



PORK BRIEFS

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Sizzling Bacon By: Ken Palen

The pork market in North America is sizzling. Why? In big part due to the belly or stringy bacon market as the British call it. In Britain, back bacon is the chosen breakfast choice and stringy bacon is the lower valued choice. Here is it the other way around with a slice of stringy bacon on just about everything the fast food joints sell. Oh, and guess what. Pulled pork is showing up on the menus all over North America making use of those lower value other pork meats like pork shoulders, etc. Whoever thought lower valued cuts would drive the pig meat market? Maybe the next new menu items like kidney meat pie, pork liver and onions with new names will make use of the organ meats at high values pushing the envelope even further. Pork is a very flexible use protein and easy to handle and cook.



How will hog genetics respond to these demands? Could anybody that cooked a turkey for Thanksgiving find any dark meat on the turkey? Not much! I had to pick through the meat of the turkey just to set aside enough for a couple of dark turkey meat sandwiches. Look at chickens. Again, big breasts with a small amount of dark meat, and breast are all white. Lots of market for the smaller wings and legs to the restaurant pub market. Will the new hog genetics have big, long, deep, belly slabs for bacon? Will they have giant shoulders for pulled pork? Or will the meat industry stay with the status quo and find more new uses for pork meat?

Right now pork producers are focused on productivity. Get more born, get more weaned, keep them alive until market and do it on the best feed efficiency that is possible. This is probably the best safe zone to be in right now in this market. There is a lot of room to improve here and time to get some good records of this performance. That way if the big belly pig comes along you will be prepared to compare, plus it makes

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We use the milk replacer with the piglets that fall back on the sows. With the larger litters we see, it is important to have this option available and we find that these runt piglets can usually be weaned at the same time as the rest of the litter.

Brian McNichol
Blyth, Ontario

If you would like to try firstSTART[®]P with your pigs, contact your Kenpal Sales Representative.

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good money now to sell more productivity. Let's look at a few ranges we see in production.

Productivity Ranges

Sow Performance	
Farrowing Rate %	75 - 90
Born Alive (pigs)	10 - 15
Weaned/Sow/Year	20 - 35
Nursery Performance	
Average Daily Gain (grams)	300 - 550
Mortality (%)	1 - 10
Feed Efficiency (kg feed / kg gain)	1.40 - 2.00
Grower-Finisher Performance	
Average Daily Gain (grams)	600 - 1,200
Mortality (%)	1 - 7
Feed Efficiency (kg feed / kg gain)	2.30 - 3.20

Getting back to the basics and systematically following procedures can standardize productivity to near the highest levels in most barns. Even ordinary Ontario pigs can achieve high productivity with good hygiene, environments, health, feed, and genetics.

No one knows what the future brings, but what an exciting pork market we have developing currently!

Thank you.

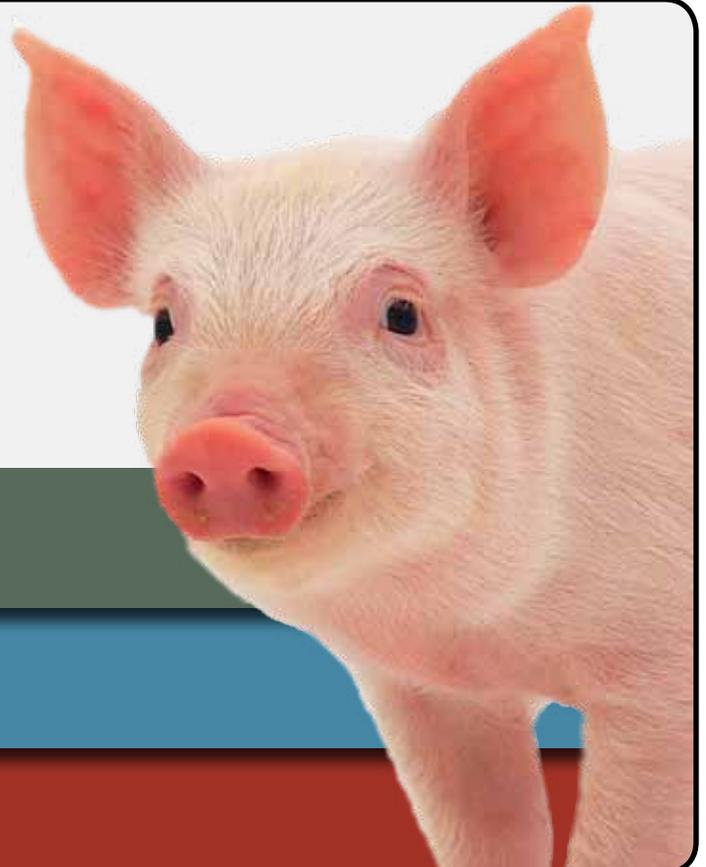
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