

R&D Snapshot

Establishing Energy Usage on Australian Piggeries to Enable Implementation of Energy Reduction Strategies

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Purpose:

- Identify and measure the energy usage at a range of piggeries
- Increase the awareness of energy efficiency and resource management to Australian pork producers.

Take home messages:

- Energy usage ranged from 600MJ to 1500MJ/Tonne of live weight produced and represents a significant opportunity to save money
- Heating systems were responsible for 77 per cent of energy usage
- Improving heating, ventilation, cooling, lighting, peak energy levels, investigating alternative energy sources as well as tariff negotiation can reduce energy use
- Five energy fact sheets are available on the APL website.

Additional information:

- Pork Industry Energy Efficiency Scheme (Pork PIEES) to commence shortly
- Final report available soon
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