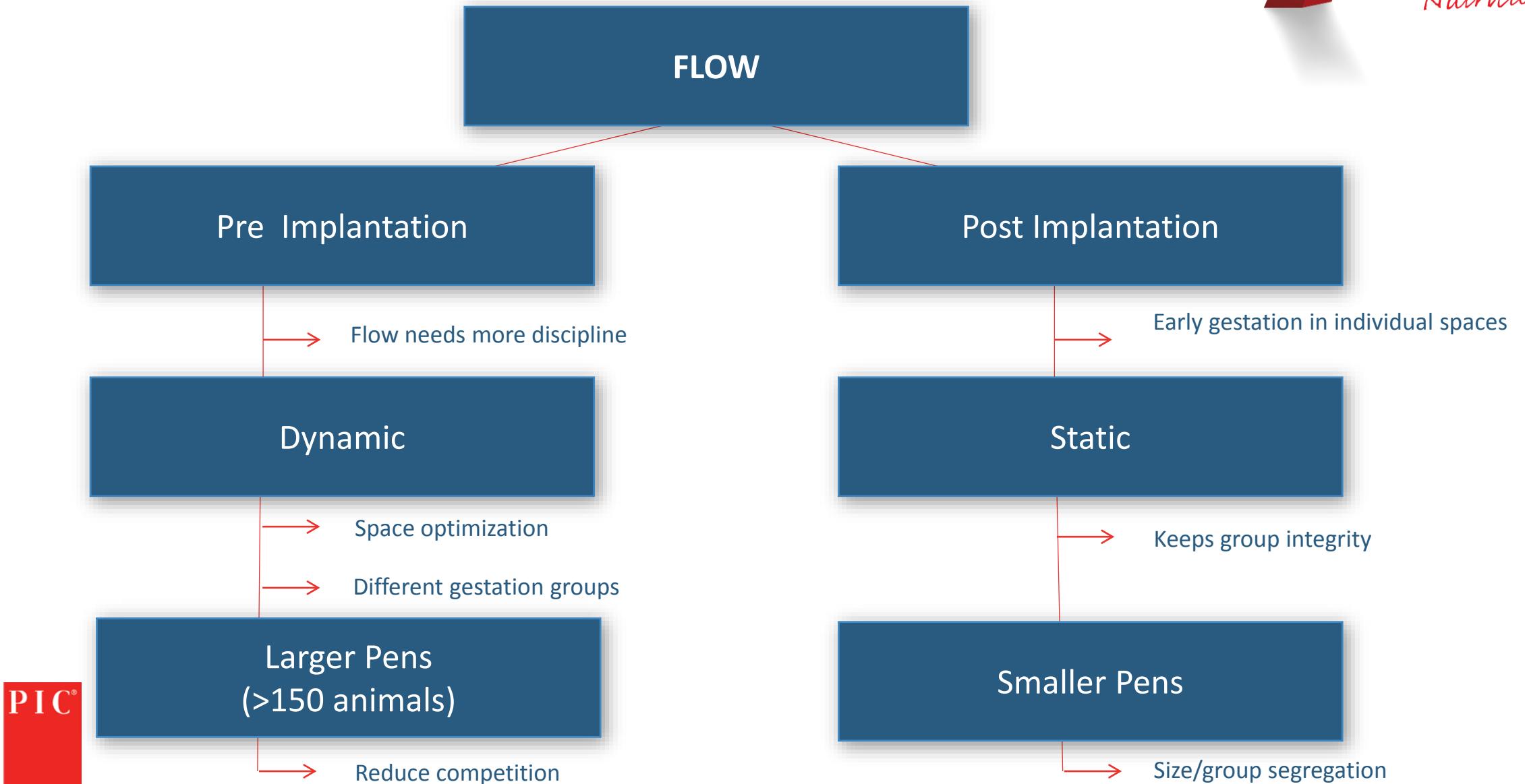
## Smaller Groups

### (5 to 20 individuals):

Group is typically chosen to have similar body condition, parity and weight, and to have similar feed requirements.

Usually Stanchions and Floor Feeding.

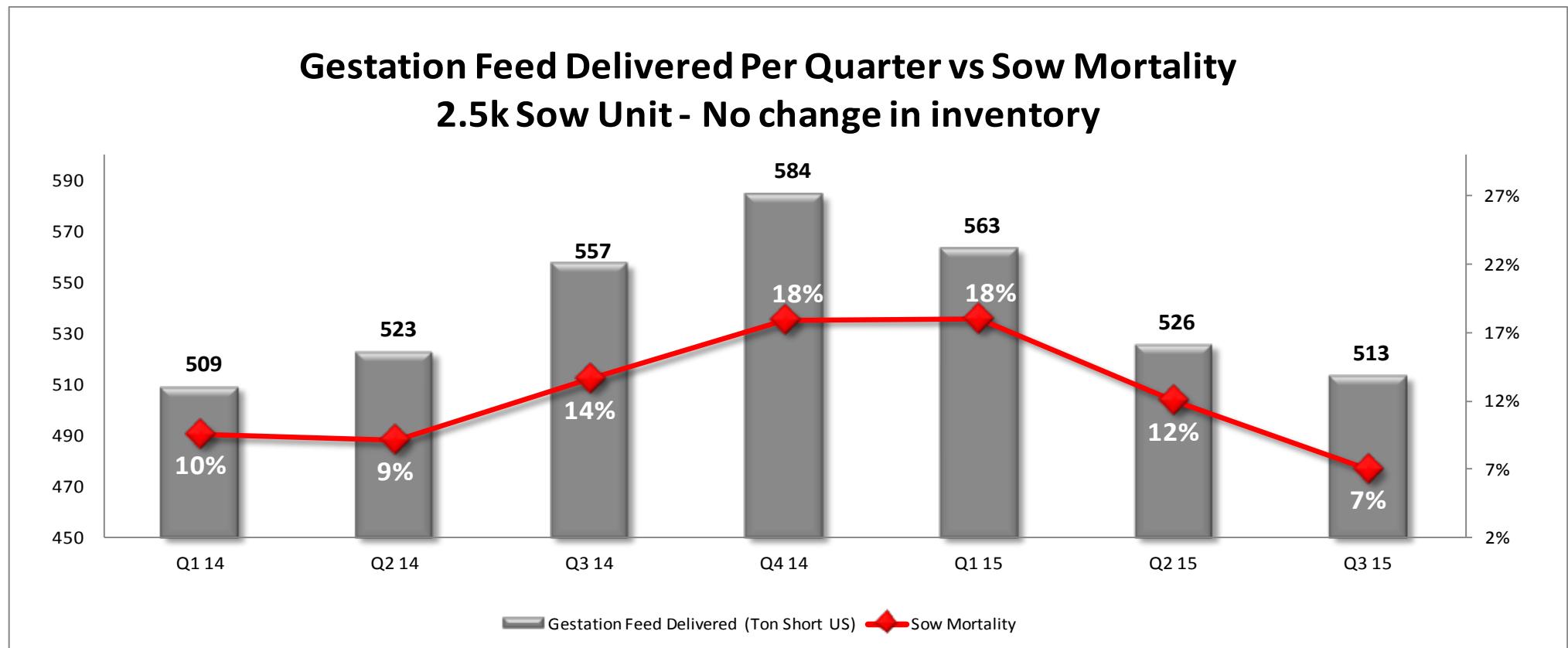
# Group Housing Flow



# The Usual Challenges

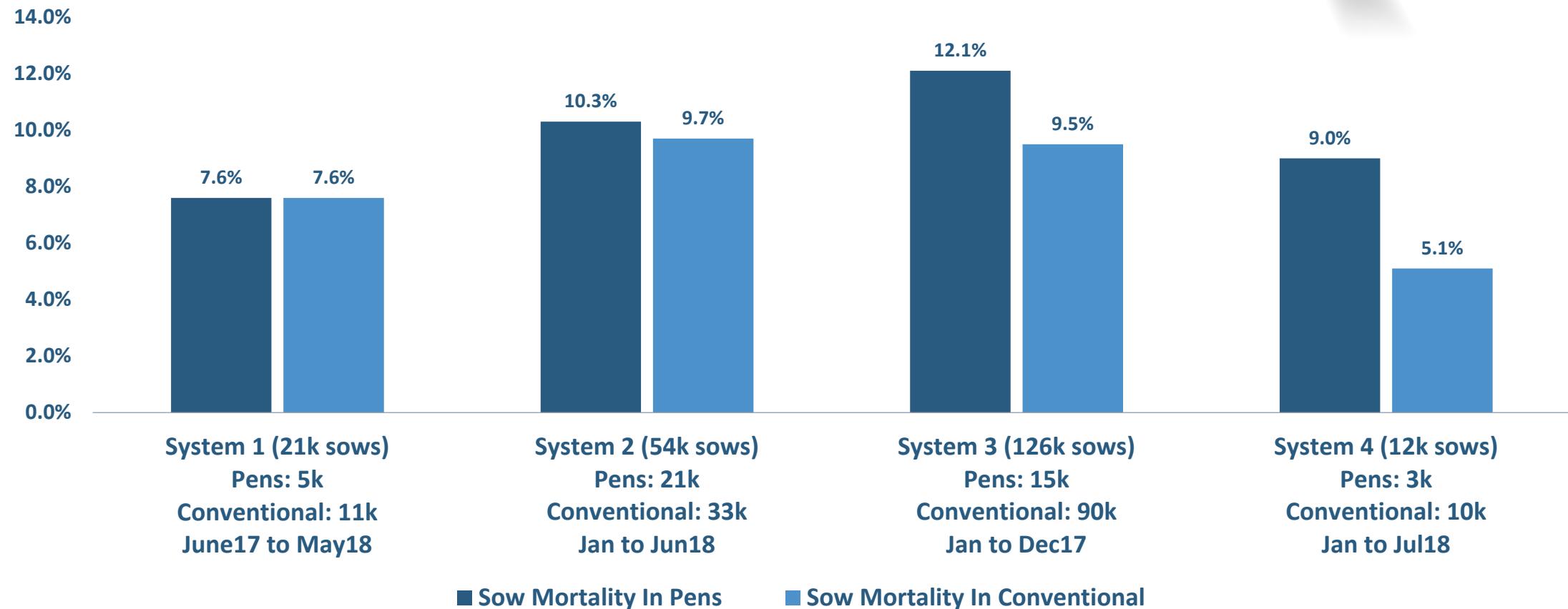
## Excessive Body Condition

- A herd in the heavy side will be less forgiving in group housing settings.
- Main reported issue is lameness.



# Pens vs. Conventional

## Sow Mortality



	System 1	System 2	System 3	System 4
Difference between sow mortality in pens vs. conventional	0 %	+ 0.6%	+ 2.6%	+ 3.9%



## Additional Thoughts

- Harder to identify individual sows in need of intervention
- Retrofitted farms usually faces a spike on sow mortality
- Risk factors have been identified but sometimes are not properly addressed



# One Page Summary

- Group Housing is a reality in North America
- There is not a single best type
- Somehow all of them are related to the way to feed sows
- Industry should be aware of the challenges, to overcome them



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# The Science Behind Meat Quality



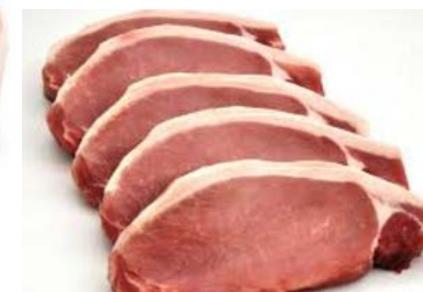
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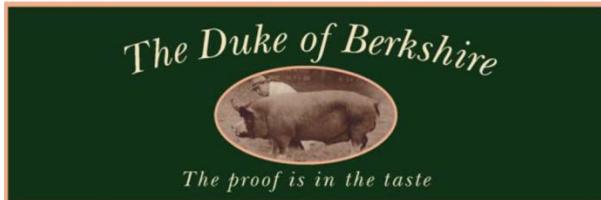
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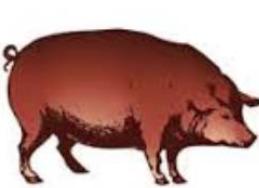
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  - Type I
- More collagen
- Difficulty getting pH to go down
- Fatty acid profile more saturated



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PORK



- Non-Ruminant
- ~ 6 months at slaughter
- More “white” fibers
  - Type II (mostly IIb)
- Less collagen
- Difficulty keeping pH from going down
- Fatty acid profile less saturated



CHICKEN



- Non-ruminant
- ~ 40 days at slaughter
- All “white” fibers (in breast)
  - Type II (~99% IIb)
- Less collagen (barring defects)
- Difficulty keeping pH from going down
- Fatty acid profile less saturated



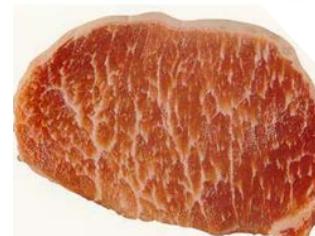
# Pork Quality or Pork Marketing

Table 1—Pork Carcass Quality Grade Based on Lean Color and Marbling<sup>13</sup>

Quality grade	Lean color score	Lean marbling score
USDA Prime	4-5	Greater than or equal to 4.
USDA Choice	3	Greater than or equal to 2.
USDA Select	2	Greater than or equal to 2.

(b) The following descriptions provide a guide to the characteristics of barrow and gilt carcasses in each grade.

- (1) USDA Prime—Barrow and gilt carcasses in this grade have at least a slightly firm lean, a color score of 4 or 5, and a marbling score of 4 or greater.
- (2) USDA Choice—Barrow and gilt carcasses in this grade have at least a slightly firm lean, a color score of 3, and a marbling score of 2 or greater.
- (3) USDA Select—Barrow and gilt carcasses in this grade have at least a slightly firm lean, a color score of 2, and a marbling score of 2 or greater.



*The “Black Angus” of Pork*

[www.compartduroc.com](http://www.compartduroc.com)

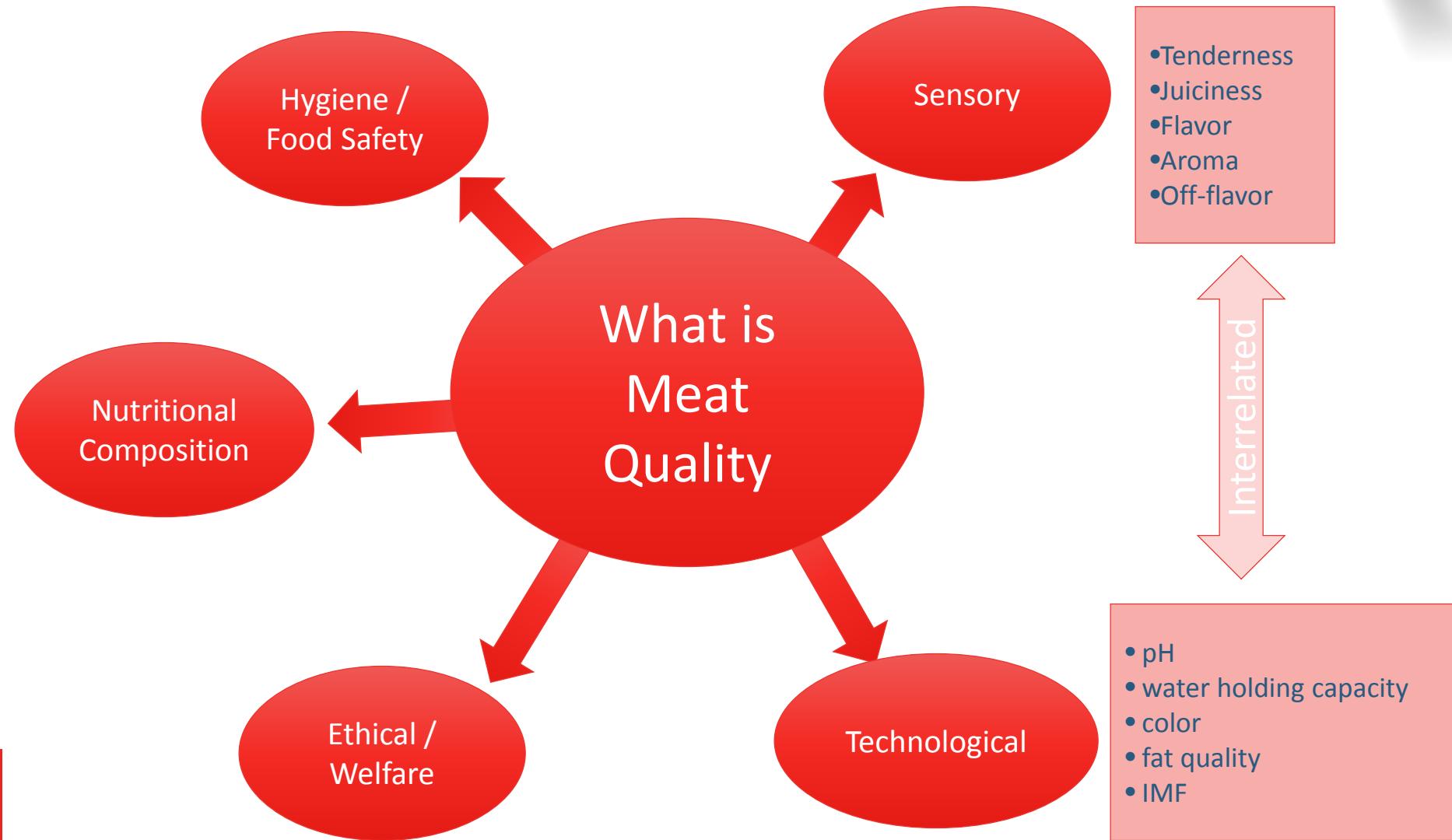


# What is Quality?

Quality is the total of all characteristics that cause differences between samples of a product and which influence the appreciation by the end user (processor - consumer)

End users define “quality” based on different characteristics

# How Do You Define Meat Quality?

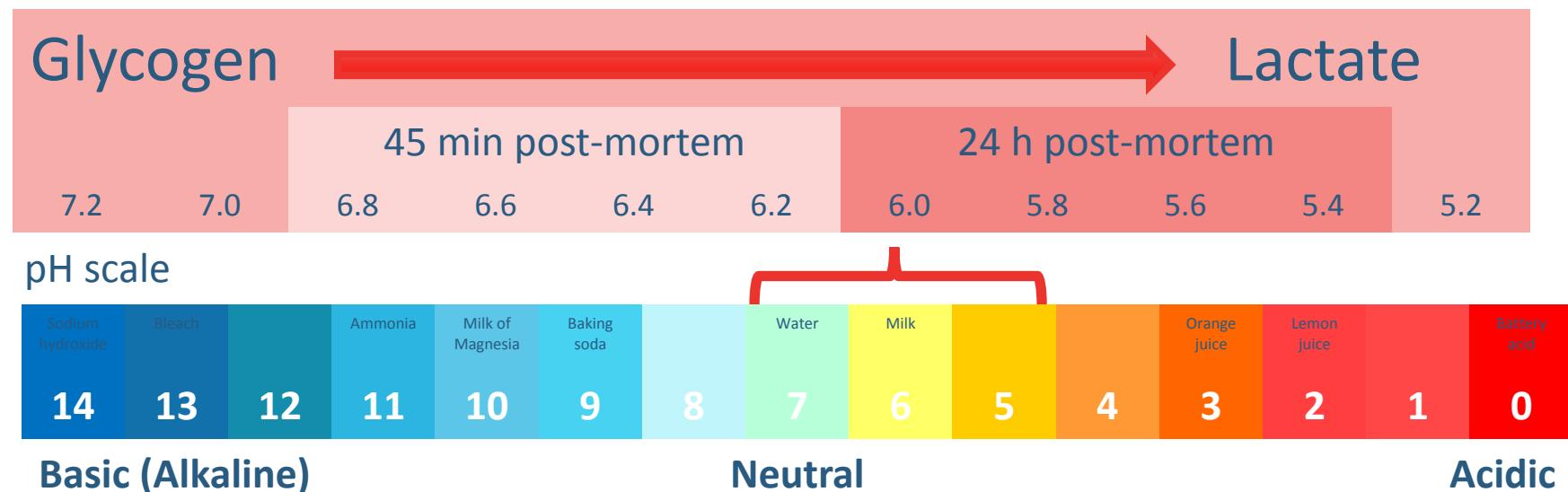




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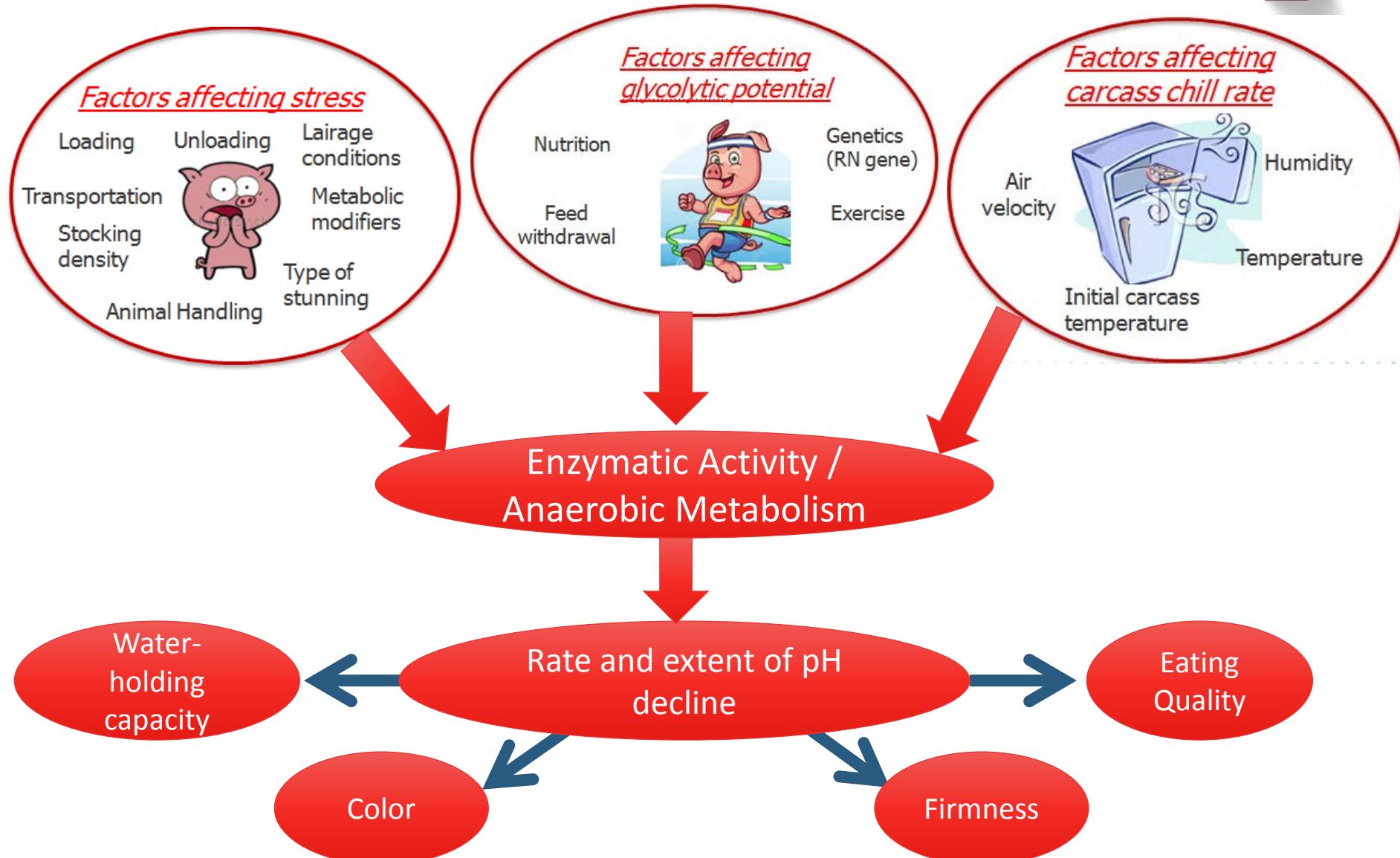
# Conversion of Muscle to Meat



Rate and extent of pH decline influenced by:

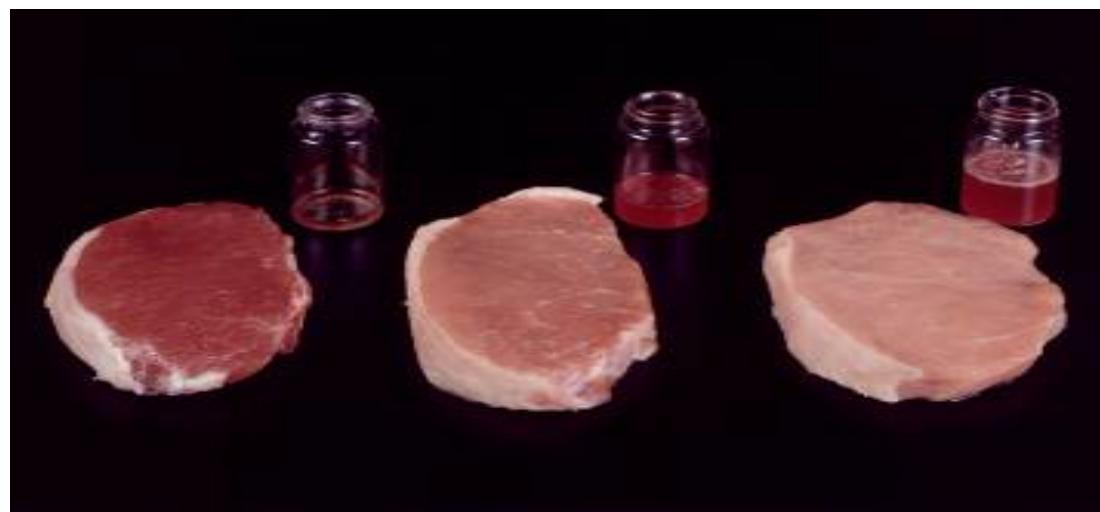
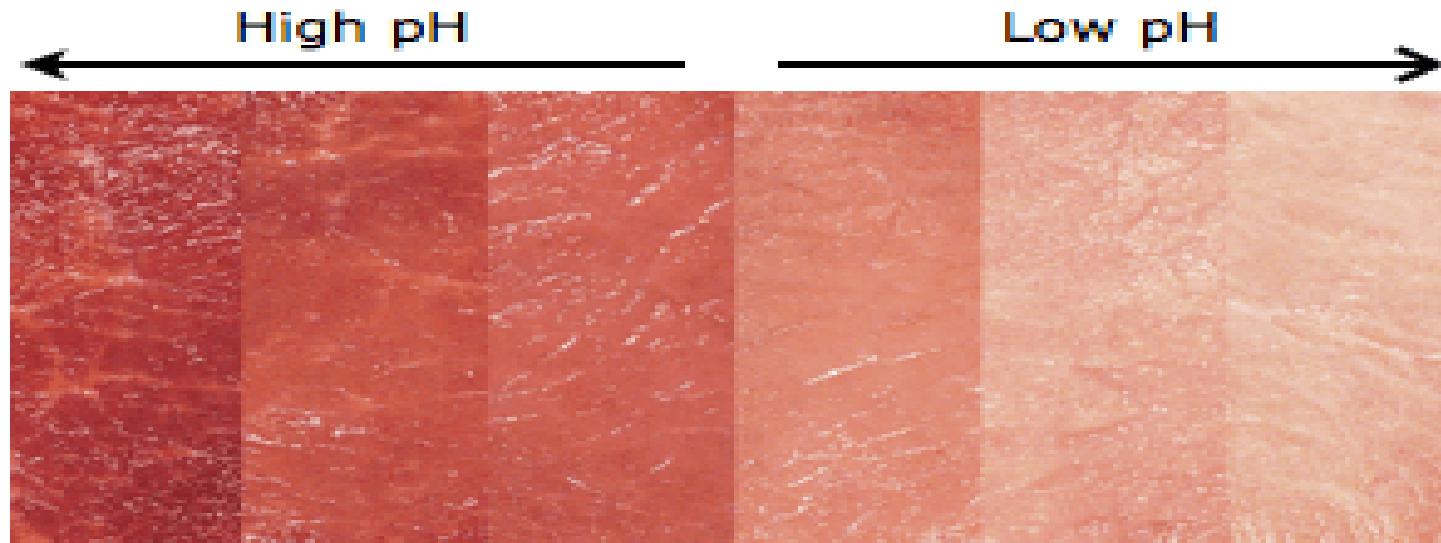
- glycolytic potential
  - enzymatic processes
  - carcass temperature
  - stress

# Factors That Determine Pork Quality



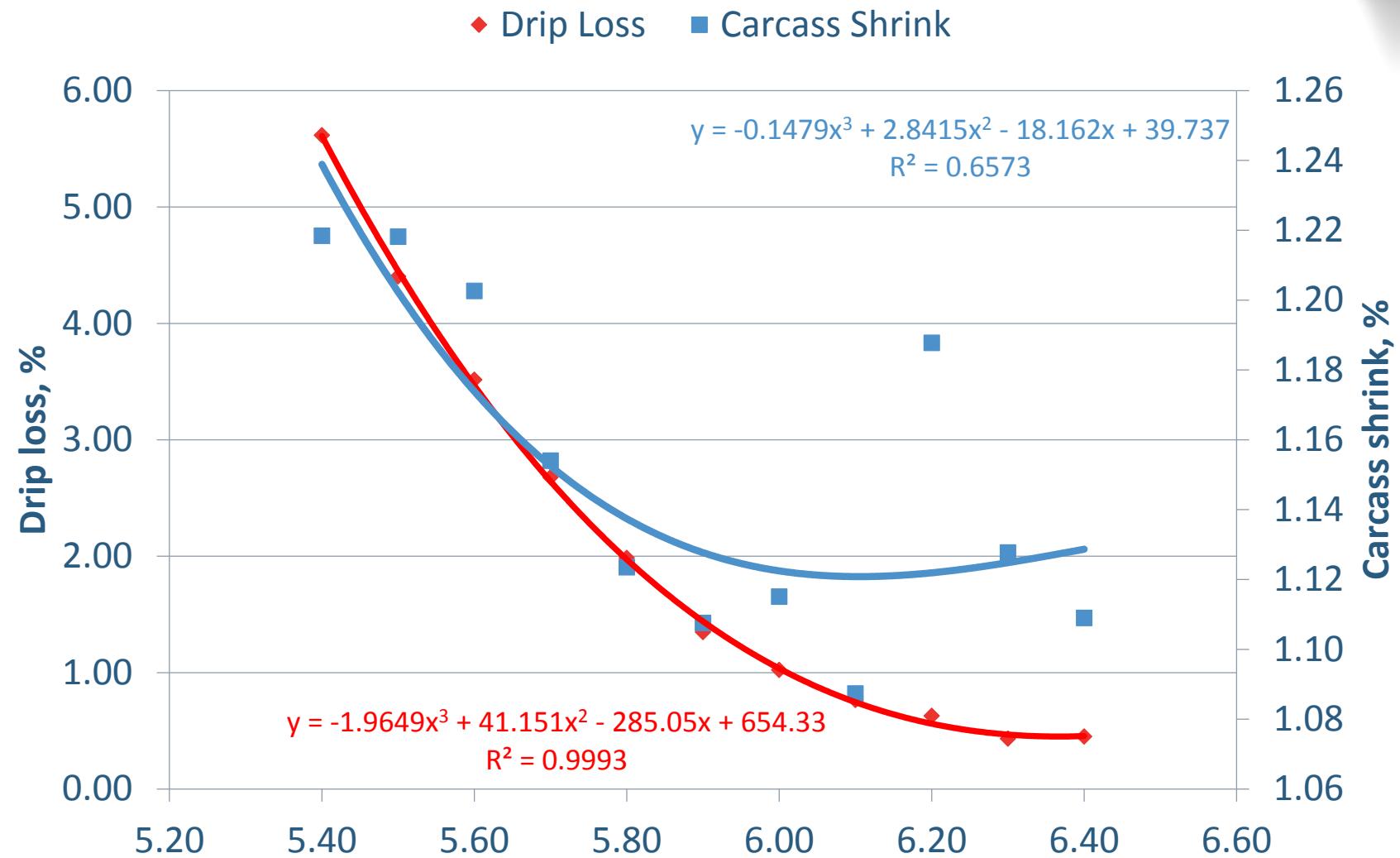
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# Meat Quality Relationships



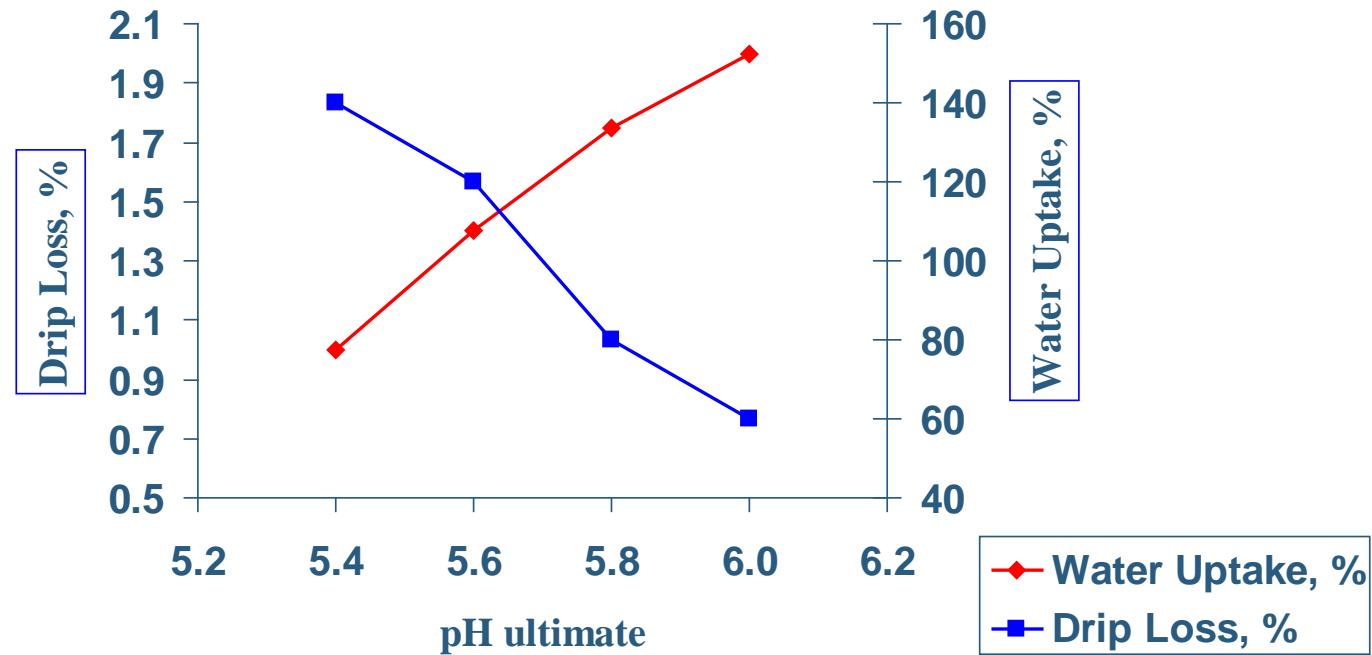
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# Effect of pH<sub>U</sub> on Water Losses



\*\*\*\*\*Sample size was 28,024 for drip loss and 21,996 for carcass shrink.

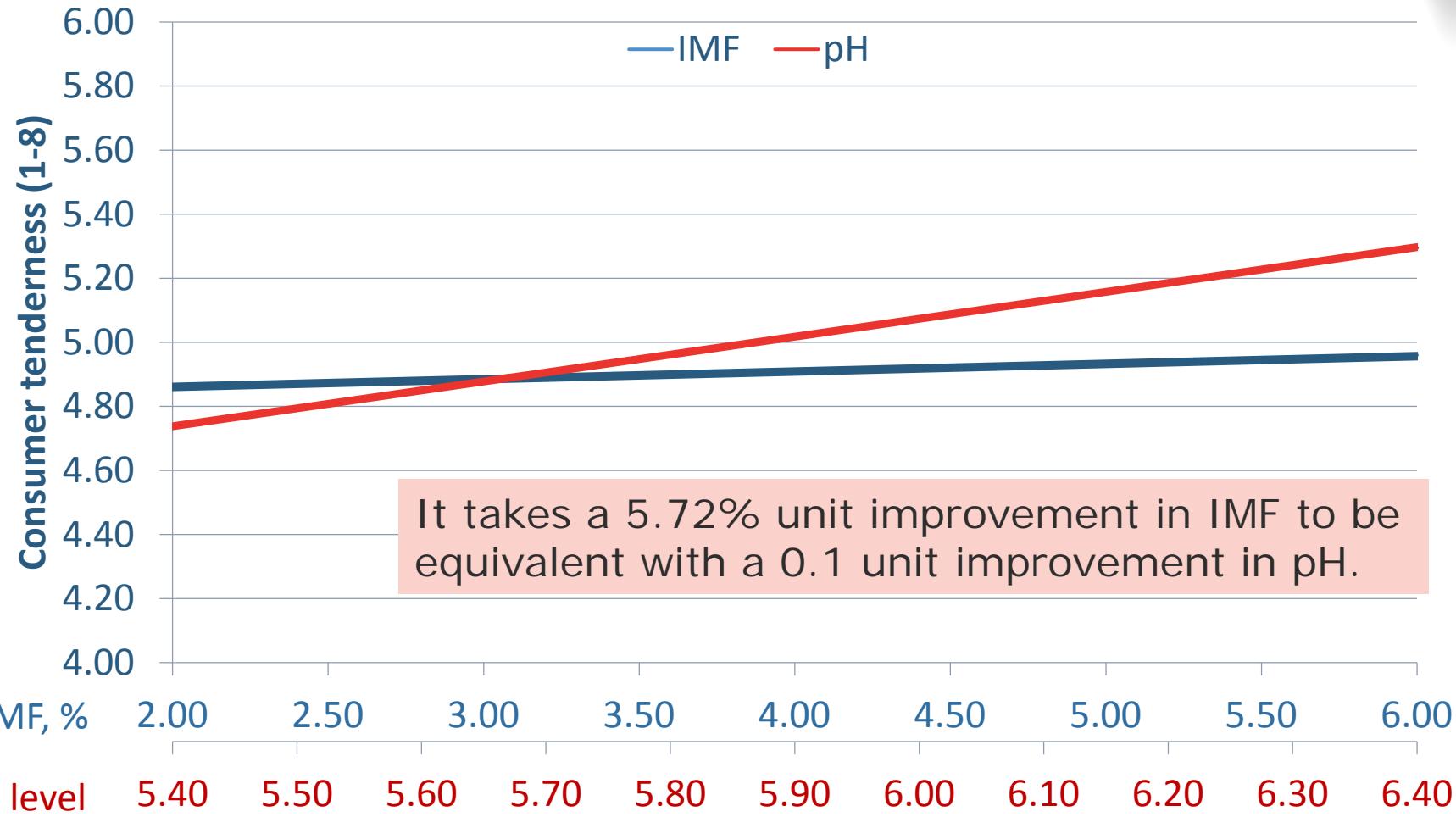
# Relationship of Drip Loss and Water Uptake to pH<sub>u</sub>



Adapted from: (Eikelenboom et al., 1995)

# Effect of IMF and pH on Consumer Tenderness

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It takes a 5.72% unit improvement in IMF to be equivalent with a 0.1 unit improvement in pH.

# Managing the Pork Quality Quiz

**Non-systemic  
Environmental Factors  
= Not Well Understood**

$\pm 10\%$



**Genetics  
20 to 30%**



**Systemic Environmental  
Factors = Manageable  
60 to 70%**





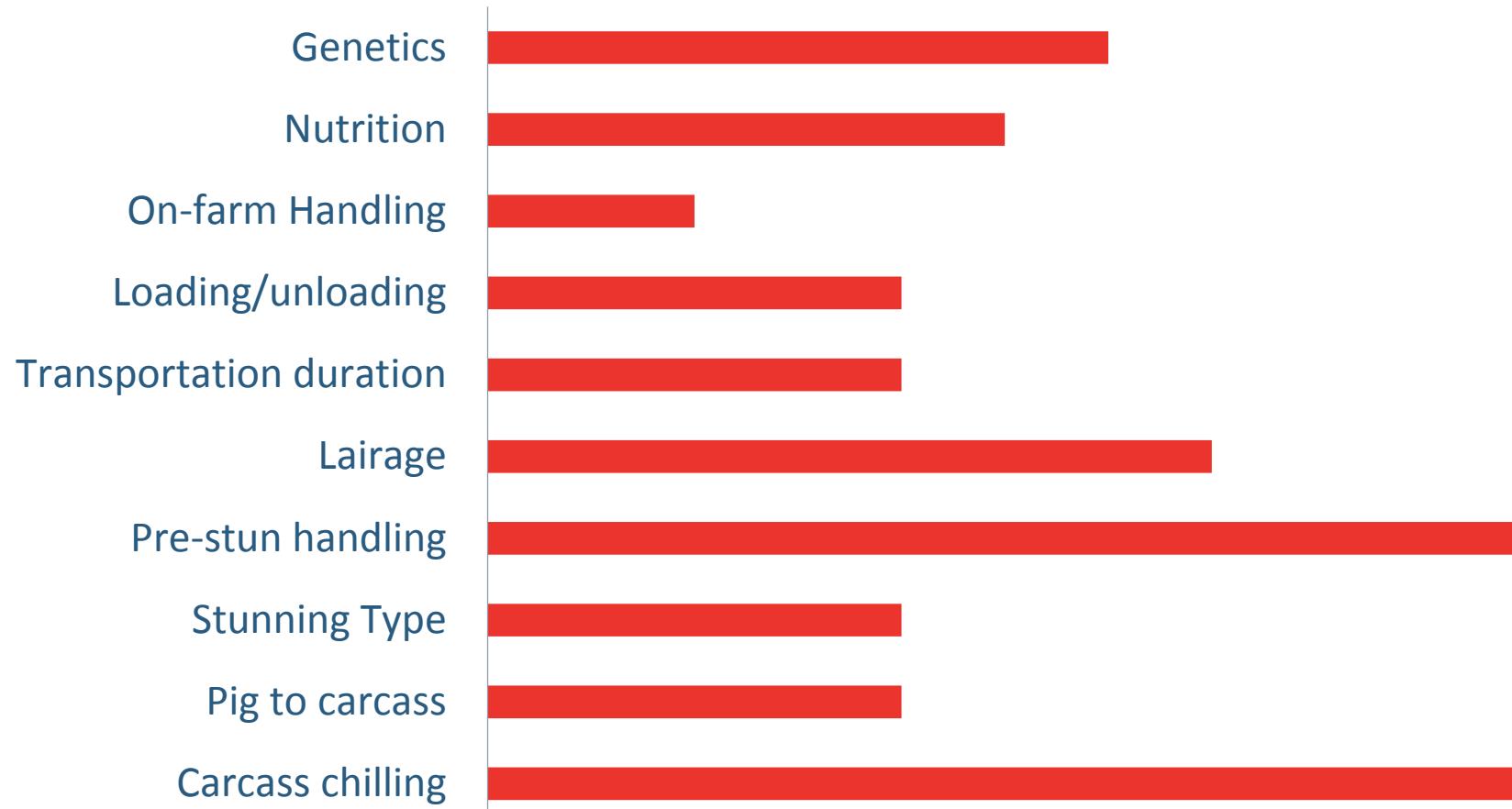
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# PIC Pork Quality Blueprint

Areas that have influence on ultimate pH								
Areas that have influence on initial pH								
Areas influencing chilling								
Genetics	Feed withdrawal	Loading stress	Transportation stress	Unloading stress	Lairage and movement	Stunning	Stun to chill	Chilling
Must start with good genetics  Remaining procedures can not "make-up" for poor genetics	Minimum of 6-8 hours on farm feed withdrawal with a maximum feed withdrawal of 24 hours (farm to stun)	Move small groups  No electric prods  Practice good pig movement behaviors  Loading ramp less than 25°	Provide ample bedding  Stocking density  Length of transport	Move small groups  Unloading ramp less than 25°  No electric prods	Proper ventilation  Water misters use during warm weather  Proper stocking density  Move in small groups  Avoid 90° turns  Avoid excessive water on floor  Maintain good lighting  Minimize reflections	Minimize stress moving animals into the stunner  Move in small groups  Try to maintain fluid movement of pigs  <b>CO2 Stunning</b> Concentration >95%  Dwell time >90 sec No overloading gondolas  <b>Electric Stunning</b> Use proper settings  Maintain equipment Proper tong placement	Stun to stick time of <60 sec for CO2 stunning or <20 sec for electrical stunning  Use proper effective sticking procedures  Scald temperature <60°C (tub)  Minimize stun to chill time; <40 minutes is desirable	Chill as quickly as feasible  Attain 32°C in the deep ham and loin before pH goes below 6.00  Good blast chilling is a combination of air flow (>10 m/s during early stages) and temperature  Great chilling will maintain meat quality but not correct issues earlier in the "chain"



# Production Chain Factors Affecting Pork Quality



# Nutritional Effects on Meat Quality

Feeding to affect fatness/marbling.

- Low lysine diets fed to increase marbling (very expensive as growth rate and FCR are affected negatively).

Feeding vitamins, minerals, or other ingredients to improve pork quality (i.e. color, pH, sensory panel).

- Most cases results are inconsistent (pre- and post-slaughter process are much more influential).
- Carnitine, Chromium, Betaine, Creatine, Mg, Fe, Mn, Niacin, Vit E., Vit. D, and Vit. C are a partial list reviewed in the literature.
- Cost often does not support the benefit.

Feed withdrawal

- Feed withdrawal prior to slaughtering of pigs is essential for developing good pork quality.

# Feed Withdrawal and Lairage Rest Time Recommendations



Target 12 – 20 hours of total feed withdrawal.

- Maximum of 24 hours
- Start losing carcass weight between 24 to 30 hours off feed
- Ensure that on farm feed withdrawal is actual feed withdrawal and not just feed system shut off.

Minimum of 6-8 hours on farm feed withdrawal before loading.

- Gut shuts down once pigs are loaded on the truck

Minimum of 3 hours rest in lairage prior to slaughter.

- Maximum rest time is dictated by not exceeding the feed withdrawal recommendations



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# PIC Pork Quality Achievements

Introduced Halothane test	First PIC Pork Quality Blueprint	Removed Halothane stress gene from PIC lines	Extensive consumer taste panels	Analyzed muscle quality & fiber type	Added lactate testing as stress indicator	Characterized fatty acid profiles of pure lines						
1990	1994	1996	1998	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005	2007	2009	2010	2012
Started pure line carcass dissections	Using Marker Assisted Selection for pork quality	Removed RN gene from Hampshires	Set up GNX program	Introduced ultrasound to select for Intramuscular Fat	Added fitness to breeding goals	Identified drivers of fat quality and Iodine Value						

## 2017

- Established recording of primal and sub-primal cut-outs on thousands of GNX pigs/week
- Performed large scale benchmark study for fresh pork quality, trained taste and consumer panels

## 2018

- Implemented EBVs for carcass primals and sub-primals in pure line evaluations
- Started pork tenderness measurements on GNX pigs
- Implemented EBV for pork tenderness

PIC is adding direct selection for desired traits that drive Carcass Value

Primal Value	Processing Value	Eating Satisfaction
Loin Depth, Backfat <b>Primal Cuts (New)</b>	pH	Marbling, Color Tenderness (New)

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# Creating Genetic Potential for Total Carcass Value

## Selecting For Genetic Potential

Three key breeding objectives

### Primal Value:

Maximize Quantity

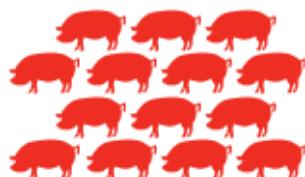


#### Until 2017

One point measures of  
backfat & loin depth

#### 2018 Forward

Direct selection on weight  
and value of individual cuts



**1,000s pigs / week**  
Number of animals on which PIC  
measures Primal Values

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### Processing Value:

Preserve Quality in Plant

Majority of pork  
is processed  
pH & water holding  
capacity critical to preserving  
quality during processing



#### 1998:

PIC introduced pH in its  
genetic index

#### 2003:

pH measurement added  
to PIC's GNX program



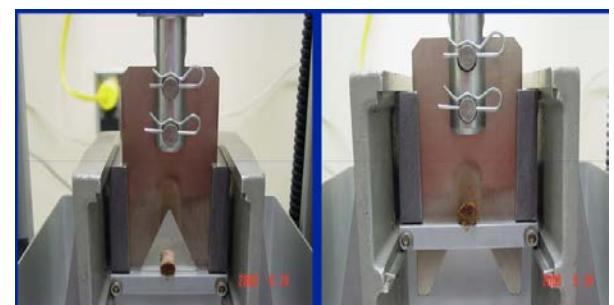
### Eating Satisfaction:

Drive Consumer Value

Tenderness identified as main  
driver of eating satisfaction



PIC is the first breeding  
company to measure and  
select for tenderness



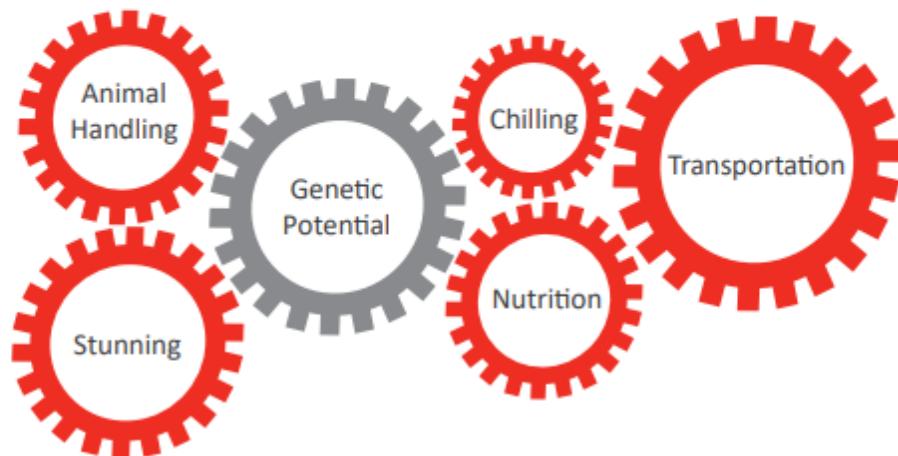
# Realizing Genetic Potential of Total Carcass Value

## Realizing Genetic Value in the Chain

### PIC Pork Quality Blueprint:

Best Practices to Realize the Potential

Many **environmental factors** impact the ability to realize the genetic potential



PIC Pork Quality Blueprint

PIC Pork Quality Blueprint									
Areas that have influence on ultimate pH		Areas that have influence on initial pH		Areas influencing chilling					
Genetics	Feed withdrawal	Loading	Transportation	Unloading	Larvae and microorganisms	Stunning	Star to Chilling	Chilling	Off quality
Most meat with good genetics Remaining performance not "make-up" for your genetics	Minimum of 48 hours on Farm Animal must be transported with a maximum of 24 hours (from start)	Minimum group No electric prods Practice good pig behavior Loading less than 2%	Practice good pig behavior Proper bedding Stocking density Length of transport	Unloading Minimum group Water rotation use Unloading time less than 1 hour	Proper bedding Water rotation use Move to small groups Proper stunning density Proper stunning Proper movement of pigs	Move to small groups Proper stunning Proper movement of pigs	Star to Chilling Minimize time in star to chill time Use CO <sub>2</sub> for electrical stunning Use proper effective chilling Solid temperature CO <sub>2</sub> probe Concentration CO <sub>2</sub> probe Minimize time to chill time desirable	Chill as quickly as possible African ZPC in the time before and after chill time Good blade chilling is a combination of all of the above steps (dry empty project) and over chilling will not minimize time but not correct temperature the "chain"	Off quality African ZPC in the time before and after chill time Good blade chilling is a combination of all of the above steps (dry empty project) and over chilling will not minimize time but not correct temperature the "chain"

### PIC Meat Science Team:

World Class Experts Available to Help You



Global team of  
technical experts

40+

Plant visits  
per year





# Summary

Pork is NOT Beef and it is NOT Chicken

- Pigs are unique, requiring unique production practices
- Pork is unique, with different requirements for enjoyable eating experiences

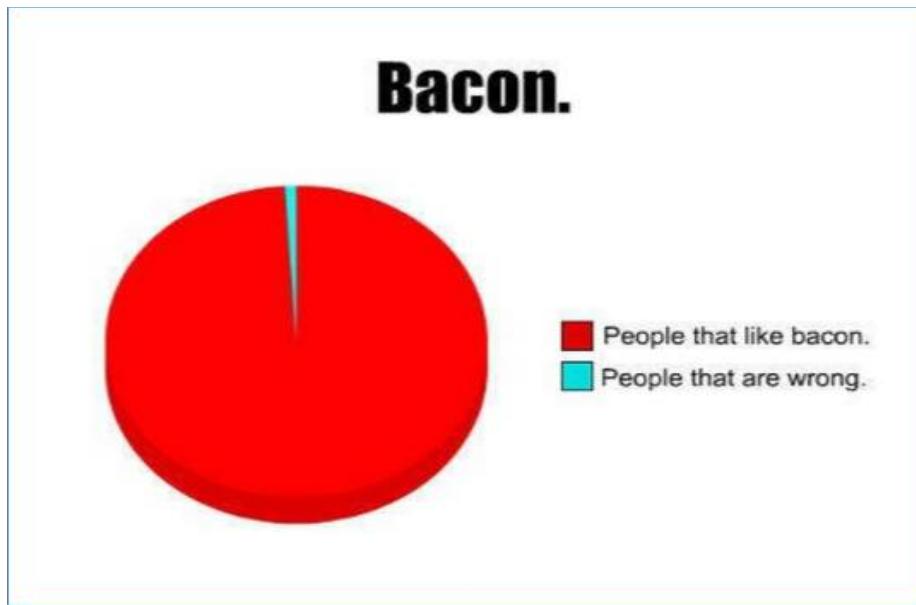
The basic factors influencing pork quality are not new

- Basic biology does not change
- Our understanding of the biology and the environmental impacts constantly improves

PIC is actively focusing on improving pork quality for all of our customers

- Through genetics and services
- We have been for 28 years
- We will continue to do so in the future

## Questions or Comments?





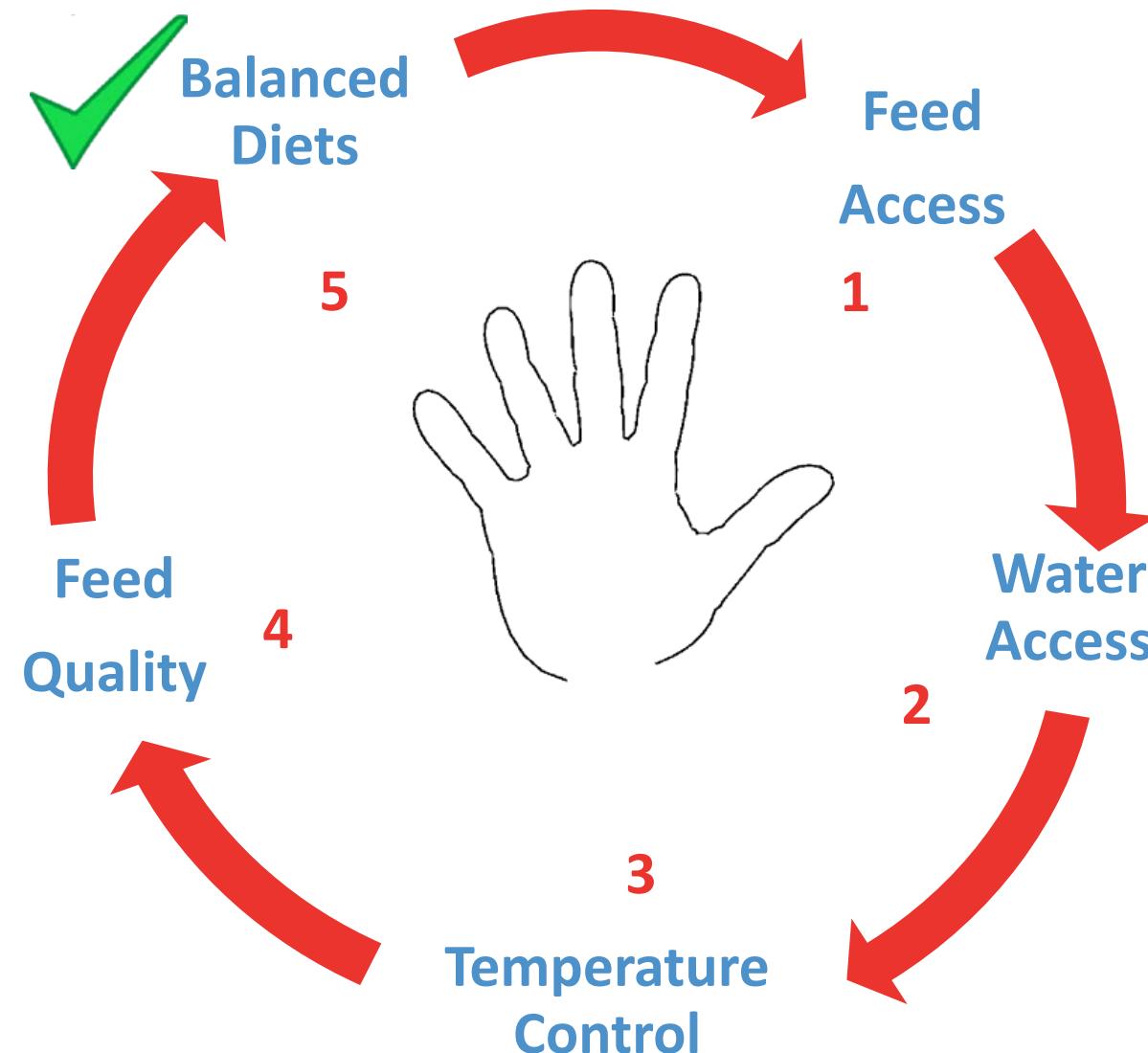
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# Nutrient Availability in Wean-to-Finish

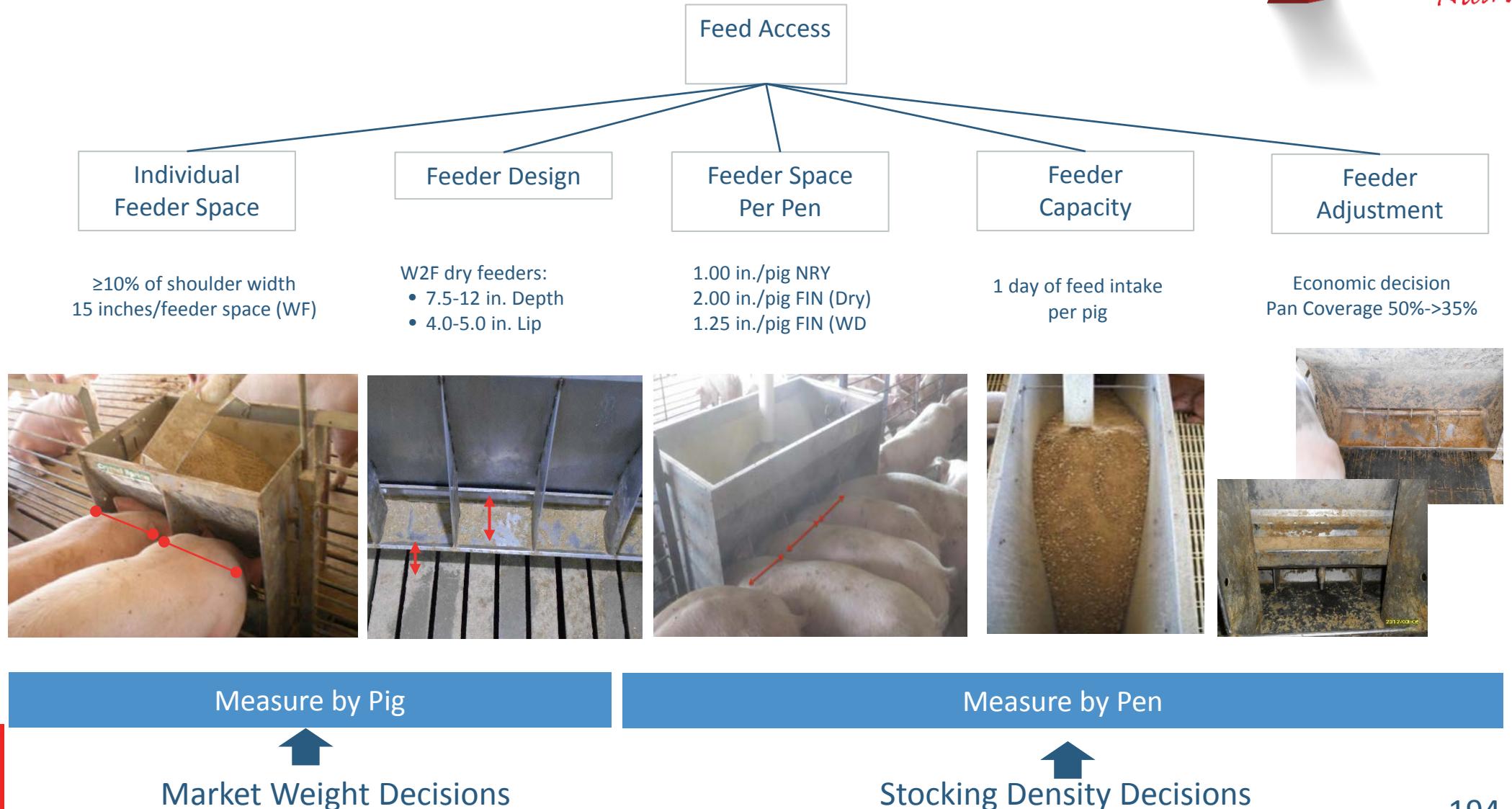
Metric Version



# How Can We Ensure Nutrient Availability?



# Feed Access in Five Dimensions



## Space per Feeder Hole- Example in GDU



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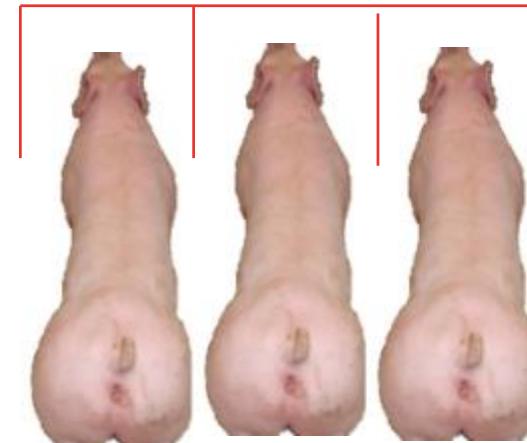
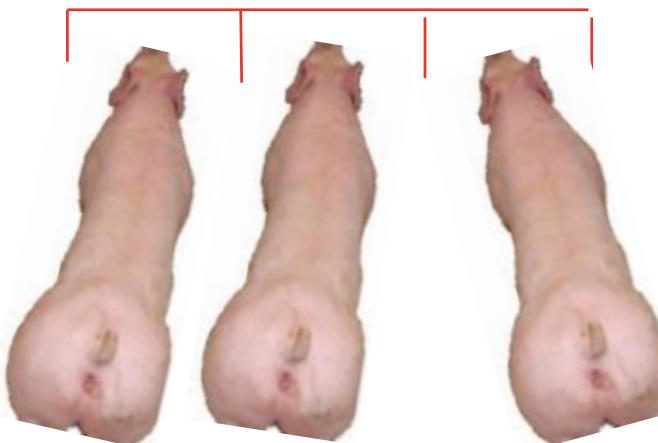
3 Feeder's divisions .....

Just 2 pigs can eat!!!



# Individual Feeder Space

Important Concept with Solid Feeder Separations, Some Feeder Positions or Deep Feeders



Feeder Position



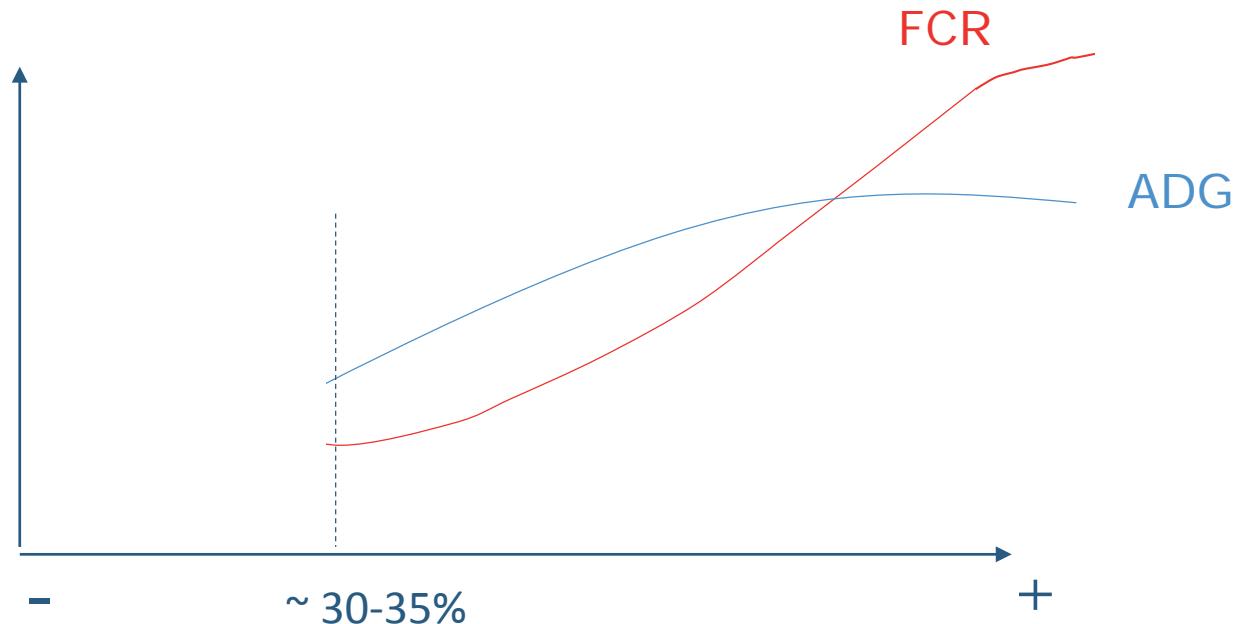
Dr Brumm picture, 2012

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# Feeder Adjustment

Same Nutrient Availability?

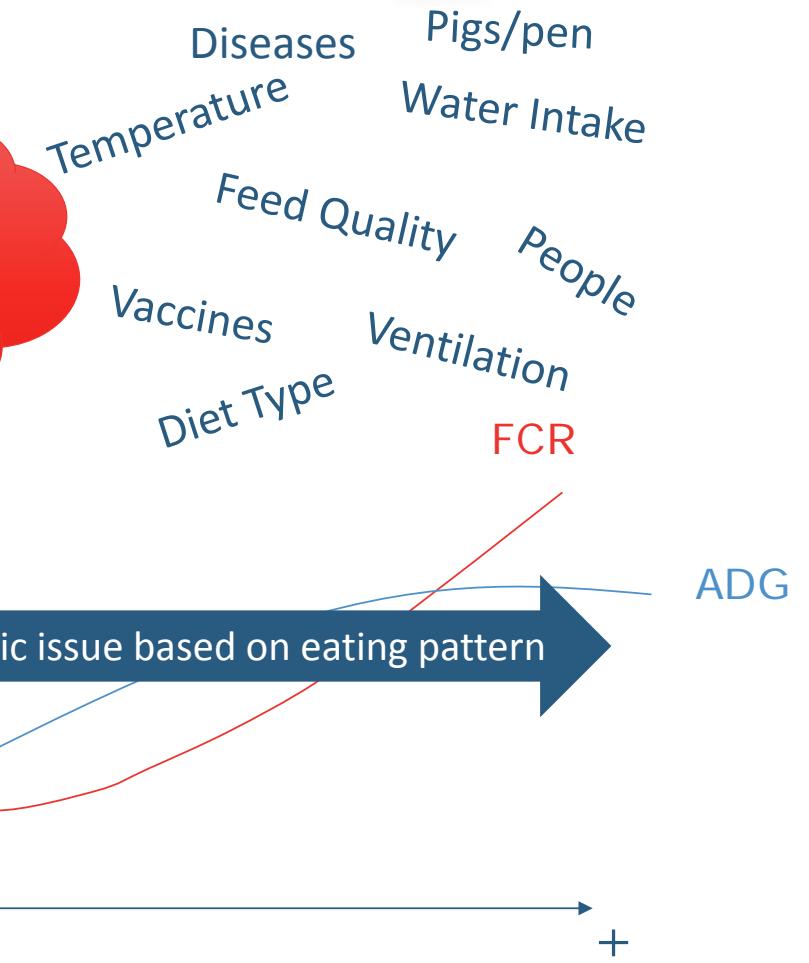


Pan Coverage	~15-20%
ADG	-0.1 lb/d
FCR	+0.03
Opp.Cost	\$5.0/pig

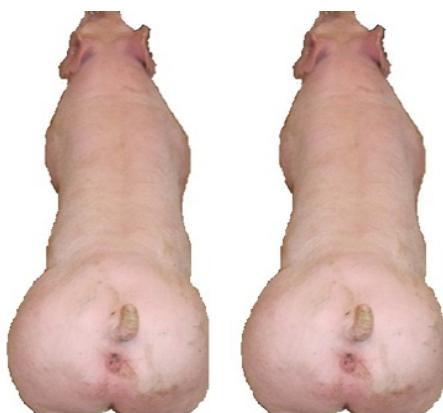
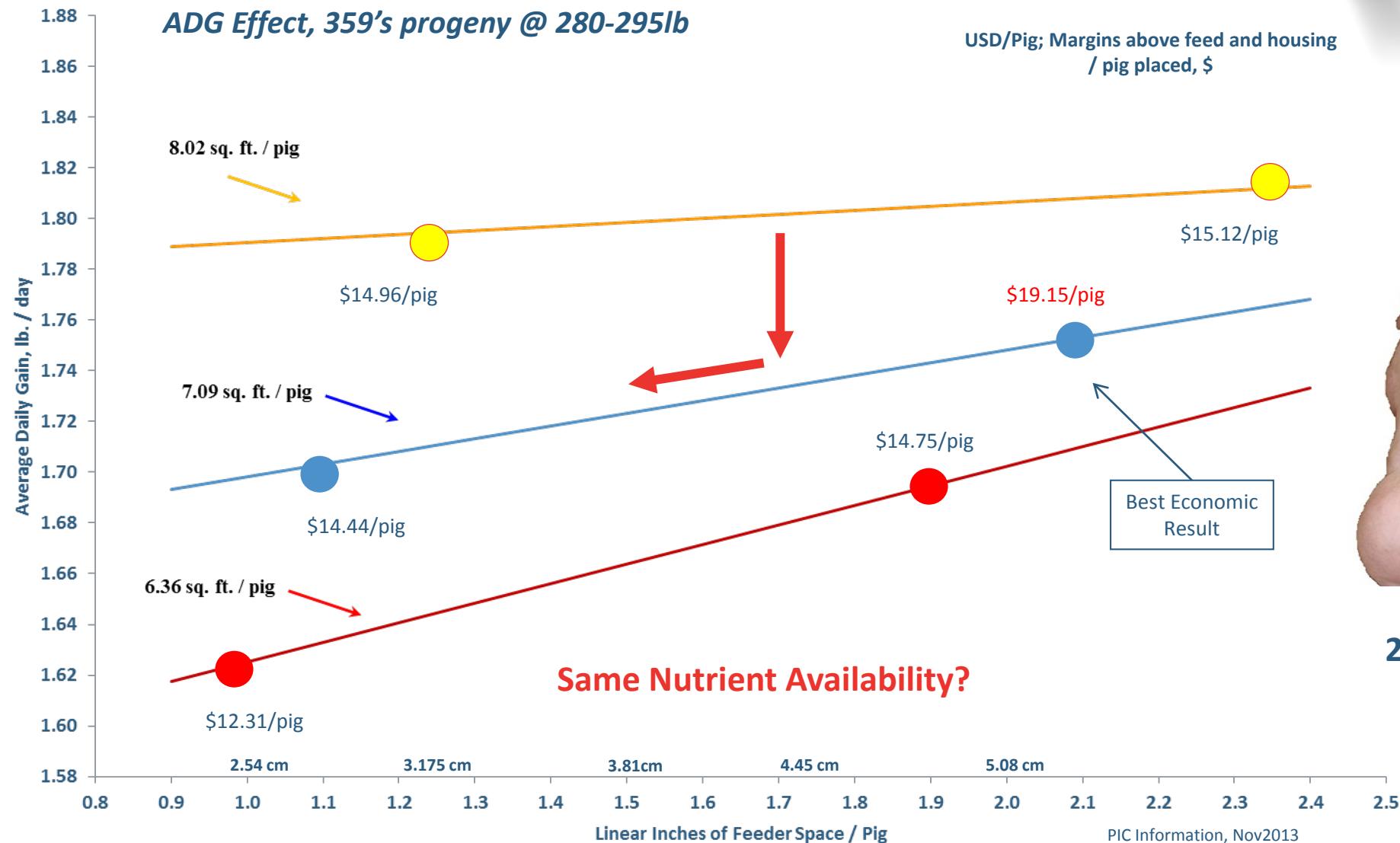
Pan Coverage	~70-80%
ADG	+0.03 lb/d
FCR	+0.06
Opp.Cost	\$2.3/pig

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# Feeder Adjustment: A Daily Job



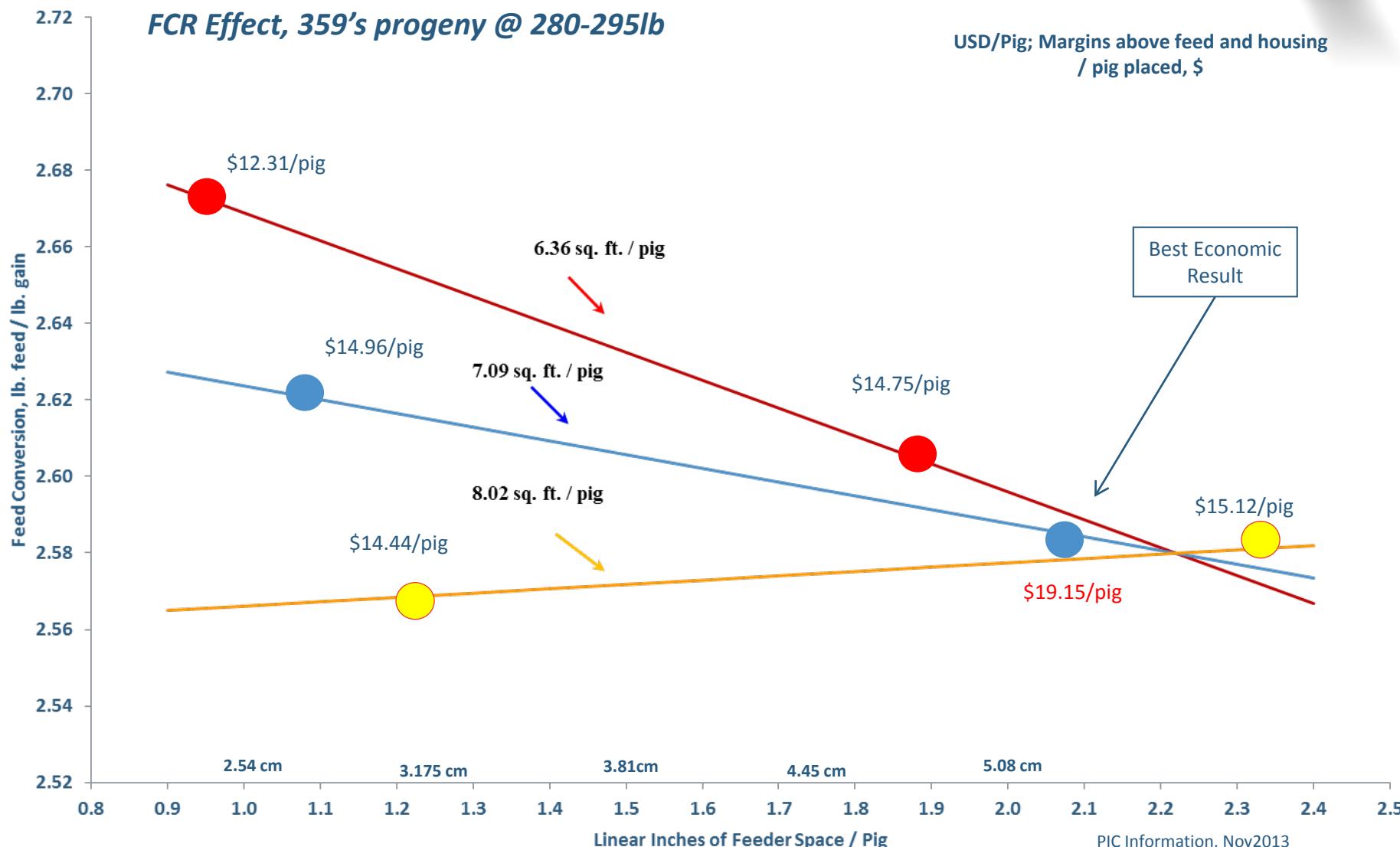
# Feeder Space & Stocking Density





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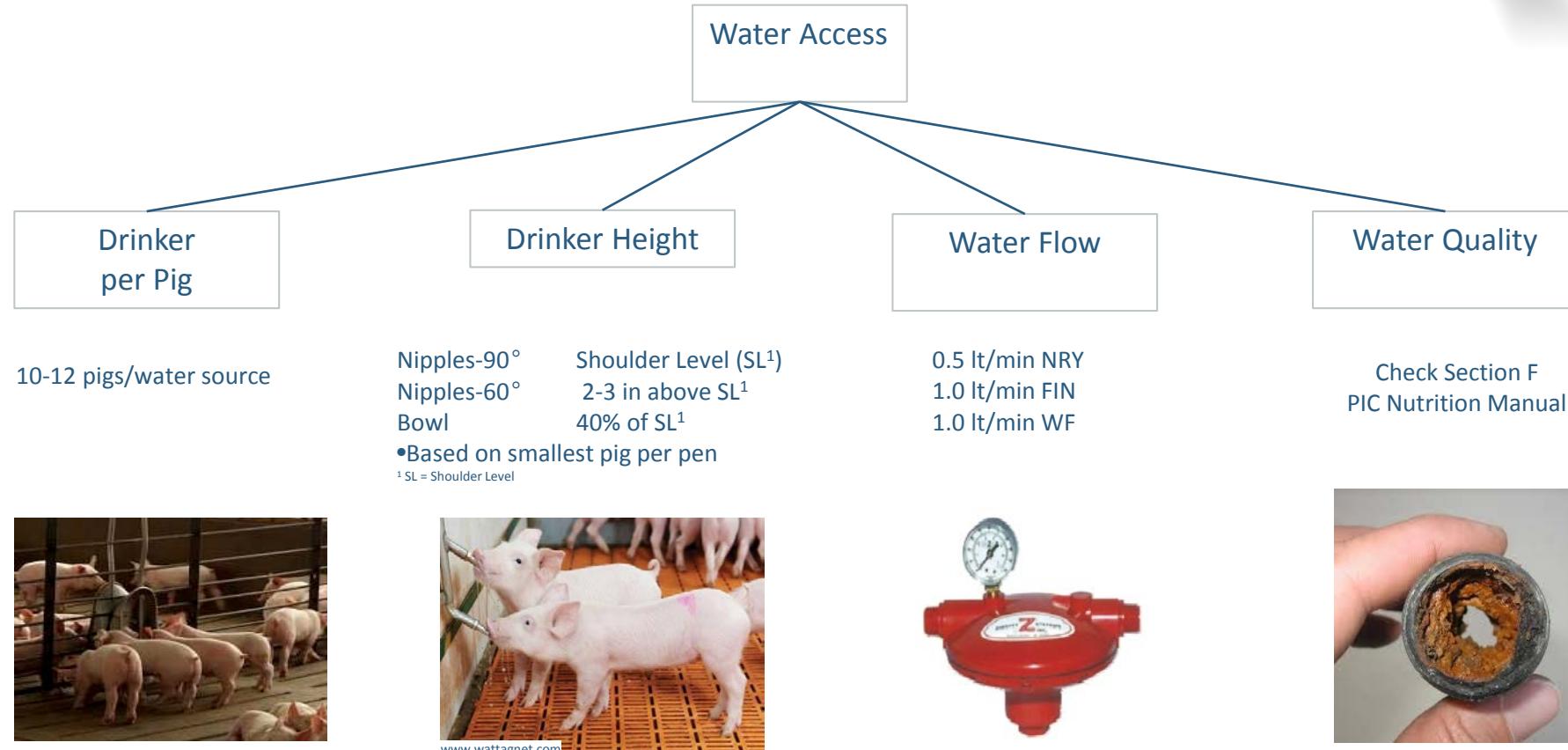
# Feeder Space & Stocking Density





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# Water Access



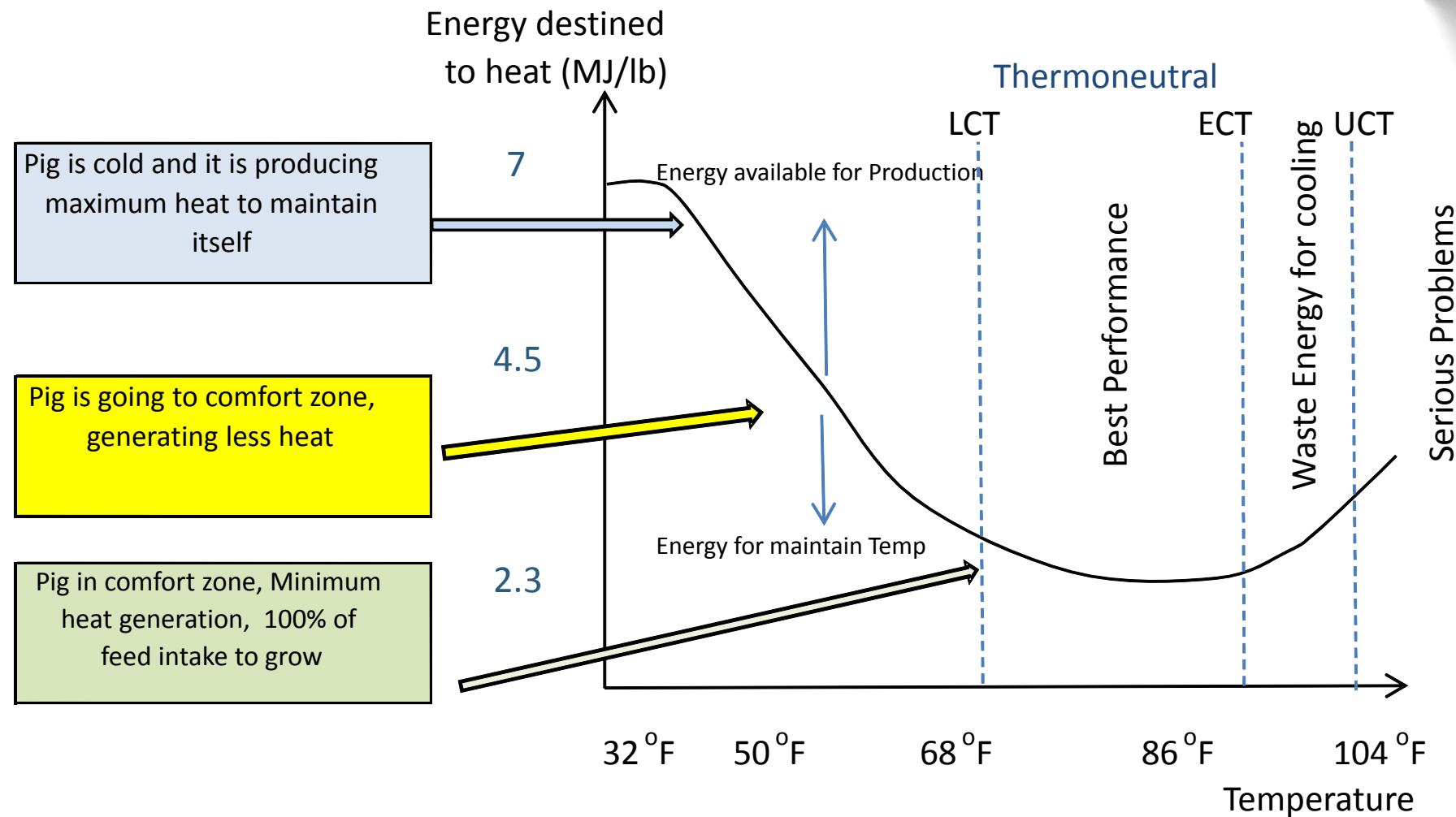
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Measure by Pig

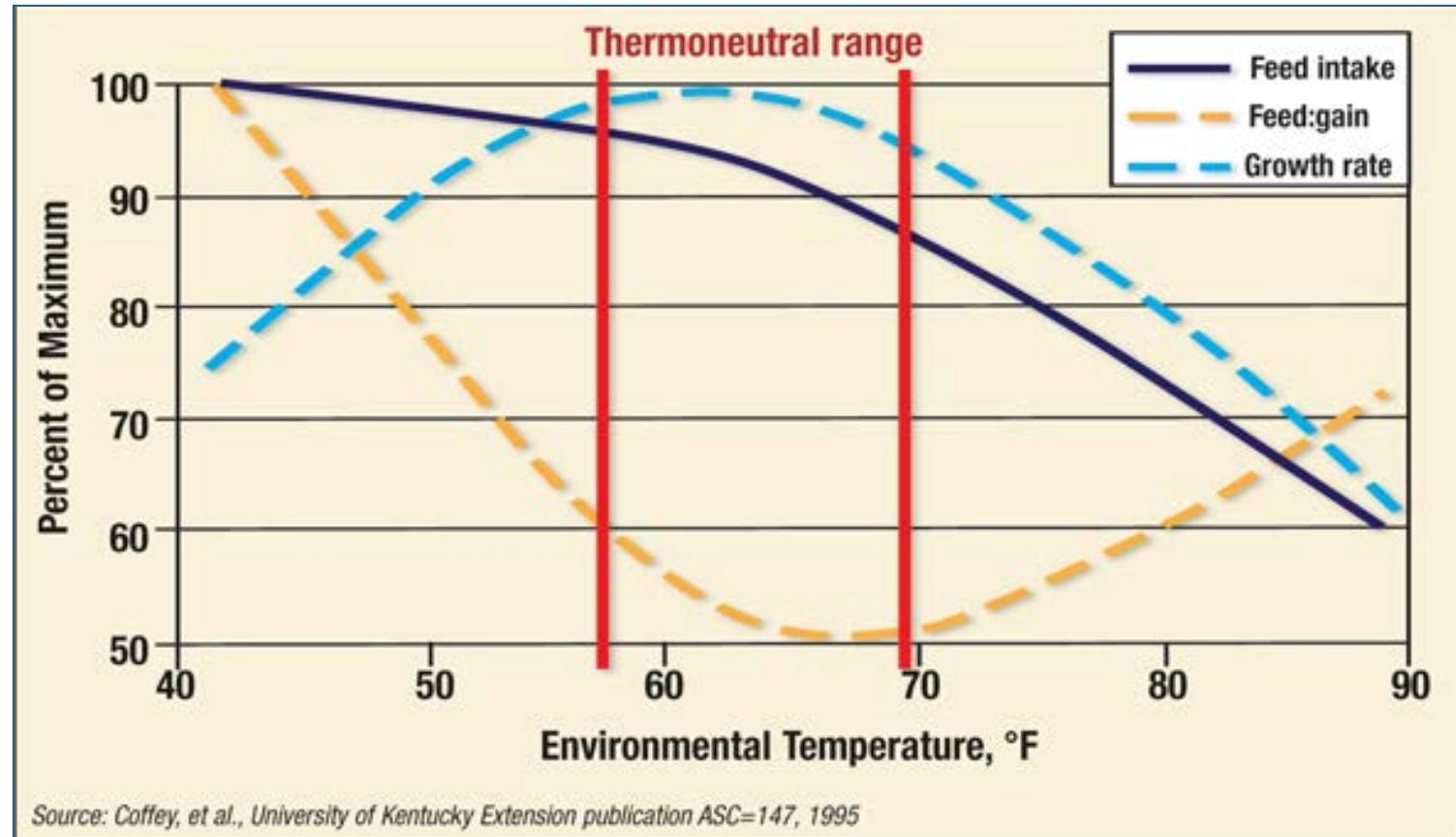
Measure by Pen

Measure by Site

# Temperature Impact in Nutrient Use



# Temperature vs. Grow-Finish Performance



Cold Stress (-5.4°F @ below optimum)	
ADG	-0.20 lb/d (90.7gr/d)
FCR	+0.1
Opp.Cost	\$5.59/pig

Heat Stress (+5.4°F @ above optimum)	
ADG	-0.19 lb/d (86.3gr/d)
FCR	+0.01
Opp.Cost	\$2.80/pig

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# Nutrient Availability Impacted by Water Availability

1.25 inches/pig  
Wet- Dry

Too Many Water Sources or  
Water Pressure Problems



Not  
Drinking

Too Much  
Water Inside

Heat Stress Situations or  
Water Pressure Problems



Losing WD feeder advantages



2.0 inches/pig  
Dry



Key



Pan Drinker  
Liquid Feeding?

Wet- Dry

Heat Stress? >85°F and >200lb additional drinkers?

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# Heat Stress vs. Water/Feed Intake

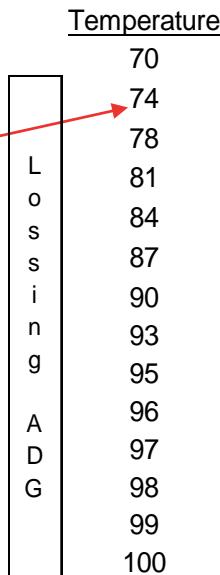


Finishing Windchill Effect Based on Building 40' wide x 7'6" ceiling  
Pig Weight = 50 lbs., NO Evaporative cooling

Nat. Ventilation	Tunnel
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Using Nutrients  
to Keep Cold  
Temperature

Table presented by Isaac Singletary, Mexico 2012



Using nutrients  
to Keep Cold  
Temperature

Same Water Intake?  
Same Feed Intake Pattern?  
Same Nutrient Access?

# Nutrient Availability Impacted by Feed Quality

Example with Fines



- Less Pellet Investment Return
- Performance Consequences by Fines
- Feeder Adjustment Problems
- Extra Labor (adjustment + cleaning)
- Potential Feed Outages
- Mycotoxin Risks

It's not always understood



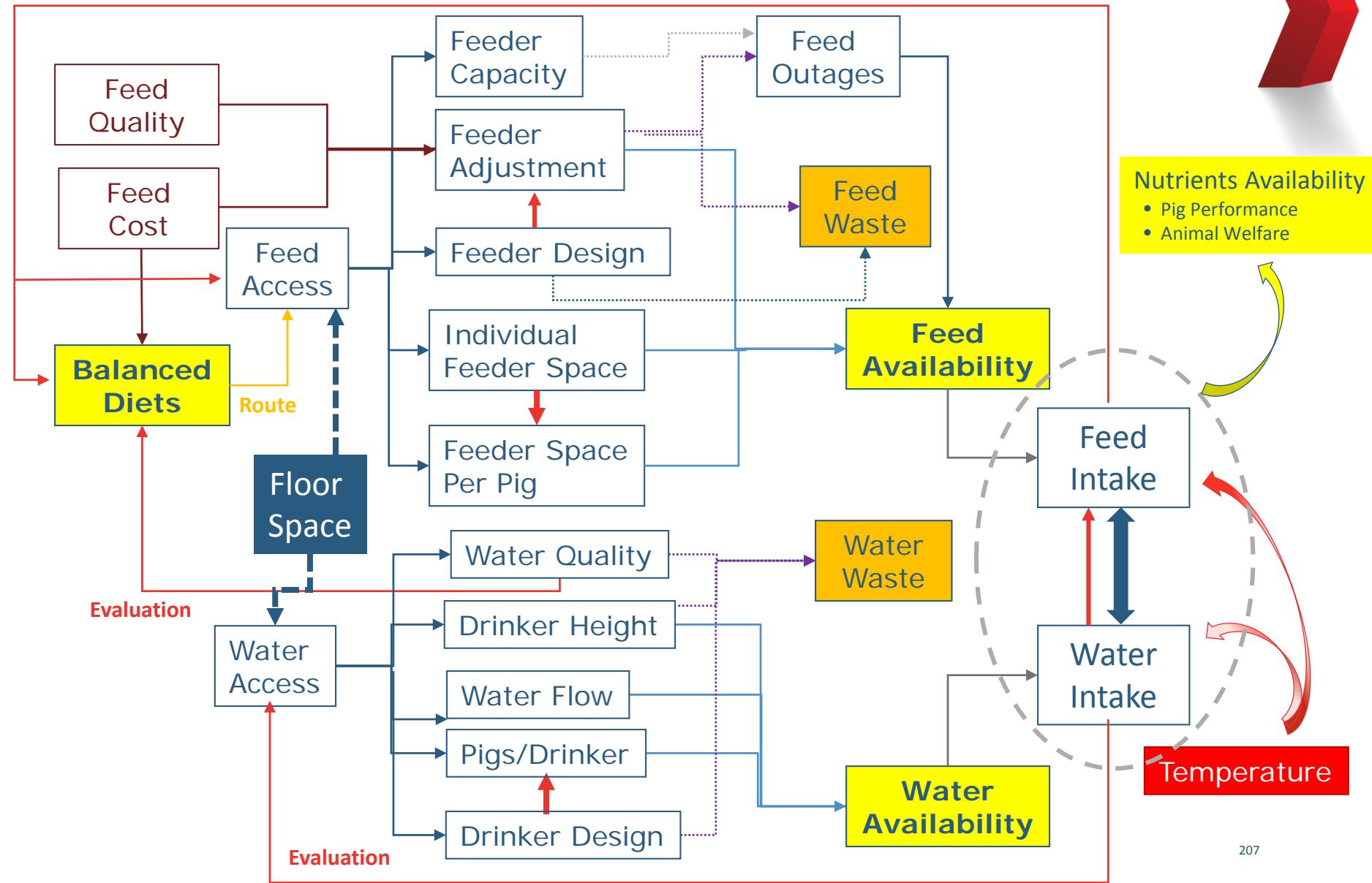
Although the feeder adjustment rule is  
“every day, every pen, every feeder”

Nutrient Access  
Problems



# Nutrients Availability Map

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## Take Home

- Balanced nutrients must be available for good pig performance (ADG, FCR, Full Value Pigs and meat quality) and animal welfare
- Diets provide an important part of nutrient availability but it isn't everything, along with water, nutrients must be available for pigs with minimum waste
- Access to both feeders and water sources should be evaluated in all their dimensions. Because they provide the availability of both feed and water, there are several direct factors impacting them
- Factors like Temperature and Stocking Density could play an important role in nutrient availability at pig performance level

# Formulating for Profit

Wayne Ca\$t



*Any damn fool can put in plenty.  
The trick is putting in just enough.*

Just enough is different in each market scenario.

- ✓ Pig and ingredient prices.



*Nutritionists are in a tough spot:  
more people look at close-out  
performance instead of  
cost/profitability.*



## Nutrient Access

The pig should eat to meet his energy needs... IF we let him...

I will talk about the nutrients we need

Fernando talked about environment, equipment, and management

...so the pig is **willing** and **able** to consume needed nutrients.



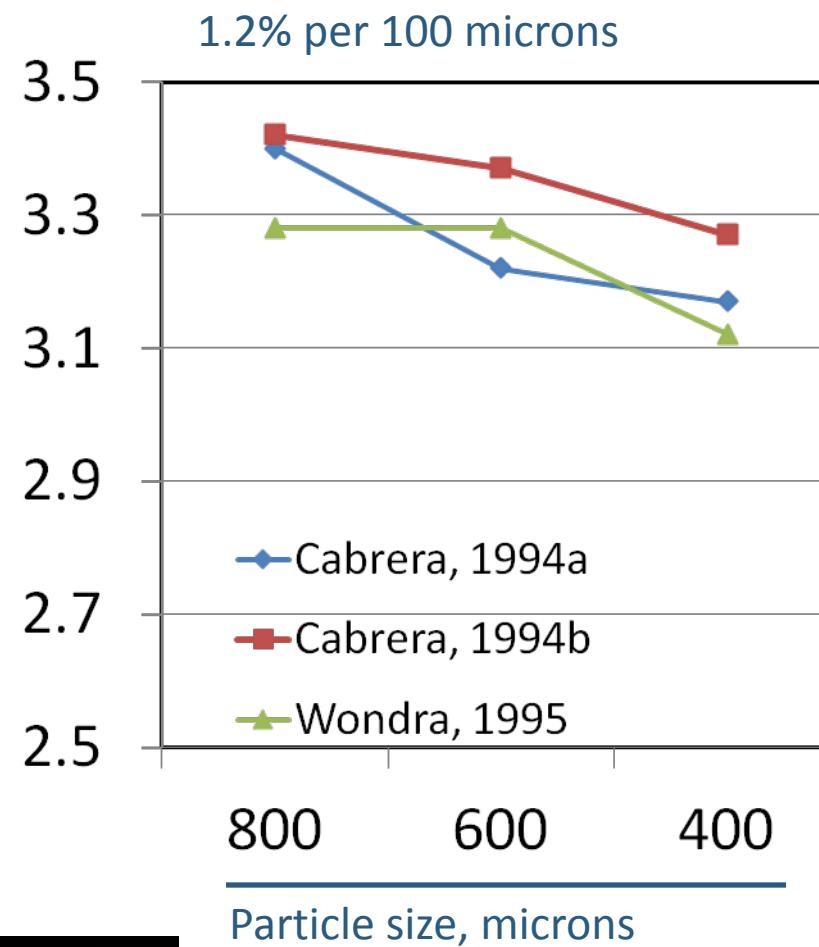
# Energy

Biggest cost

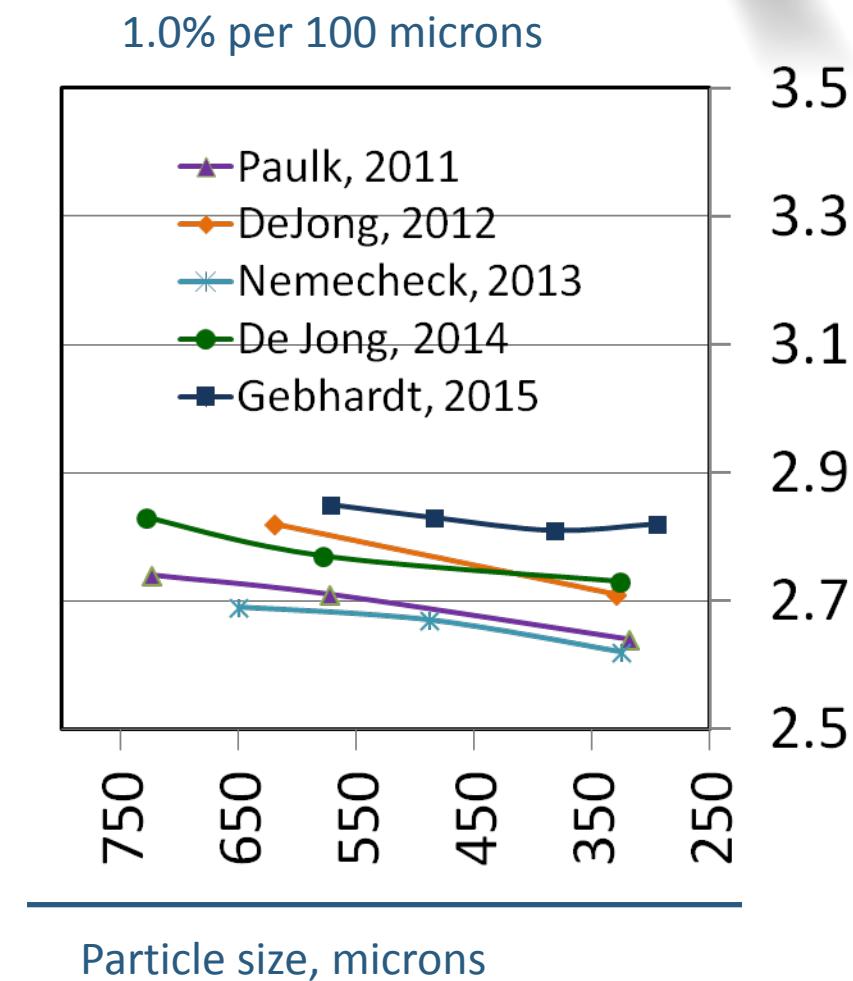
Cheapest fix

- Grind: 100 microns improve 1.0% F/G and costs 5 cents/t
- Fat would cost \$2.5/t

# Effects of Particle Size on F/G of Finishing Pigs



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Woodworth et al., 2015; ICFES



# Why Not Embraced?

Feed flowability... or, maybe,... flow. Or, it could be also flow.

2 ISU students

- Don't put feed on top of feed
  - Tandem bins are managed poorly
- Deflector plates
  - Are not for mash feed
  - Take at least one out!
- Proximity switch: feed run fewer but longer



## Single Auger Hopper Bottom



*Figure 1: Single Auger Hopper Bottom with Deflector options*

# Before You Increase Particle Size Due to Flow, Think...

1,200 head barn

Wean-to-finish

Two turns

14 to 290 lb BW

2.6 F/G

\$200/ton feed cost

\$172,000 goes through the barn per year

# Response to Energy

F/G fairly consistent

- Rule of thumb
- 20 kcal ME about 1.8% F/G
- More response in summer than winter?
- More response in late than early? Or the other way around?
- Is the first increment as valuable as the last?

ADG not so consistent, why is that?

- Fernando gave us some clues.
- My 2¢: feeder space and pan coverage.



# PIC/KSU Optimum Energy Tool

Meta-analysis by Nitikanchana (2015), based on 41 studies

Tool created by Soto (2017)

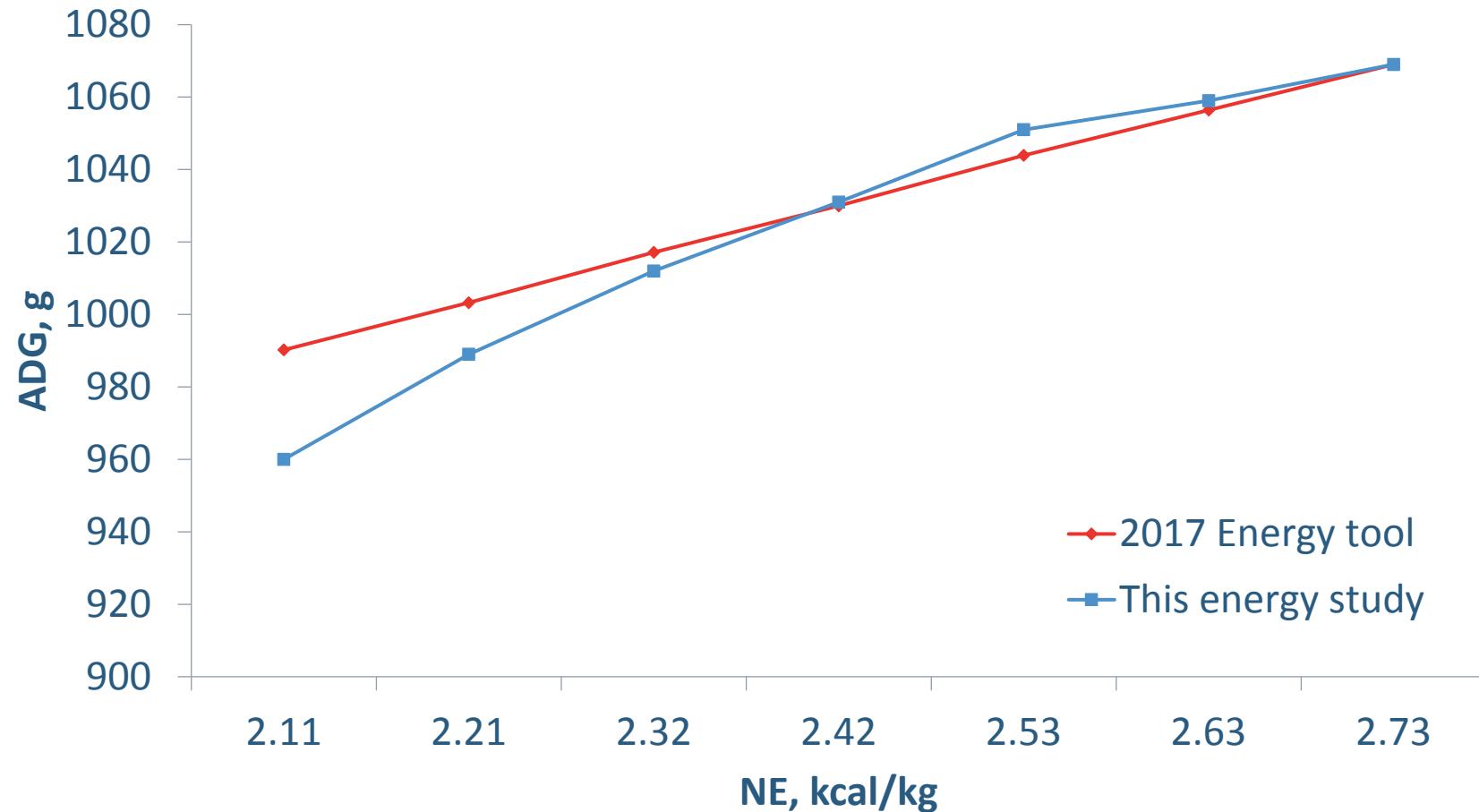
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## ADG Prediction

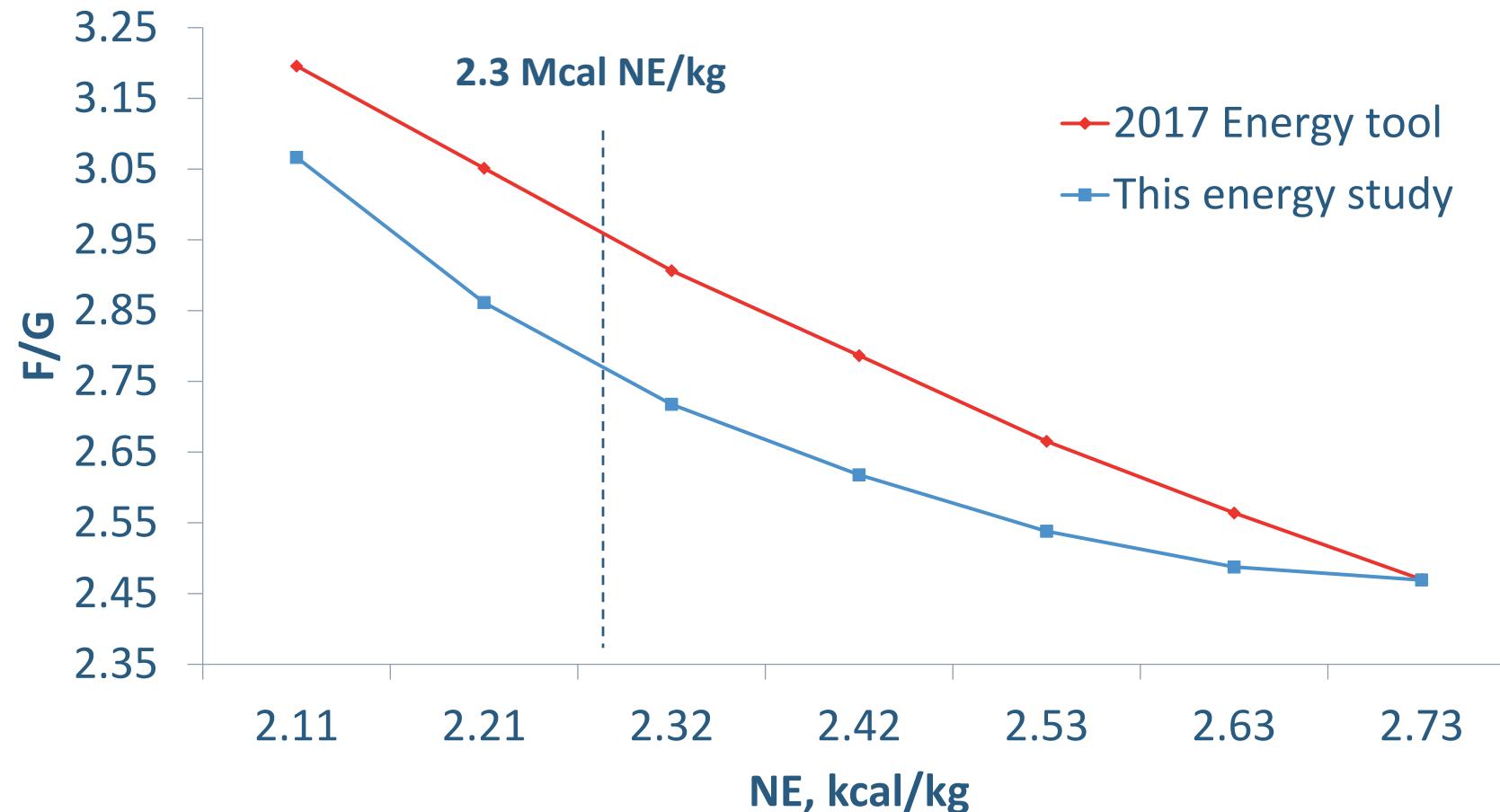
Above 2.3 Mcal NE/kg (3.06 kcal ME/kg), residual error was 1 gram (-6 g overall)





## F/G Prediction

Above 2.3 Mcal NE/kg (3.06 kcal ME/kg), residual error was -0.11 (- overall)





# Amino Acids

## Lysine Biological Tool

- US or Metric
- ME or NE
- Gilts or barrows
- Values are for 100% of growth and 99% of F/G
- But, may not put the most dollars in your wife's pocket.
- <http://na.pic.com/resources.aspx>



# Amino Acids

## Lysine economic tool

- US or Metric
- ME or NE
- Gilts, barrows or mixed
- The drivers are **pig price** and **feed cost**
- Predicts performance change
- <http://na.pic.com/resources.aspx>



# Tryptophan

- Takes more to maximize gain than F/G
- KSU Tryptophan tool
- <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/swine/calculators.html>



## Av. Phosphorus, %

	Body weight, lbs.				
	50-90	90-130	130-180	180-230	230-285
Gilts					
2016	0.30	0.28	0.26	0.25	0.24
2018	0.34	0.31	0.28	0.24	0.22
Barrows					
2016	0.30	0.28	0.26	0.25	0.24
2018	0.32	0.29	0.26	0.23	0.21



## STTD Phosphorus, %

	Body weight, lbs.				
	50-90	90-130	130-180	180-230	230-285
Gilts					
2016	0.33	0.30	0.28	0.26	0.24
2018	0.40	0.37	0.33	0.29	0.25
Barrows					
2016	0.33	0.30	0.27	0.25	0.24
2018	0.37	0.34	0.31	0.28	0.24



# Vitamins

## Vitamins

- Less than 1% of feed cost grow finish
- Less than 2% of feed cost sows

On-going wean-to-finish commercial study

United Animal Health -Coming soon!

K-State – Old vs New – Swine Day

Mahan Vit. A and its impact on E

2X industry 4-5X

Flohr Vit. D and its impact on E





# Seasonality Tool

Pigs are typically more valuable in the summer time and weights are typically down

Don't wait until it's hot to change your diets

This tool can tell you when to change each diet based on:

- Your optimum price window,
- Your feed allocation,
- Start/stop dates for each diet can appear on your Outlook calendar
- [http://na.pic.com/sites/genuspic\\_com/Uploads/Nutrition/April%202018%20Nutrition%20Update.pdf](http://na.pic.com/sites/genuspic_com/Uploads/Nutrition/April%202018%20Nutrition%20Update.pdf)

# Tough Times Ahead?

Look hard at additives

- Validation
- Especially those that just drive gain

If the pig has adequate nutrient access

- Look hard at energy - We have a tool
- Look hard at lysine levels - We have a tool
- Look at tryptophan - KSU has a tool
- Review Phosphorous levels



## Tough Times Ahead?

- When times are good we sometimes put stuff in we shouldn't.
  - Be proactive and evaluate now.
- When times are bad we sometimes take stuff out we shouldn't.
  - Stay the course.



*It is impossible to over  
communicate your expected  
changes in performance.*

Paul Cline story

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*“No one has to change.  
Survival is optional.”*

*- W.E. Demming*

Any arguments,  
Talk to my son.



# Roundtable Discussion (10 Minutes)

BREAK



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# PIC 2018 Nutrition Manual Update

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## Sow Nutrition and Feeding

*40+ nutrition studies with over 50,000 pigs  
since the last manual update in 2016.*

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## Sow Nutrition and Feeding

Body condition management continue to resist the test of time by being the **single most important factor** in sow feeding.

Current studies suggest that bump feeding gilts as well as sows results in **negative aspects** like increased stillborns and reduced lactation intake with **little to no benefit** in piglet birth weight (Amdi et al., 2014, Buis et al. 2016, Gonçalves et al., 2016, Greiner et al. 2016, Mallmann et al. 2017, Mallmann et al. 2018, Thomas et al., 2018).

Our updates reflect that, we will **stop** recommending bump feeding gilts as well.

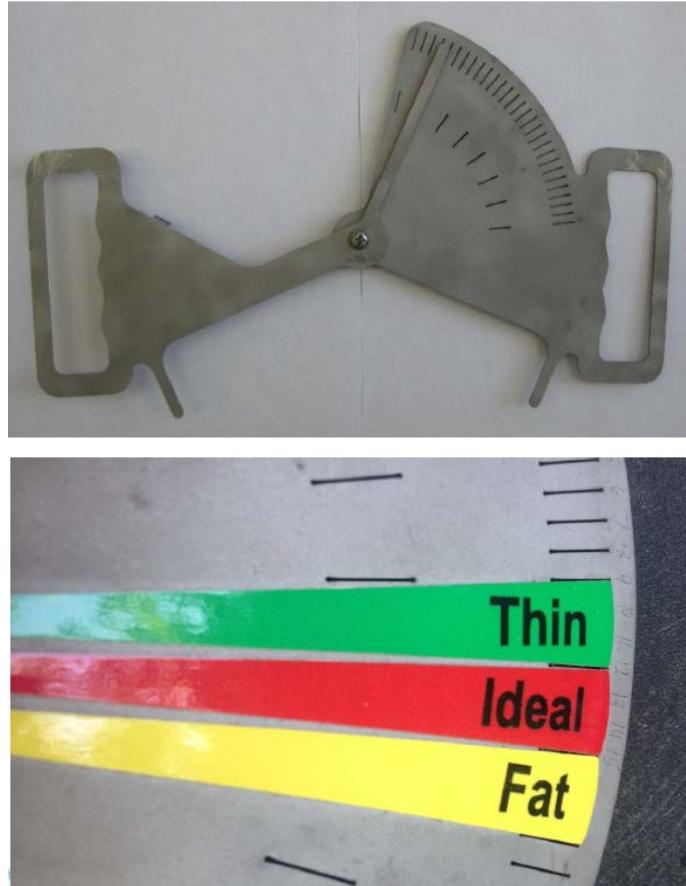


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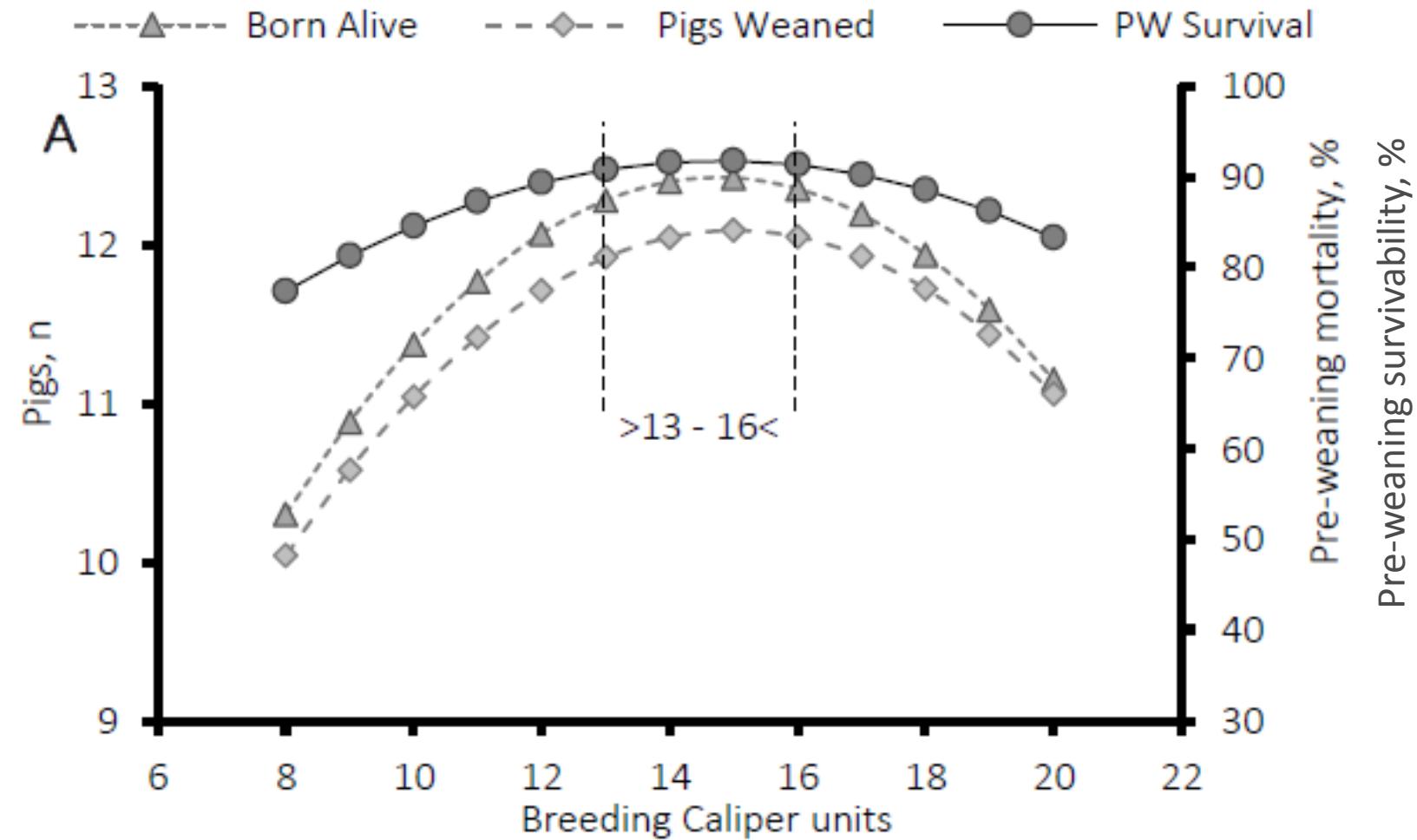
Several experiments were conducted in amino acids requirements for gilts and sows during gestation and lactation and was concluded that current recommendations are adequate for today's prolific sow.

Consider using objective tools such as the Caliper to assess body condition (Bryan, 2014).

# Consider Using Objective Tools Such as the Caliper to Assess Body Condition

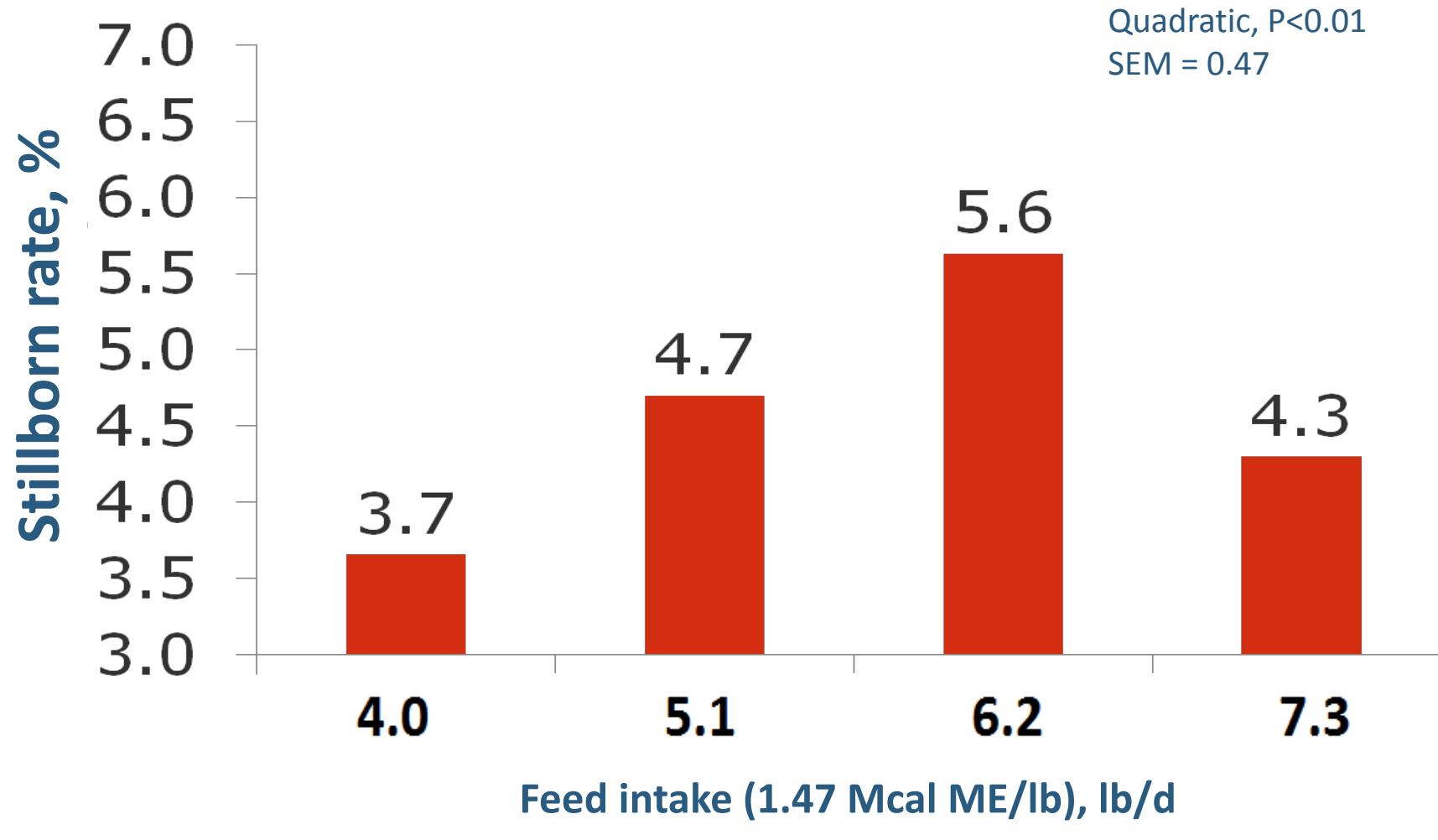


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Bryan and Knauer, 2014; A total of 2460 sows were used.

# Feed Intake in Late Gestation (d 90) and Stillborn Rate in Gilts





# PIC 2018- Gilts

4.0 lb  
(4.3 Mcal NE/d)



0

28

90

112

Days of Gestation

Assuming corn-SBM based diet with 0.60% SID Lys. Average of SID Lys intake = ~12.5 g/d

# PIC 2018- Sows

7.0 lb  
(7.6 Mcal NE/d)

Thin sows, 7.0 lb/d until recovery, then base

Most thin sows should be able to  
regain body condition by the 30 d  
preg. check

5.0 lb  
(5.4 Mcal NE/d)

To recover from lactation

4.0 lb  
(4.3 Mcal NE/d)

Base level

3.5 lb  
(3.8 Mcal NE/d)

Fat sows, 3.5 lb/d until recovery, then base

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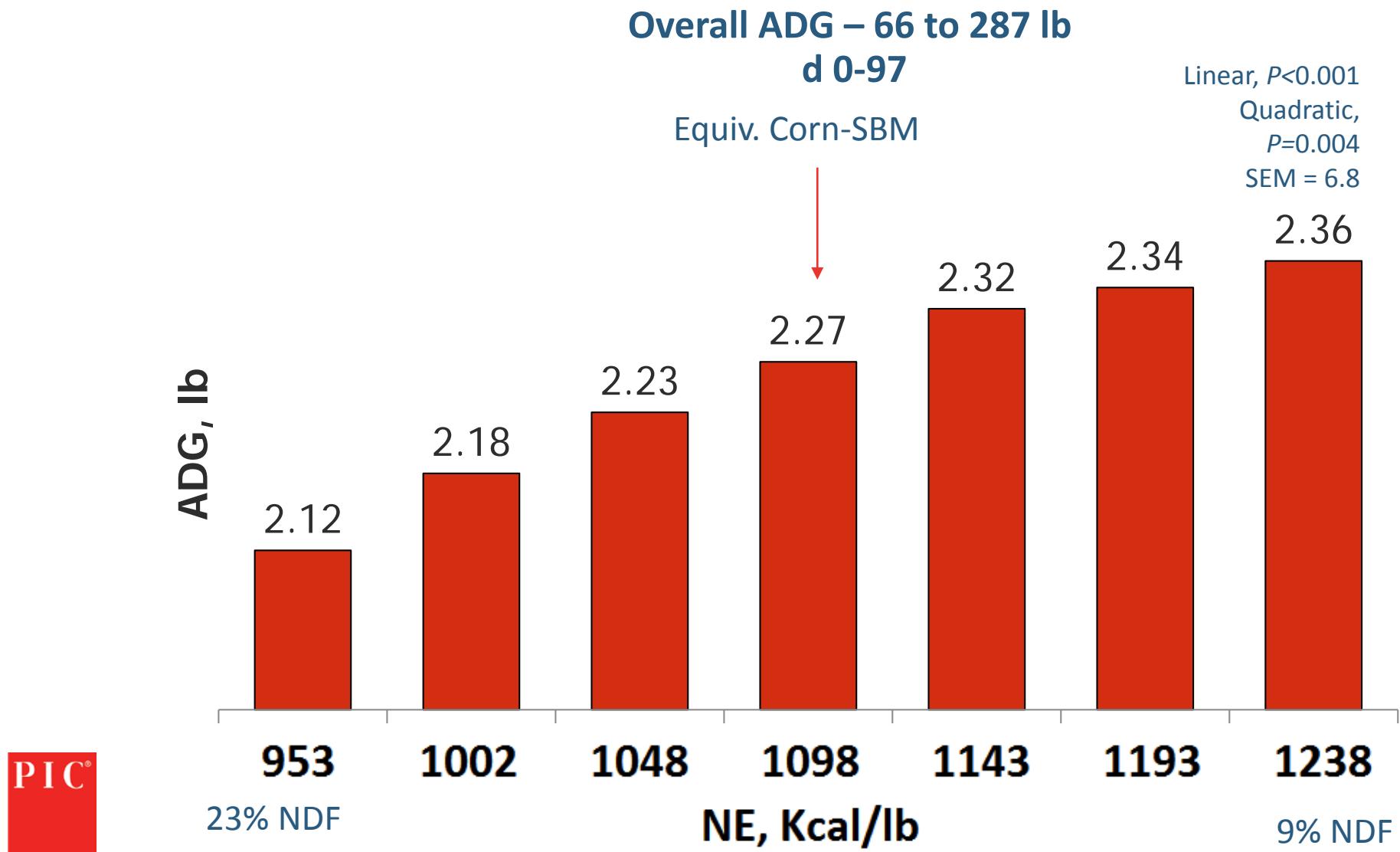


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# Finishing Pigs

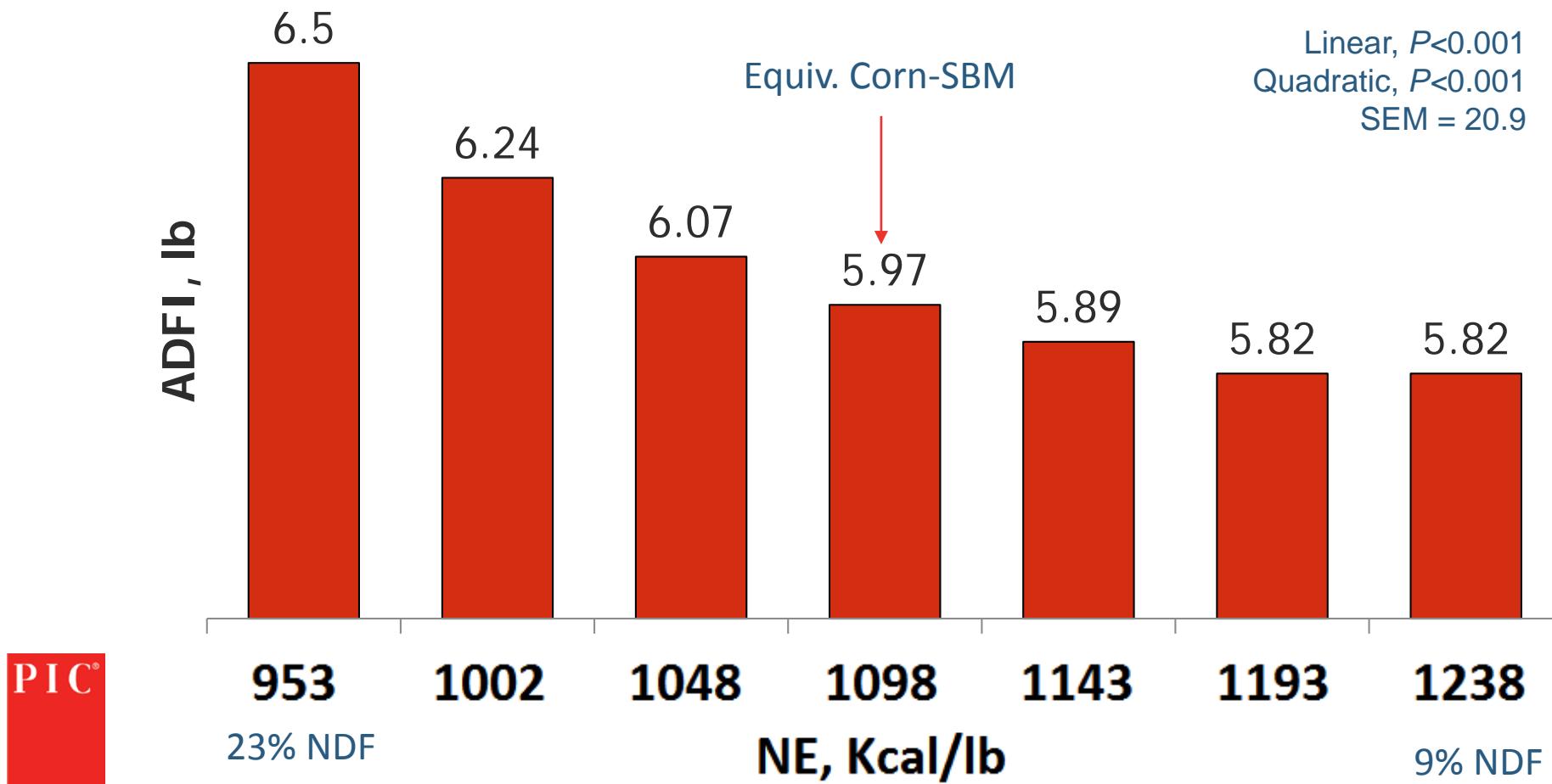


# Energy Dose Response



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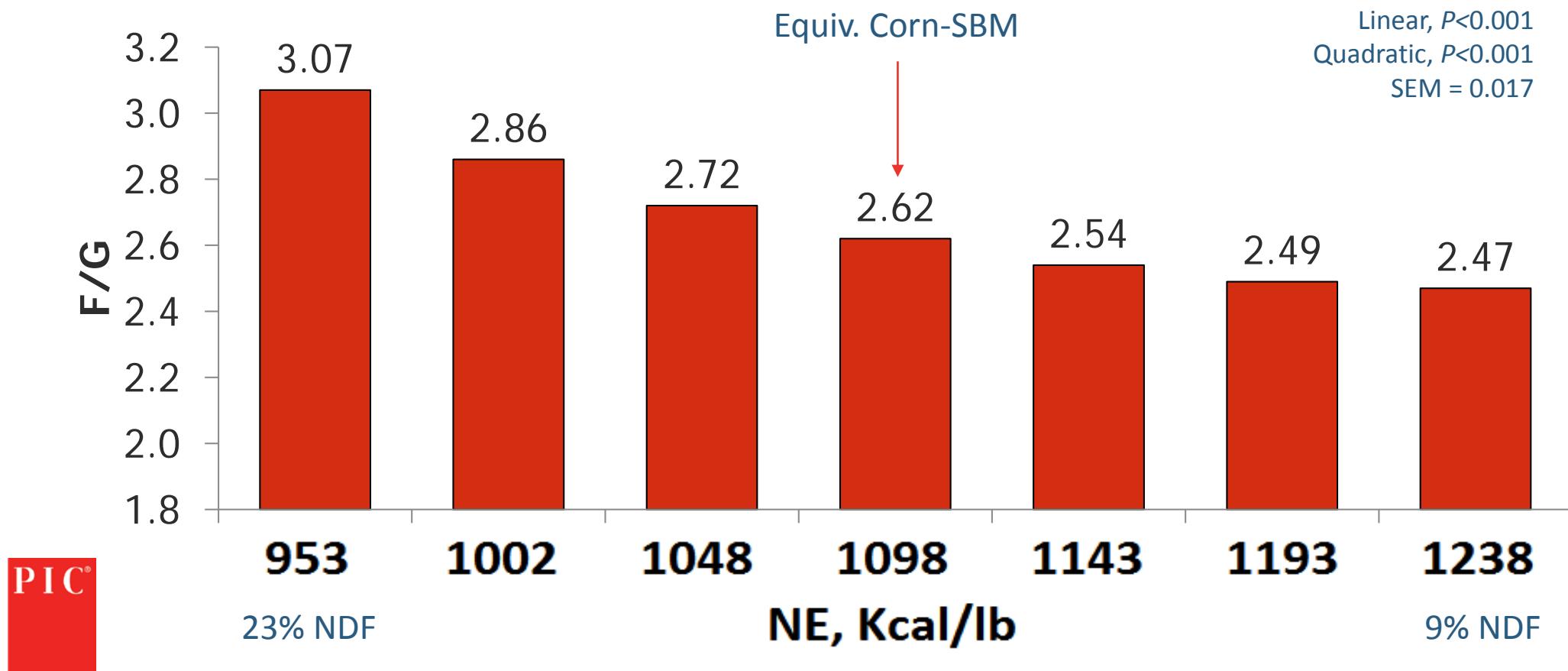
Overall ADFI – 66 to 287 lb  
d 0-97





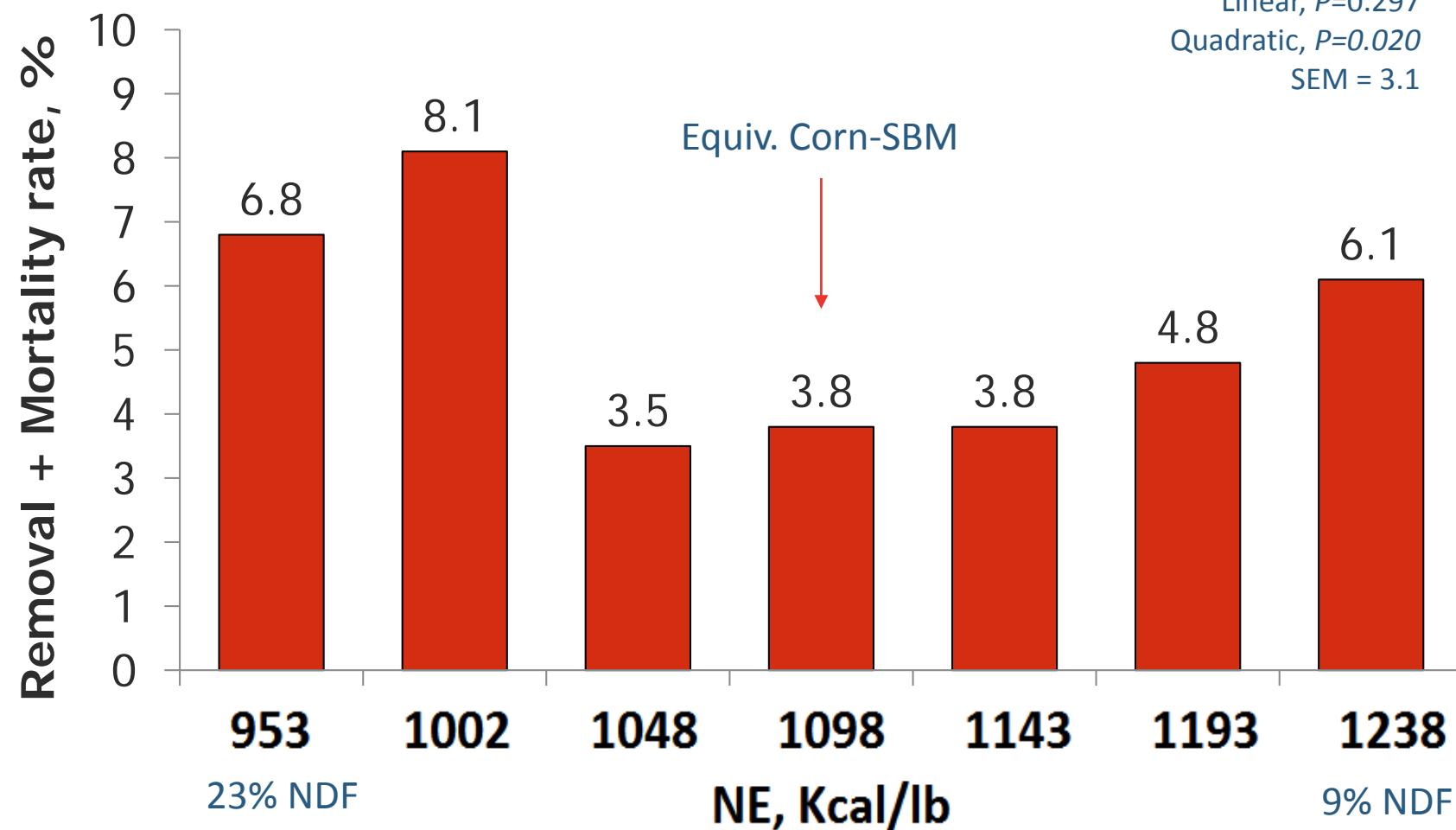
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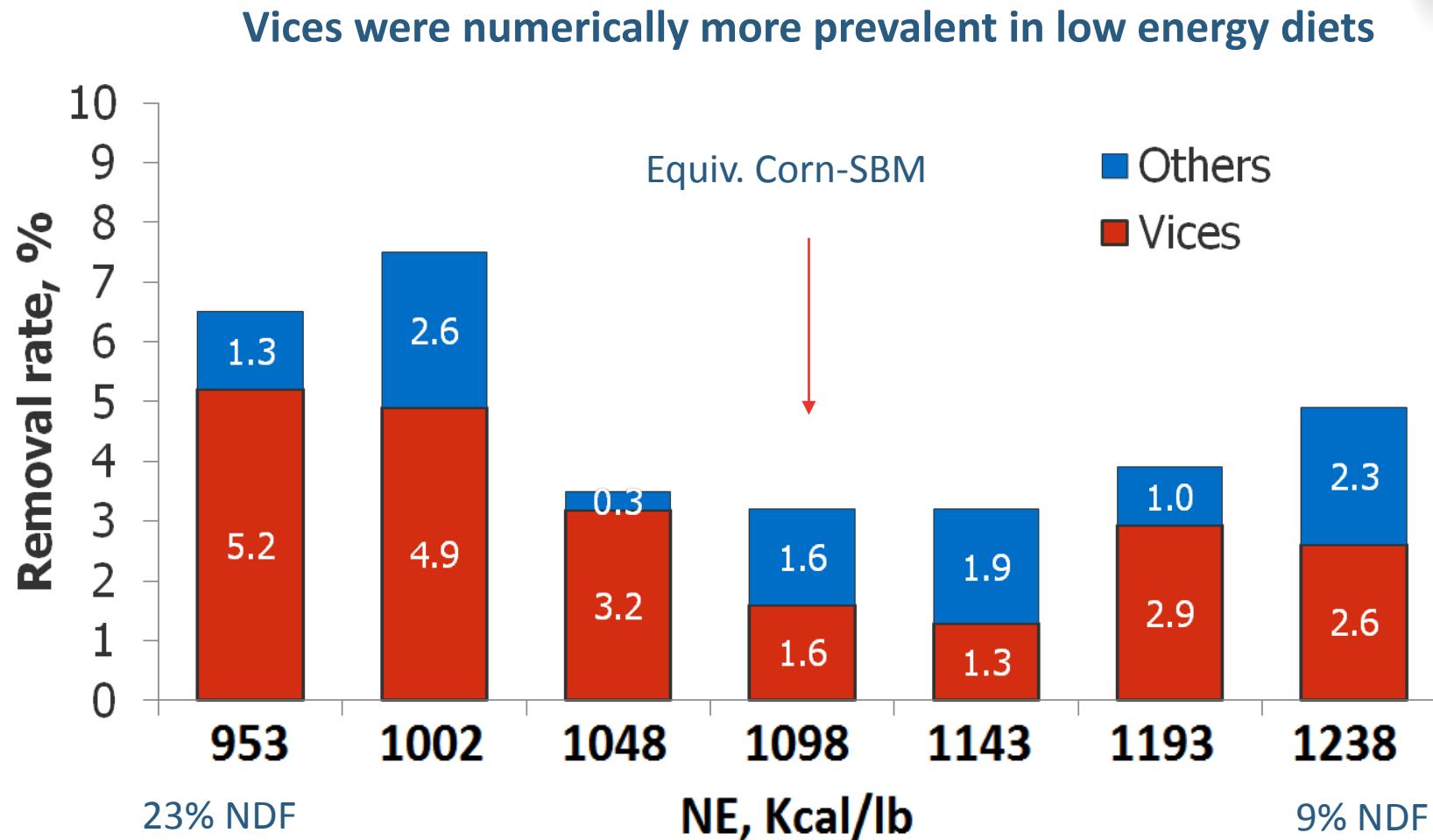


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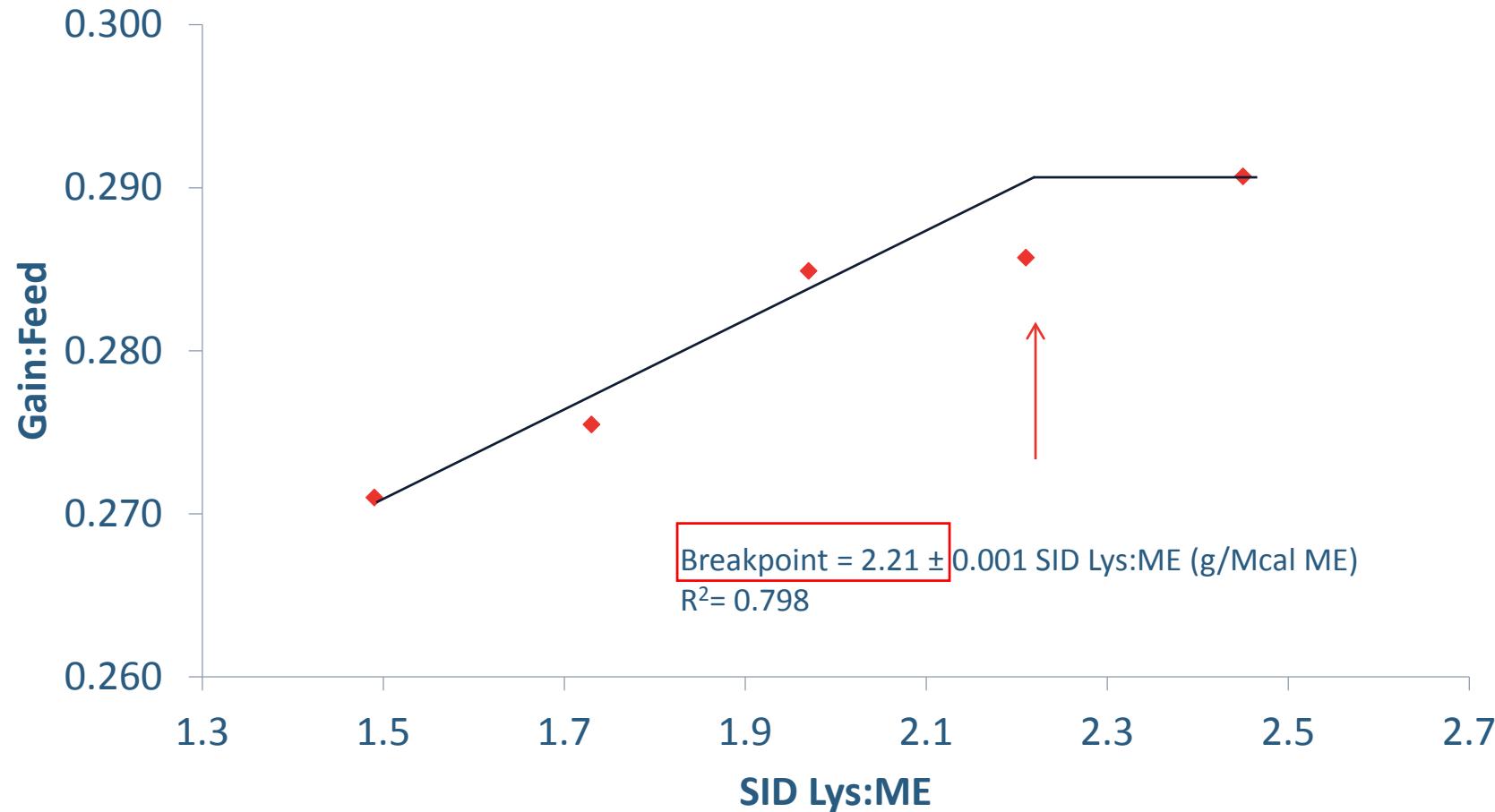
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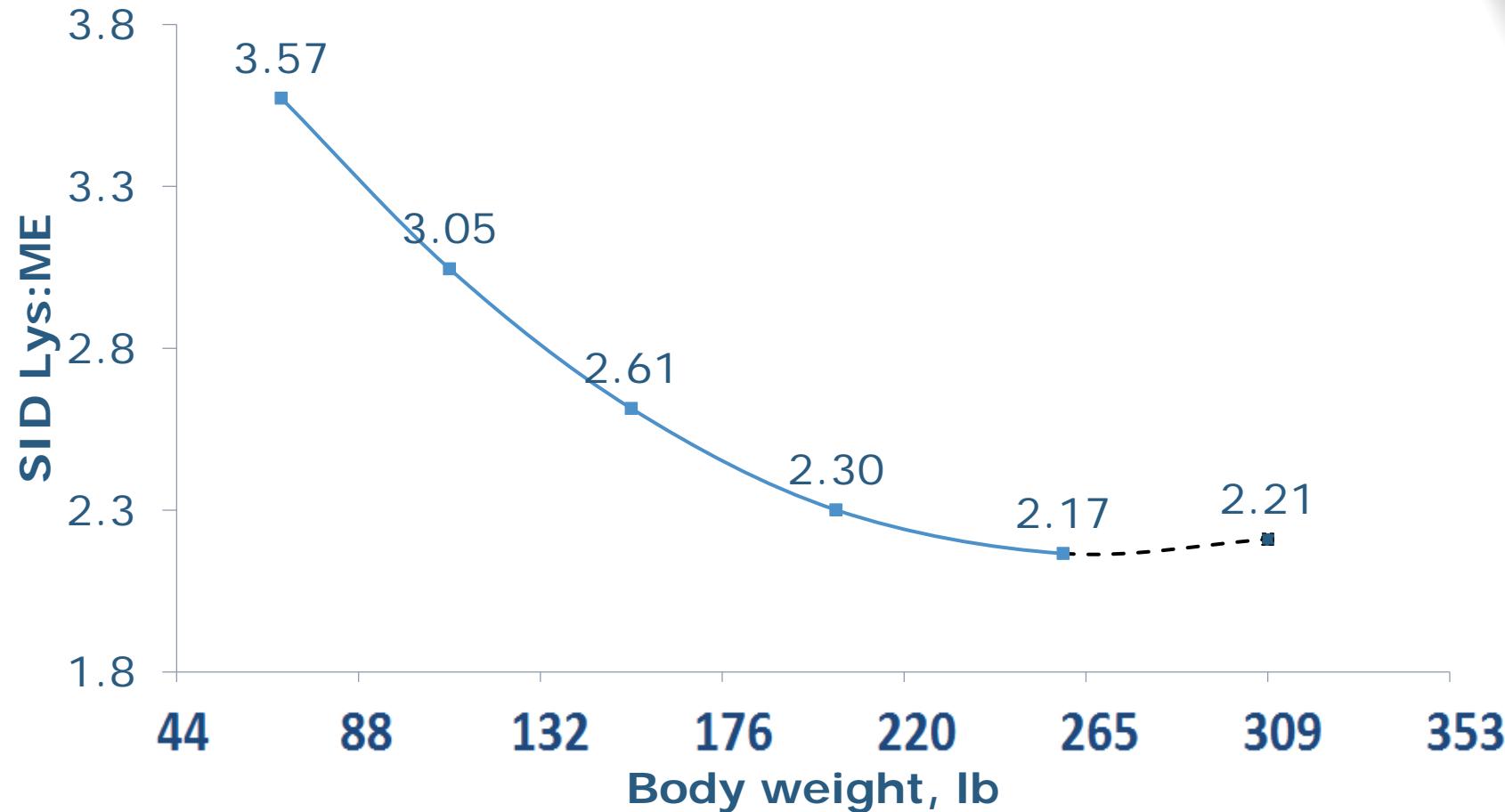
# Energy Dose Response



# SID Lysine from 285 to 330 lb of BW



# How Does This Data Fit with Current Requirement Curves?

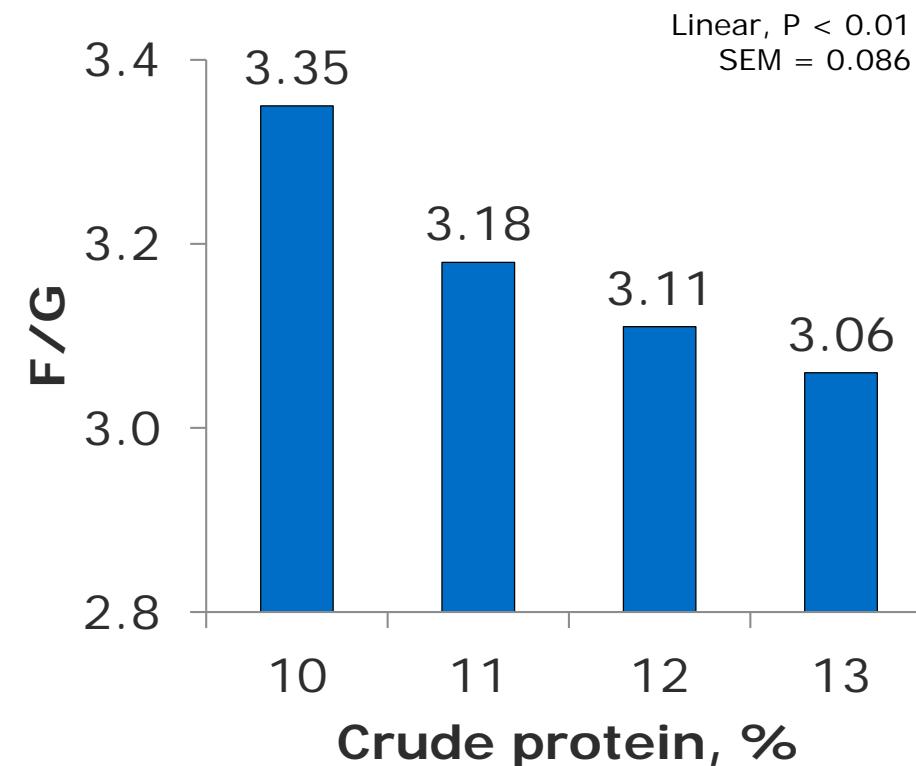
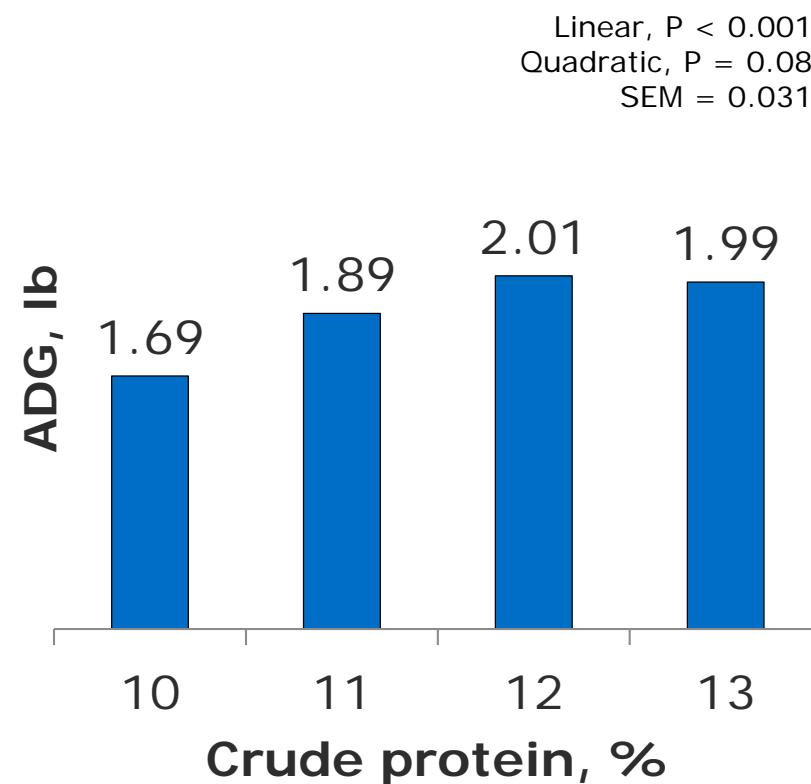




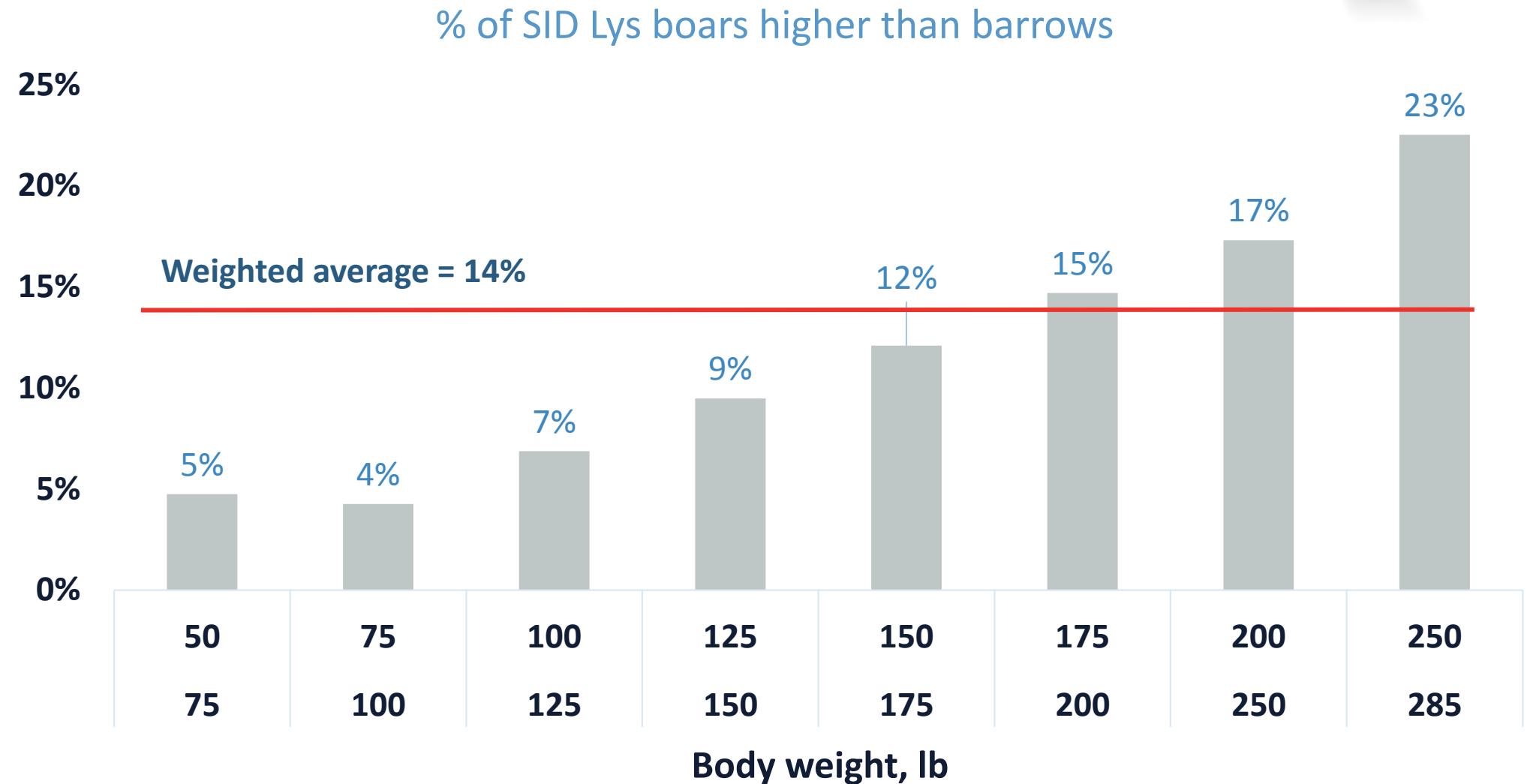
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# Bermuda Triangle of Swine Nutrition

241 to 275 lb (20 d)



# Growing Boar Lysine Requirement





## Ongoing Studies

Phosphorus during gestation: Univ. Wisconsin/DSM/PIC

Sow transition diet: CF/KSU/PIC

Lys x energy during lactation: CVS/Ajinomoto/PIC

Vitamins during wean-to-finish: DSM/PIC/CVS

Ca:Phos with and without phytase for finishing pigs: KSU/PIC/DSM

## Summary

### 2016: Sow feeding and amino acids for wean to finishing pigs

- Stopped bump feeding sows: **Focus** on body condition management
- Updated SID Lysine and Tryptophan
- Tools: Biological and economic SID Lysine, TRP Economic

### 2017: Energy dose response

- Tool and validation;

### 2018: Sow feeding and wean to finishing pigs;

- Stopped bump feeding gilts: **MORE focus** on body condition management
- Updated Phos requirement
- Updated SID Lys for Intact male



# Thank You

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# Lysine Economic Tool

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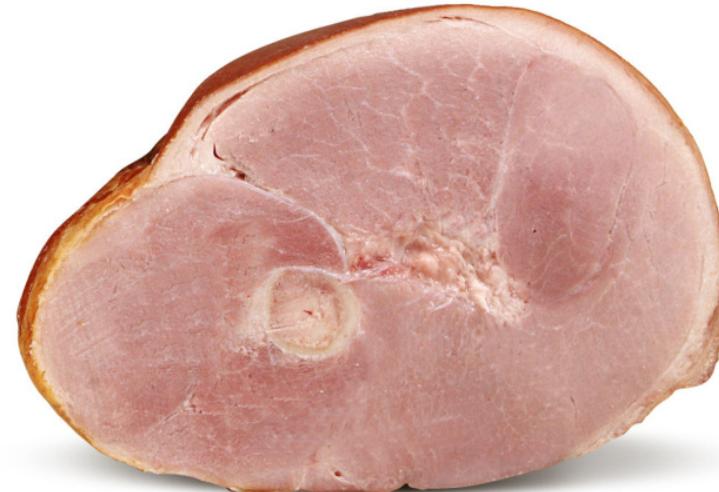


# Lysine requirement meta-analysis

- ✓ Lysine is the first limiting AA
  - ✓ The amount of Lysine to **make 1 kg of body weight gain** is virtually the same over the years

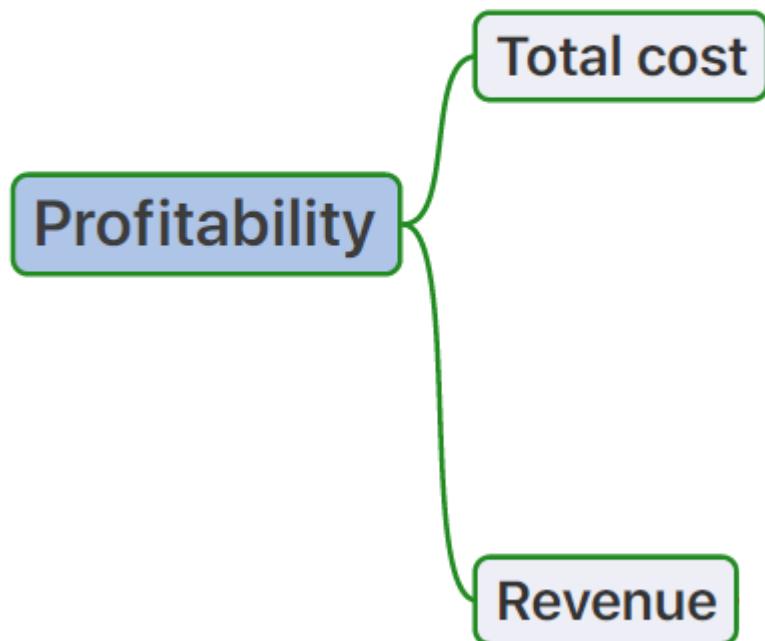
**Improved** weight gain

**Improved** feed efficiency

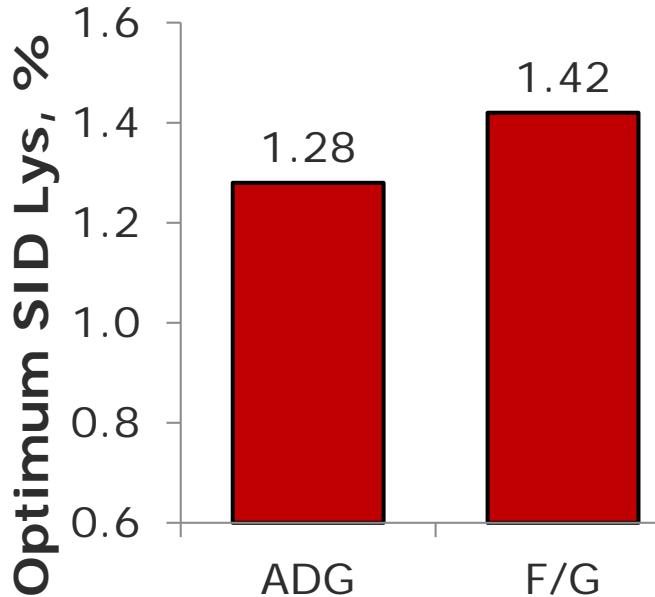


Overtime there is a need to concentrate the diets

# Maximizing Profit



# Multiple approaches for diet formulation



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Maximize  
performance

# More than biological requirement...



## Lysine requirement for PIC pigs

Energy level, NRC ME kcal/kg

3300	3300	3300	3300	3300	3300
23	40	60	80	105	105
40	60	80	105	123	123

Weight In, kg

Weight Out, kg

Lys:Cal ME

Barrows

3.48	2.99	2.57	2.25	2.09	2.09
3.67	3.10	2.65	2.35	2.26	2.26
4.36	3.79	3.30	2.91	2.69	2.69

Gilts

Boars

Lys % (ME equation)

Barrows

1.15	0.99	0.85	0.74	0.69	0.69
1.21	1.02	0.88	0.78	0.74	0.74
1.44	1.25	1.09	0.96	0.89	0.89

Gilts

Boars



Instructions

Lbs - ME

Lbs - NE

Metric - ME

Metric - NE



...maximizing profit!

# 2017 it is worth up to ~\$2/pig being at the new PIC lysine specs



Input (please fill beige cells)

Gender  
Live pig price, \$/cwt  
Feeder pig cost, \$/pig  
Facility cost, \$/pig/day  
Other costs, \$/pig

Barrows and gilts
\$55.00
\$50.00
\$0.12
\$14.00

**USA June 2017:  
-\$0.08 up to 1.94/pig**

			Biological requirement		Current diets	
BW, lb	Energy, kcal NE/lb		SID Lys, %	\$/ton	SID Lys, %	\$/ton
50	90	1,125	1.19	\$224	1.10	\$214
90	130	1,125	1.02	\$206	0.93	\$204
130	180	1,125	0.87	\$189	0.78	\$180
180	230	1,125	0.77	\$179	0.68	\$170
230	285	1,125	0.73	\$175	0.64	\$166
Output						
% of maximum ADG			100.0%		96.6%	
% of maximum feed efficiency			98.7%		95.8%	
Net profit difference, \$/pig						
Fixed time (space short)			+ 1.94		- 1.94	
Fixed weight (space long)			- 0.08		+ 0.08	

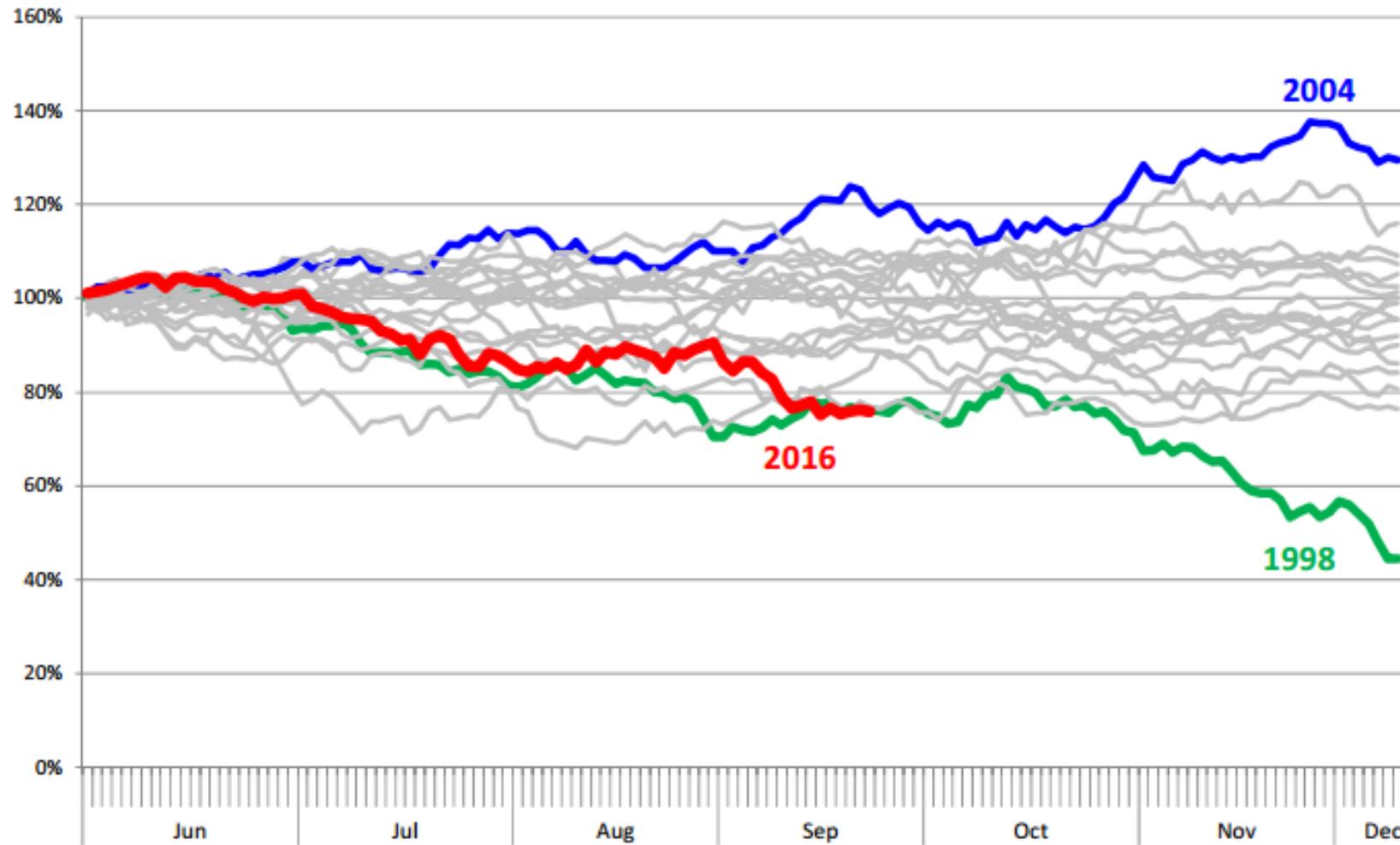


\$55/cwt live, corn \$3.34/bu, SBM \$303/ton  
L-Lysine-HCl \$0.73.

# Futures closing prices

**Performance of the December Lean Hog Futures Contract. June 1 Close = 100%**

Futures Closing Prices (Jun - Dec) for the period 1998 - 2016



# December 2016 was worse scenario for new PIC lysine specs



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Live pig price, \$/cwt  
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Barrows and gilts
\$50.00
\$50.00
\$0.12
\$14.00

**USA Dec 2016:  
-\$0.38 to -0.23/pig**



Biological requirement			Current diets	
BW, lb	Energy, kcal NE/lb	SID Lys, %	\$/ton	SID Lys, %
50	90	1.19	\$229	1.10
90	130	1.02	\$211	0.93
130	180	0.87	\$196	0.78
180	230	0.77	\$185	0.68
230	285	0.73	\$182	0.64

Output		
% of maximum ADG	100.0%	96.6%
% of maximum feed efficiency	98.7%	95.8%



\$35/cwt live, Corn \$3.00/bu, SBM \$300/ton,  
DDGS 100% corn price, L-Lysine-HCl \$0.78. Economics will vary within a country.

# Energy Economic Tool



# Economic model to optimize dietary net energy for maximum profitability in growing-finishing pigs

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# Outline

- Functional aspects of the model:
  - Growth performance prediction equations
  - Carcass yield prediction equations
  - Model optimization (IOTC, \$/pig)
  - Model validation

# Background

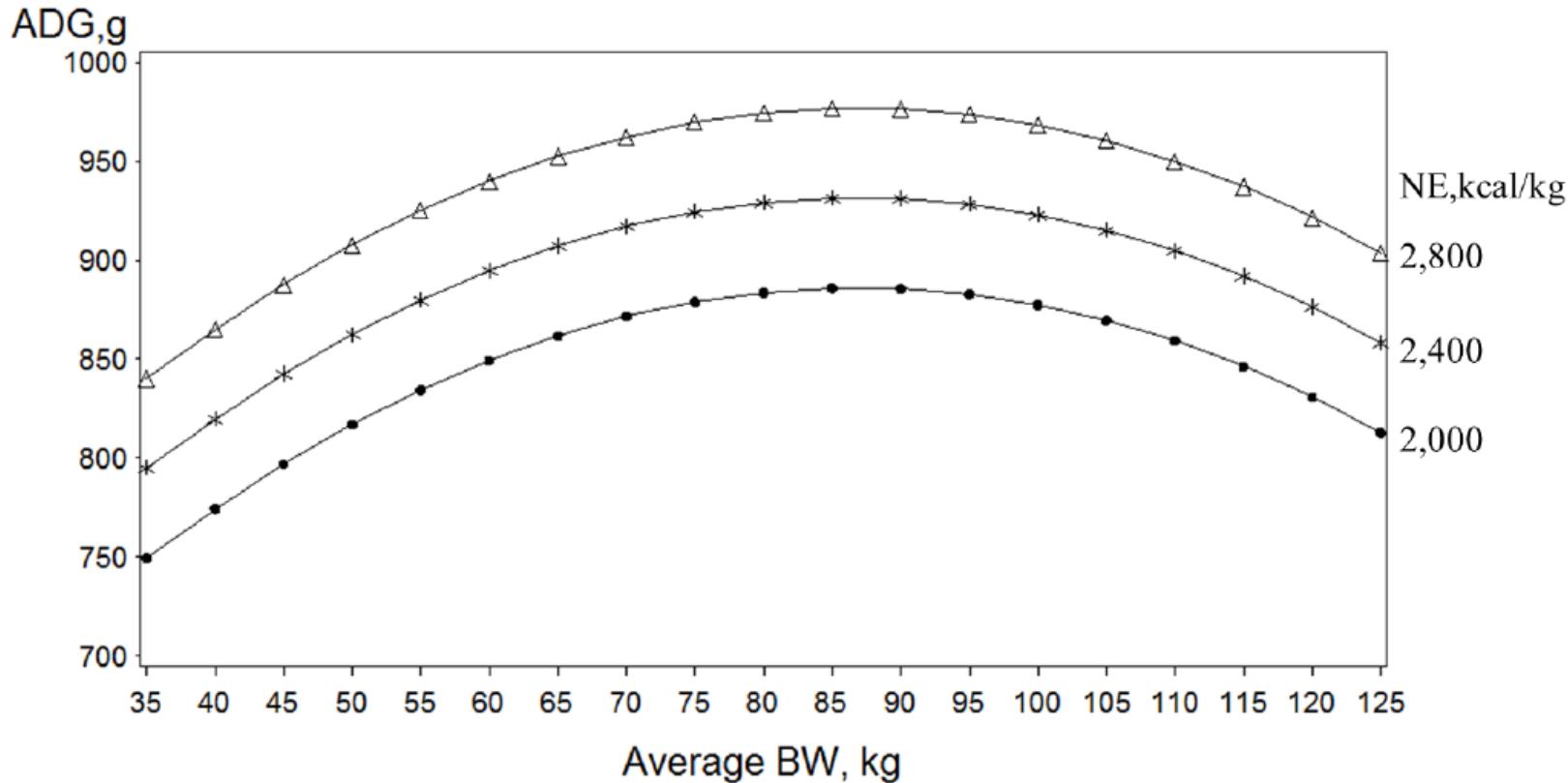
- Feed accounts for up to 75% of pork production cost, with energy alone representing 50% or more of the total cost. Thus, the first and most important step in diet formulation is to set the energy concentration.
- To set the optimal energy level in the diet, we must know how an incremental change in dietary energy affects factors such as: diet cost, growth (ADG, G:F) and carcass traits (yield, lean).
- Even though energy is the most expensive component of the diet, the level used in formulation is often based on history or impact on diet cost rather than an in-depth analysis to determine the most economical level.

# Objective

- To develop a tool to estimate the dietary NE concentration that yields maximum profitability for growing-finishing pigs.



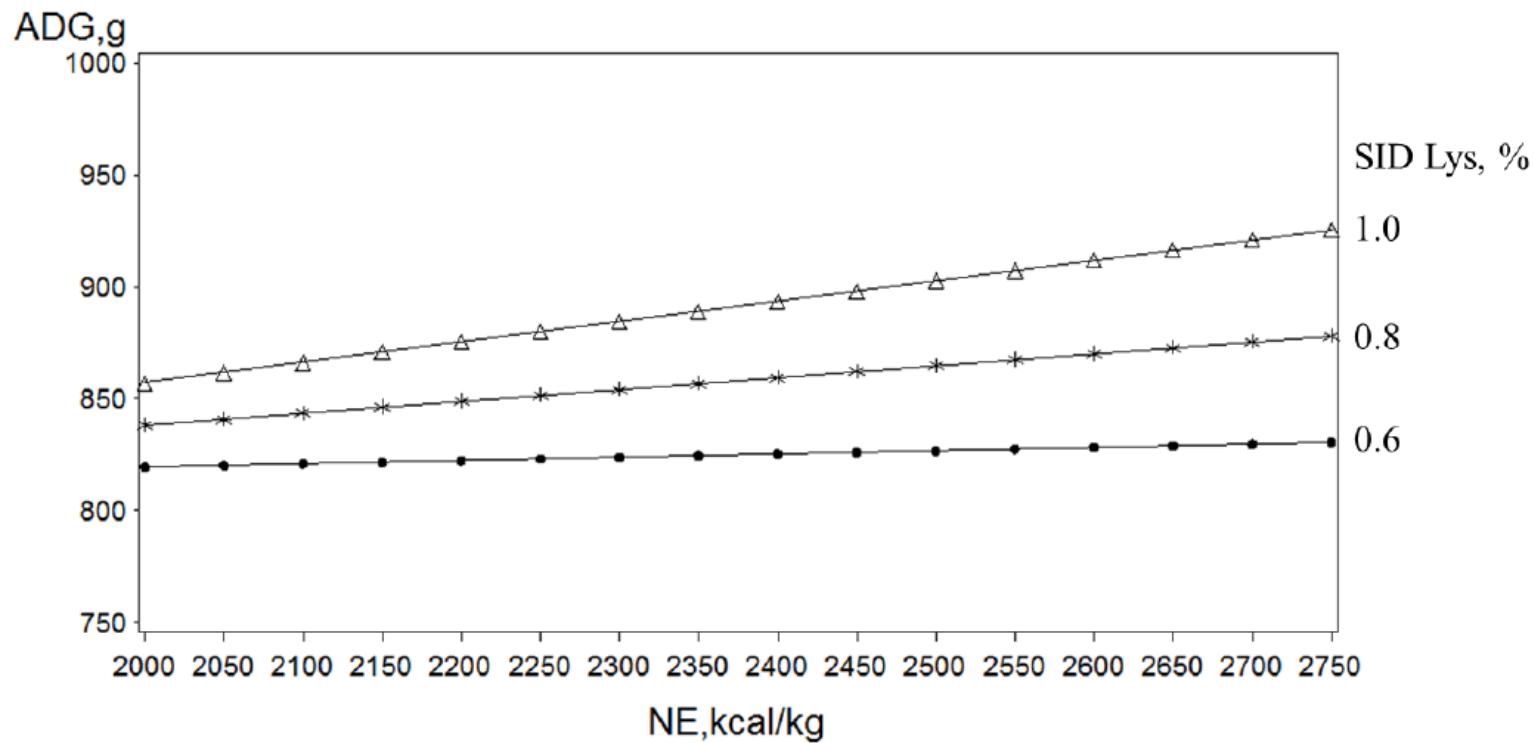
# ADG at various levels of dietary NE



$$\begin{aligned} \text{ADG, g} = & 0.1135 \times \text{NE (kcal/kg)} + 8.8142 \times \text{Avg BW (kg)} - 0.05068 \times \text{Avg BW (kg)} \times \text{Avg BW (kg)} \\ & + 275.99 \end{aligned}$$

Data from 104 observations from 17 trials were used as a database for statistical analysis

# Predicted ADG of pigs increasing NE at various levels of SID Lys (%)



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$$\text{ADG, g} = -0.1004 \times \text{NE (kcal/kg)} + 1.674 \times \text{Avg BW (kg)} - 286.56 \times \text{SID Lys (\%)} + 0.1918 \times \text{NE (kcal/kg)} \times \text{SID Lys (\%)} + 836.6$$

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Data from 285 observations from 41 trials were used as a database for statistical analysis

# Growth performance – Model settings

## Growth curve – user values

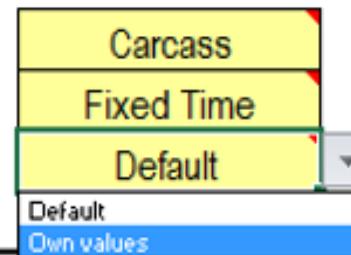
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1	Live price, \$/lb	0.48
2	Carcass price, \$/lb	0.65
3	Feeder pig cost (50 lb), \$/pig	55.00
4	Facility cost, \$/pig/d	0.11
5	Current ADG, lb	2.10
6	Current Feed efficiency	2.70
7	Current carcass yield, %	73.40
8	Other cost <sup>1</sup> , \$/pig	8.00

<sup>1</sup> Veterinary supplies, field service personnel, trucking, etc.

Economic evaluation criteria (Live or Carcass)

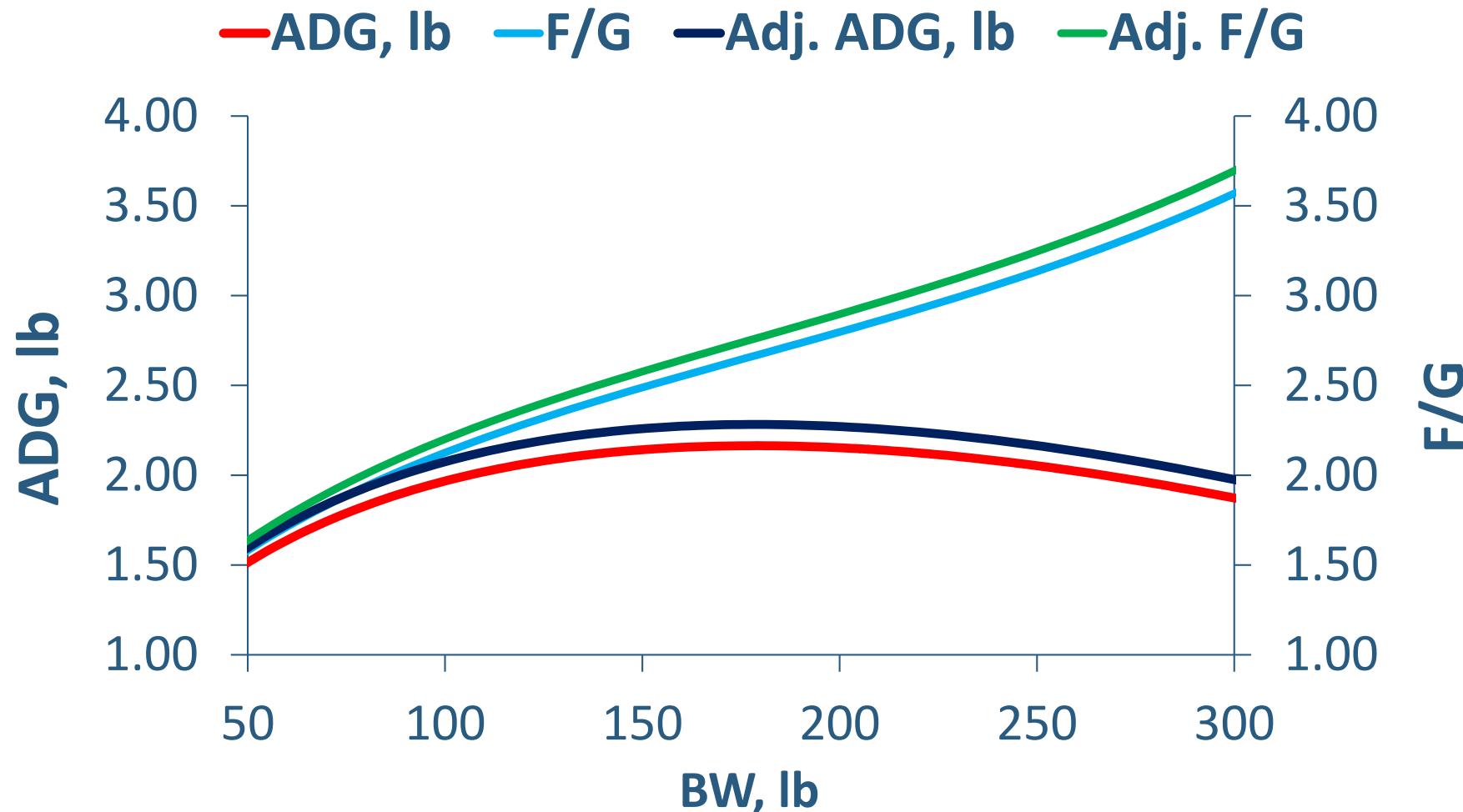
Marketing basis (Fixed weight or fixed time)

Growth curve (enter own values or use default)

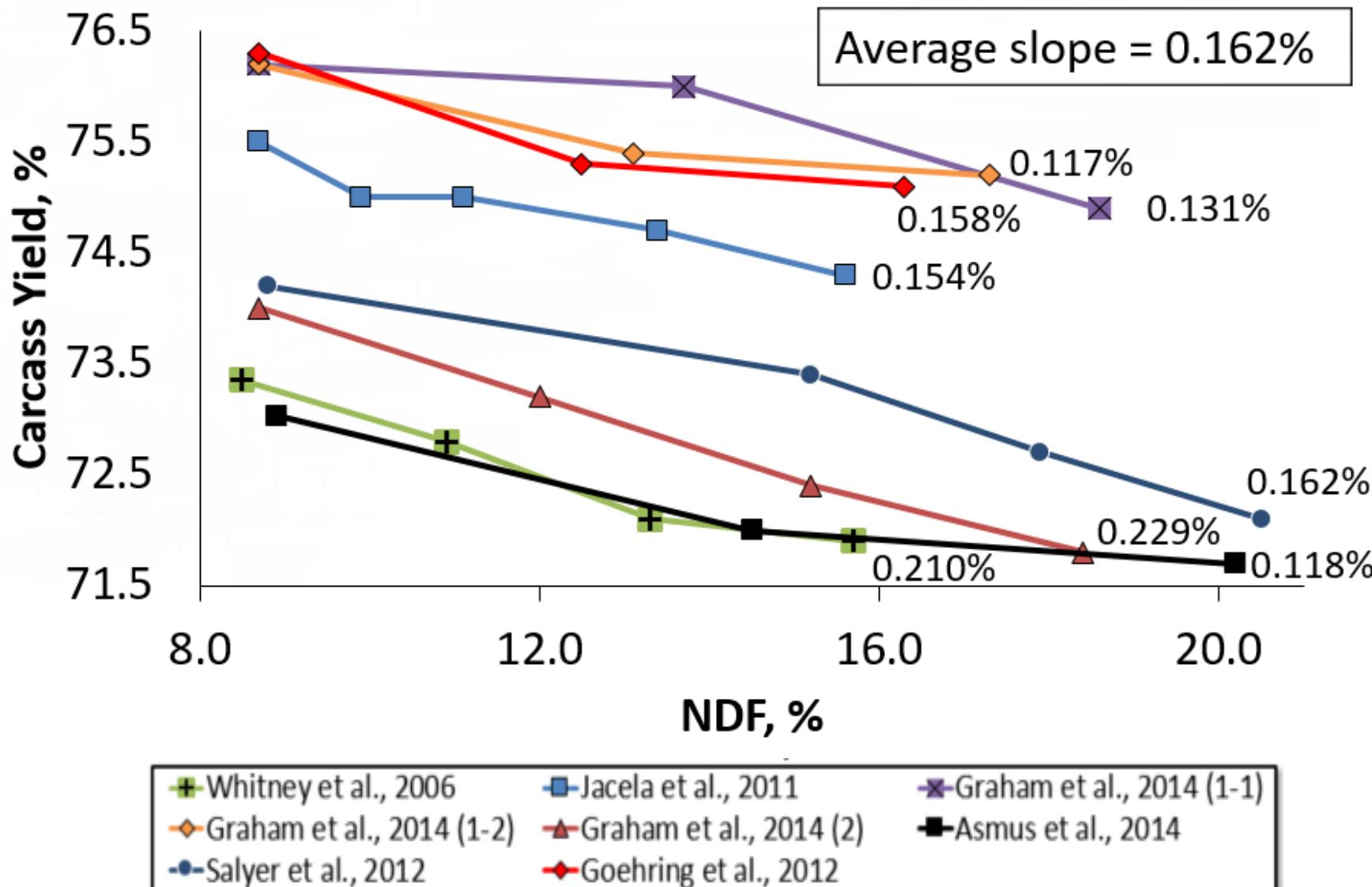


# Growth performance – Model settings

## Growth curve – Default



# Impact of increasing NDF on carcass yield



# Carcass yield prediction equation

## Resulting prediction equation:

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$$\text{Yield, \%} = 0.03492 \times \text{WP (d)} - 0.05092 \times \text{NDF1 (\%)} - 0.06897 \times \text{NDF2 (\%)} - \\ 0.00289 \times (\text{NDF2 (\%)} \times \text{WP (d)}) + 76.0769$$

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<sup>1</sup> Data from 8 trials were used as a database for the statistical analysis to develop the model.

NDF1 (%) = NDF concentration in dietary phase before final dietary phase.

NDF2 (%) = NDF concentration in final dietary phase before marketing.

WP (d) = Withdrawal period.

# Optimization criteria

**Maximize: income over total cost**

**1) IOTC Live, \$/pig =**

(BW gain, lb + Feeder pig BW, lb) × Live price, \$/pig –  
Feed cost and facility cost, \$/pig – Feeder pig cost, \$/pig - Other costs

**2) IOTC Carcass, \$/pig =**

((BW gain, lb + Feeder pig BW, lb) × Yield, %) × Carcass price, \$/pig –  
Feed cost and facility cost, \$/pig – Feeder pig cost, \$/pig - Other costs

# Economic model for optimum NE V2.6

Section 1. Economics and System performance		Section 2. Weight by phase and current dietary energy levels			
		Select number of dietary phases		Range NE (Kcal/lb)	
Phase	Initial weight, lb	Final weight, lb	Current NE, Kcal/lb	Min	Max
1	50.0	75.0	1,104	1,083	1,122
2	75.0	125.0	1,122	1,097	1,137
3	125.0	170.0	1,130	1,110	1,153
4	170.0	210.0	1,145	1,119	1,164
5	210.0	250.0	1,150	1,126	1,170
6	250.0	285.0	1,140	1,117	1,159

<sup>1</sup>Veterinary supplies, field service personnel, trucking

Economic evaluation criteria (Live or Carcass)  Carcass  
 Marketing basis (Fixed weight or fixed time)  Fixed Time  
 Growth curve (enter own values or use default)  Default

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## Section 3. Dietary specifications

Are your diets adequate on SID Lys?

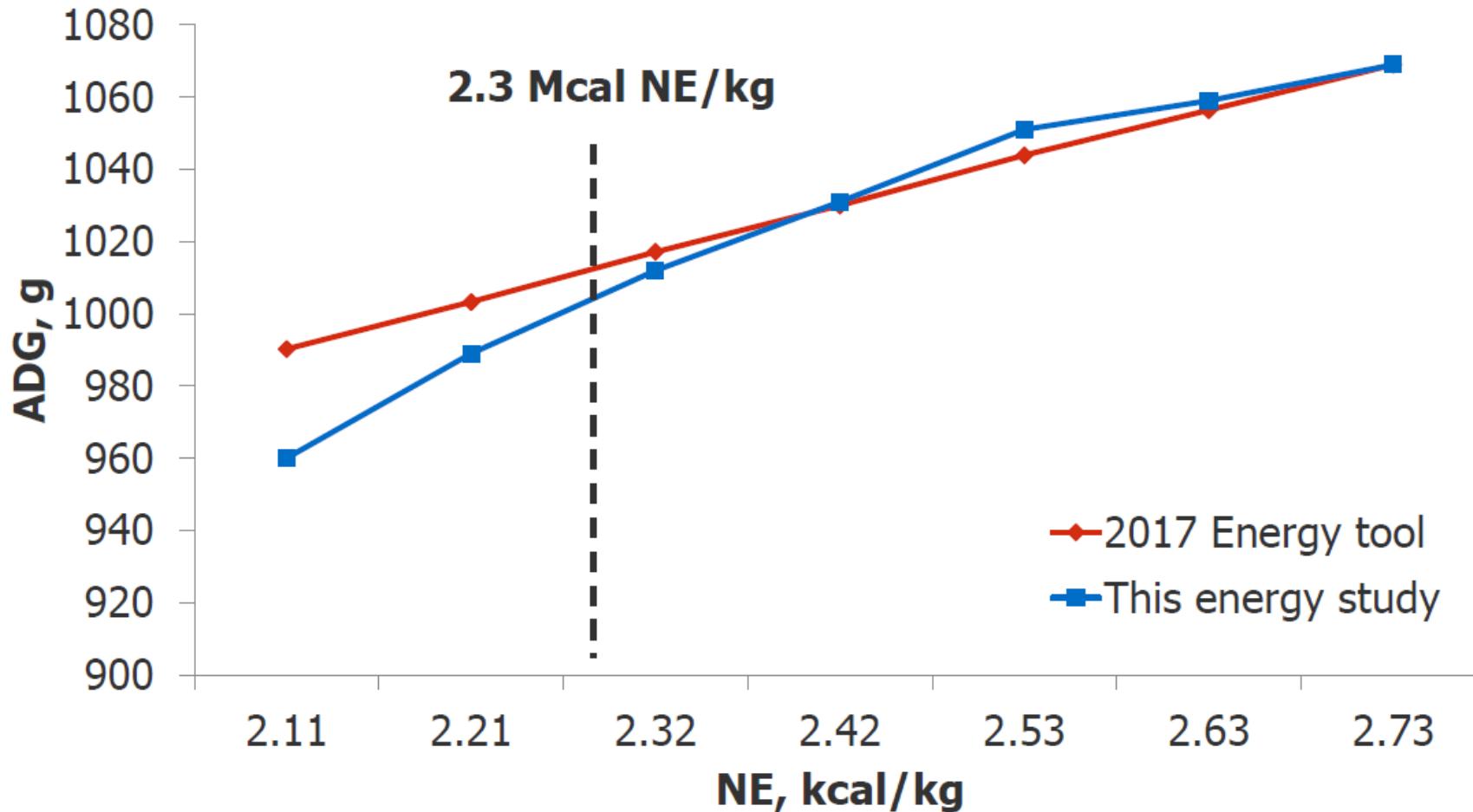
Yes

Dietary Phase	Energy Level	NE, Kcal/lb	Cost, \$/Ton	NDF, %
1	Min	1,083	159.71	---
		1,093	168.08	---
	Current	1,104	177.77	---



## ADG prediction

Above 2.3 Mcal NE/kg (3.06 kcal ME/kg), residual error was 1 gram (- 6 g overall)





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