



**Distinguished Visitor Award - Tasmanian Pork Producers' Herd Recording & Farm Management Systems Seminar/Farm Visits**

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Dr Mariusz Skorupski delivered a presentation on 11 March 2010 at a meeting of the Tasmanian Pork Producers in Launceston. The presentation included the latest herd recording and farm management systems for pig breeding farms. It also covered current trends in pig genetic improvement and the availability and use of the latest management tools and systems for managing pig breeding improvement programs.

The key focus of the presentation was to encourage Tasmanian pork producers to adopt the latest software technology designed specifically to facilitate management of the pig breeding and grower herd records and to monitor the herd performance and diagnose and control production issues.

Following the seminar, Dr Skorupski visited farms of selected Tasmanian pork producers. The latest farm management software tools were demonstrated and installed on the farm computers and producers were trained in their use. A follow up letter with additional information about the farm management and recording systems has been sent to producers who attended the seminar, with the goal to encourage them to implement these tools on their farms in the future.

The adoption of these farm management software tools is likely to enhance breeding and grower herd management, leading to better efficiencies, better control of animal health and feed management, and improved financial gains through better overall management of the farm enterprise.