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QPCG Industry Day showcases innovation and collaboration

INFORMATIVE, excellent, relevant, practical, fantastic – these were only some of the audience poll responses used to describe the recent Queensland Pig Consultancy Group Industry Day held in Dalby on Wednesday November 5.

This year's event drew 140 attendees from across all sectors of the pork industry, demonstrating strong engagement and collaboration within the sector.

With 32 years of history and about 70 members from the public, private and commercial sectors, the QPCG plays a key role in sharing new knowledge and technologies across the Queensland pig industry and beyond.

The theme, 'Where do we invest for the future?', set the tone for a day rich in insight, innovation and inspiration.

Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with 64 percent of participants reporting the day will influence their planning for the next 12 months, and another 32 percent saying it may.

A live audience poll confirmed that labour availability and feed price remain the top challenges facing producers.

Dr Robert van Barnveld opened the meeting with a forward-looking overview of the opportunities and challenges facing the Australian and

APL was also proud to deliver our 2025-30 Strategic Plan, which will guide the continued growth of Australian pork for the next five years.

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Shane Nicolson and Bruce Lockwood from Alltech Lienert pictured with Luke Reed from Reed Agriculture.

Aussie pork gearing up for a cracking Christmas

THIS year has been more of a marathon than a sprint.

In 2025, we faced a number of challenges – due to both geopolitical factors and challenges within our industry.

But we've also seen some incredible progress made over the past 12 months that is worth celebrating as we head into the festive season.

A key highlight for the industry in 2025 was securing endorsement to develop Australia's first ever national standards and guidelines for pig welfare, which Australian Pork Limited is proud to lead on behalf of the industry over the next few years.

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to mind and easier to buy.

Overall volume sales in the latest quarter grew 3.3 percent in volume and 8.2 percent in value.

Pork mince was the main driver of total fresh pork growth and continues to perform strongly, with volume up 15 percent over the quarter compared to last year.

Pork mince is also the fastest growing mince and has been the fastest growing pork cut over the quarter.

Stir fry and diced pork sales have also contributed to growth, showing our marketing efforts are driving positive momentum for pork.

Pork has continued to perform throughout the year and is enjoyed by 76 percent of households annually, a significant 12 percentage points more than lamb.

These figures put us in a strong position as we head into an important season for the industry.

With Christmas around the corner, APL's marketing



to achieve the best crackling on their Christmas pork.

APL has also partnered with TV talent Warren Mendes to help spread the crackling Christmas cheer, which will be further amplified on our website and social media channels – keep your eyes peeled.

Key retail partnerships with fast-moving consumer goods brands will also run alongside our Christmas campaign activity.

Pork will have presence in stores and in magazines across the major retailers, as well as at local butchers.

Last year's Christmas *Por Que* campaign was a great success in making pork and crackling synonymous with Christmas.

Throughout this Christmas season and into 2026, APL's marketing team will continue to evolve the 'Get some pork on your fork' campaign so Australian pork becomes synonymous with not only festive feasts but quick and convenient midweek dinners.

On behalf of the entire APL Board and team, I would like to thank the whole industry for your support and hard work this year and wish you all a safe and happy festive season, however you choose to celebrate.



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2026

JAN 28-30 – XXVIII Jornadas de Porcino de la UAB y la AVPC – Barcelona, Spain. <https://webs.uab.cat/porcino/>

FEB 3-4 – Journées de la Recherche Porcine – Saint-Malo, France. <https://www.journees-recherche-porcine.com/accueil>

MAR 2-4 – Animal Health, Nutrition and Technology Innovation 2026 – London, United Kingdom. <https://ahnti-eu.com/events/ahnti-eu>

JUN 2-4 – VIV Europe 2026 – Utrecht, The Netherlands. <https://www.viveurope.nl>

JUN 16-19 – IPVS 2026 – Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam. <https://ipvs2026.vn/>

SEP 22-24 – Expomeat 2026 – Sao Paulo, Brazil. <https://www.expomeat.com.br/>

OCT 6-8 – International PRRS Symposium 2026 – Spain.

OCT 21-23 – Pork Expo Mexico – Aguascalientes, Mexico. <http://pork-expo.org/>

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Paul Maguire from Mag Farming and Stuart Neuendorf from Neuendorf Farming.



David Cadogan from FeedWorks, Joshua Timmer from Scolexia and Ian and Monique Hill from Bailey Creek Pork.

QPCG Industry Day showcases innovation and collaboration

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global pork industries.

He emphasised that the sector can remain strong by focusing on what it can control, maintaining robust biosecurity, strengthening its evidence base and welfare credentials and staying aligned with customer expectations.

He also highlighted the industry-led standards and guidelines, and encouraged greater use of domestic genetics, ingredients and waste streams to boost productivity, efficiency and sustainability.

Technology and labour flowed through the morning presentations.

Matthew Rooda from US-based SwineTech followed, exploring how technology can help address labour shortages.

He introduced Pig-Flow, a workforce and swine management platform improving efficiency, communication and animal care, particularly relevant as US farms now operate with about 20 percent fewer staff.

Doug Pearson from Feedworks showcased Insylo, an innovative system that uses three-dimensional sensors to monitor feed levels in silos, providing real-time data on stock, temperature and humidity to streamline feed management.

Drawing lessons from another livestock sector, Mark Dunlop from the Department of Primary Industries Queensland shared insights from the poultry industry.

He emphasised the importance of managing relative humidity, maintaining airtight and well-insulated sheds, increasing air movement and air-

speed and ensuring fans operate efficiently and are selected for energy performance.

Continuing the focus on innovation, Viggo Poulsen from Big Dutchman explored the latest ventilation and cooling options.

He compared evaporative cooling, air-conditioning and indirect cooling systems, highlighting key differences in performance and practicality.

The afternoon turned to practical on-farm strategies.

Sara Willis from DPIQ outlined the Voluntary Enhanced Biosecurity Standards, a framework developed by industry and government to limit disease spread and support movement applications for pigs and semen during an outbreak.

She emphasised that VEBS is critical for protecting animal welfare, maintaining business continuity and safeguarding supply chain resilience.

Laurie Brosnan then shared BettaPork's experience in the national VEBS Facilitator Pilot Project, explaining how he is preparing his complex site to achieve VEBS accreditation.

Klaus Seiler shared how Cefn is strengthening its workforce by focusing on attracting, training and retaining skilled staff.

He outlined the business' structured approach, beginning with developing existing team members and continuing through recruitment, interviews, induction and scheduled training.

Klaus emphasised the importance of intentionally developing future leaders within the business.

Recipient of the inaugural John Riley Me-

morial Travel Award, Jeroen Beijens from Bellgrove Pork shared key learnings and emerging technologies from Europe with relevance to Australian producers.

His interest in improving feeding management and nutrition for sows and piglets was a key focus of the trip.

Jeroen outlined insights gained from visiting a diverse range of operations, from private farms to large company enterprises, as well as from attending EuroTier.

Kia-Ora Piggery's environmental strategy was highlighted by Caleb Smith, who outlined initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

He outlined initiatives to improve pig performance, increase the use of human food byproducts and reduce emissions through methane destruction via flaring and an internal combustion engine.

He also detailed efforts to cut electricity use from the grid by investing in solar panels and biogas generation.

Dr Joshua Timmer from Scolexia explored how producers can leverage technology to address the challenges they can influence.

He introduced several promising tools including OptiScan (three-dimensional pig weighing), the Iris feeding system for targeted nutrition and silo-scaled technologies for precise feed monitoring.

The day closed with an update from Australian Pork Limited on the latest research, innovation and extension activities, delivered by Dr Mandy Bowling.

Her presentation covered work on gestational diabetes, brachyspira status, the Japanese encephalitis virus vaccine, the Agriculture Innovation Australia carbon calculator and the tail-biting risk tool.

The QPCG Industry Day was made possible through the generous support of valued industry partners, including the Department of Primary

Industries, Australian Pork Limited, DHA Rural Sales, Lallemand Animal Nutrition, Elanco, dsm-firmenich, Alltech Lienert, Zoetis, Scolexia, Vet and Stock Consulting, BEC, Feedworks, SunPork, EW Nutrition, Jefe, Big Dutchman, Boehringer Ingelheim, Apiam and Kewpie.

Sara Willis
QPCG Chair



Forbes Corby from Apiam Animal Health with Matthew Rooda from SwineTech and Caleb Smith from Kia-Ora Piggery.



Mandy Bowling and Ashlee Adams from APL pictured with Jeroen Beijens from Bellgrove Pork.



The SunPork Group – Kenton Shaw, Robert and Marnie van Barneveld, Sam Boland, Geoff Pollock and Marcela Sampaio.

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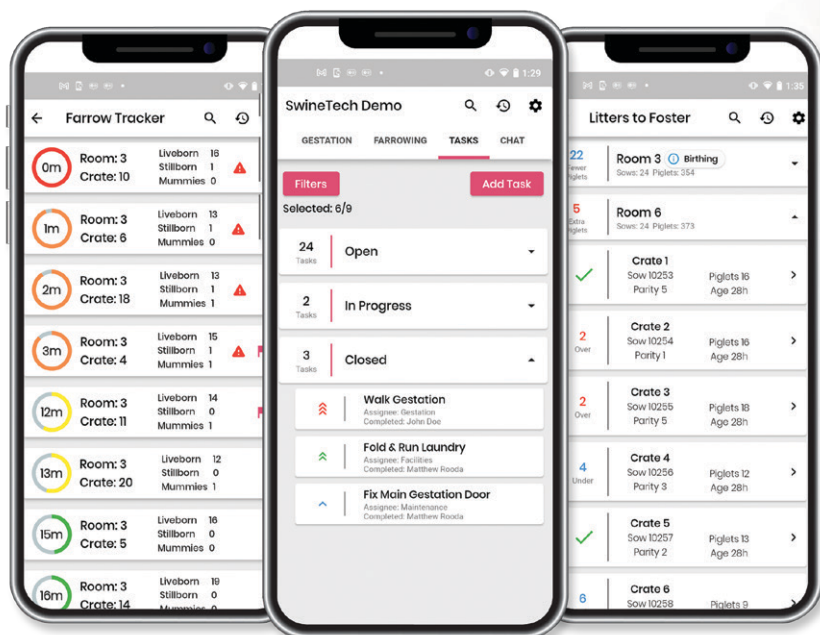


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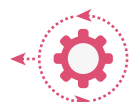
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Feral pigs can pose biosecurity challenges for feedlot cattle

ON November 4, 2025, the announcement of a further two years of funding to support the national coordination of feral pigs by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Julie Collins was exciting and very welcomed.

This funding will enable our work to implement the National Feral Pig Action Plan 2021-2031 – in partnership with governments, affected agricultural industries,



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by **HEATHER CHANNON**
National Feral Pig
Management Coordinator



conservation management organisations, Indigenous ranger groups and private land managers – to continue.

As noted by Minister Collins, coordinated action is essential to effectively manage feral animals to drive down costs they cause to our agricultural industries and to the environment.

Improving our knowledge of feral pig ecology and movement in the landscape – and how this varies seasonally – is essential to mitigate disease transmission and spillover risks posed by feral pigs to the livestock sector.

At the recent 2025 NSW Vertebrate Pest Management Symposium held in Coffs Harbour from October 21-23, research scientist Dr Sebastien

Comte – from the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's Vertebrate Pest Research Unit – discussed key findings from his work tracking feral pig movement using global positioning system collars at a feedlot in northern NSW.

The site was chosen for its high abundance of feral pigs.

The aim of the study was to understand how feral pigs interact with feedlot cattle, feed and associated infrastructure, as well as the potential biosecurity risks that close proximity between feedlot cattle and feral pigs could present.

A total of 17 adult feral pigs, 11 boars and six sows were fitted with GPS collars.

With location information being received

every five minutes from each animal, more than 375,000 location data points have so far been obtained.

Field cameras were installed at the site to capture images of feral pigs and cattle.

These images revealed that feral pigs frequently entered the feedlot, often within minutes of feed being provided, and consumed leftover grain from the same bunk accessed by cattle.

The ease with which feral pigs were able to access food and water intended for livestock was highlighted.

It was also clear that while fencing contained cattle, it did little to prevent feral pig incursions.

Distinct movement patterns and behaviours between boars and sows were observed.

The range of movement by boars was greater, 5-6km compared with sows 4-5km.

Sows tended to visit the feedlot at night – primarily around midnight – spend up to three hours per visit and then move away.

There were also

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Improved biosecurity and feral pig monitoring at feedlots needed. Photos: Andrew Bengsen, NSW DPIRD



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times when they did not use it for a month or two.

In contrast, boars were more active, visiting almost nightly and sometimes remaining for up to five hours.

Males in particular exhibited intense and frequent use of the feedlot, with their core activity areas centred on the site.

It was shown that boars lingered about 500m from the feedlot during the day.

Interestingly, two males were found to travel up to 10km away from the feedlot, move between neighbouring farms, cross rivers and come back to the feedlot – demonstrating their capacity to spread disease across properties, including to the feedlot.

The feedlot acted as a focal point – it attracted feral pigs from different areas in the landscape, facilitating overlap between two groups of sows that would not have otherwise interacted.

These findings highlight the need for improved biosecurity and feral pig monitoring at feedlots, especially with these animals continuing to pose significant threats to livestock health and to wider farm operations.

This work also provides robust information to improve engagement and involvement of the feedlot sector in coordinated feral pig control programs.

This study is to be replicated at another site in northwestern NSW, with another 15-20 GPS collars to be fitted to better predict and manage disease outbreaks.

This information will also be provided to Associate Professor Richard Bradhurst from the Centre of Excellence for Biosecurity Risk Analysis at the University of Melbourne to include it into datasets informing the Australian Animal Disease Spread Model to better predict risks of disease spillover between feral pigs and

commercial livestock.

Targeted active disease surveillance

Further, at the NSW Vertebrate Pest Management Symposium, Dr Andrew Bengsen – also with NSW DPIRD's VPRU – discussed his work to better understand disease transmission risks across NSW.

In his presentation, 'Targeted adaptive surveillance for exotic and emerging pathogens in feral pigs', Dr Bengsen explained how a risk-based spatial framework is being applied to identify sampling sites and sizes across NSW.

This involves combining risk layers of feral pig, cattle, sheep, feral goats, deer and other point hazards with defined risk categories.

The initial risk map divided NSW into 1800 cells and each of these cells was then assigned a search value.

Algorithms were then used to select target cells for sampling – balancing risk and geographic dispersion – to ensure results were consistent and reproducible.

Over 100 sampling operations have been conducted by VPRU's researchers, with 1900 feral pigs sampled at 67 sites.

Key findings to date

Leptospirosis (Leptospira serovar pomona) Across NSW, 49 percent of samples tested have been positive for antibodies, with some locations reaching 100 percent prevalence.

These findings emphasise the importance of all those handling feral pigs to take precautions, as this strain can cause severe illness in humans.

Risks posed to livestock by feral pigs were also demonstrated by this finding.

Infection with *L. pomona* can cause abortion in cows that are more than five months pregnant and high fever, jaundice and urine discolouration in calves.

An effective leptospirosis vaccination program – including an annual booster – com-

bined with management procedures can protect cattle herds from infection.

This information is very valuable to encourage cattle producers to become more active in locally coordinated feral pig management programs.

Brucellosis

A prevalence of brucellosis of 7 percent across NSW suggests that this disease is more widespread than previously thought.

Japanese encephalitis virus

About 30 percent of pigs had been exposed to JEV.

This program has detected new infections before they appeared in humans or livestock, demonstrating how targeted active surveil-

lance can serve as an effective early warning system.

As the agricultural sector continues to grapple with the significant challenges posed by feral pigs, this research offers valuable insights to improve future management strategies and highlights the importance of ongoing collaboration between scientists, industry and landholders.

Wishing you all the very best for a wonderful festive season.

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Feral pig movement tracked using GPS collars at a feedlot in northern NSW. Photo: NSW DPIRD

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Single diet feeding could help pig producers cut costs without sacrificing performance

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WITH feed costs making up more than 60 percent of total expenses, Australian pig producers face growing pressure to improve feed efficiency without compromising on growth rates or carcass quality.

Recent Australasian Pork Research Institute Limited-funded research indicates a single diet feeding strategy could provide a more practical and cost-effective alternative to the traditional multi-phase feeding practice used in commercial grower-feeder systems.

Traditionally, the idea of feeding more than one diet – or ‘phase feeding’ – has been regarded as best practice because it matches diets with specific energy and nutrient re-

quirements of a pig’s particular growth stage.

In contrast, a single diet approach is designed to meet most of the lysine and energy needs throughout the entire growth of the pig.

While nutrient levels in a single diet may fall slightly below recommendations during early growth, they exceed requirements later on.

The theory behind the single diet strategy is that the surplus of energy and lysine in the latter stages enables compensatory growth, and overall growth rates end up being similar to conventional phase feeding programs.

Prior to establishment of APRIL, the Pork-CRC supported a series of projects

testing the idea of single protein diets.

Early trials by Dr Karen Moore in 2008 and 2016 and Tony Edwards in 2011 demonstrated that a single diet could achieve growth rates comparable to traditional feeding programs under controlled conditions, though it remained uncertain whether the same results could be reproduced in commercial systems with varying genetics, production flows and management practices.

Following up on this research, APRIL supported a series of large-scale commercial studies between 2019 and 2020.

The trials – conducted at Westpork, JBS Pork Australia (formerly Rivalea Australia) and SunPork – encompassed over 5000 pigs across three different genetic lines, production styles and environments.

Each site compared standard three or four-phase feeding programs with single diets formulated for specific live weights (that is 50kg, 60kg or 70kg).

Across all three systems, growth performance and carcass quality were similar between single diet and phase feeding systems.

• Westpork found single diets formulated for 60-70kg live weight reduced cost of feed by \$0.08-09 per kilogram, translating to \$6 per pig saved without effects to end carcass weight or backfat

• SunPork observed comparable growth across feeding regimens, with pigs on a single 50kg diet achieving equal performance to phase-fed pigs, a heavier single diet (70kg) resulted in a slight delay (two extra days to reach slaughter weight) but still produced significant feed cost savings

• JBS Australia demonstrated that single diets could deliver equal or better feed conversion ratios depending on the sex and genotype of pigs, Improvac-treated males on single diets achieved higher profitability (up to \$0.73 per pig) than those fed in phase-fed groups.

These findings provide strong evidence that a well-formulated single diet can perform

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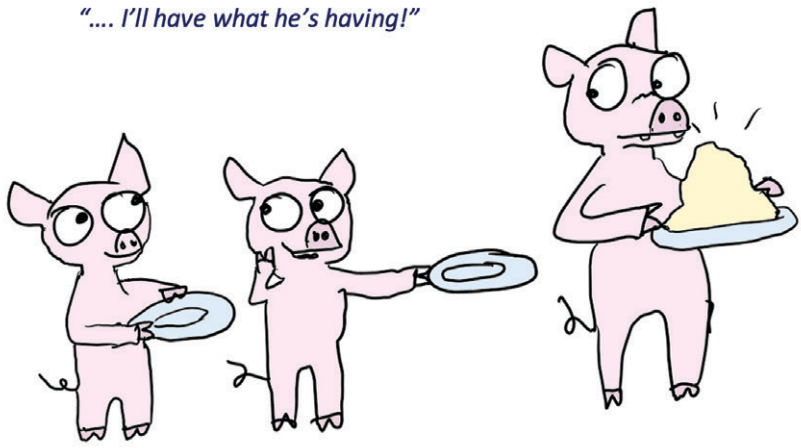
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just as effectively as phase feeding under commercial Australian conditions.

SunPork has already integrated this single diet approach into several of its production systems, including Brinkley, Westbrook and Tong Park, which covers more than 18,000 pigs in total.

SunPork's research team said, "While growth rates are important, farm profitability depends on more than just how fast pigs grow."

"Feed logistics, mill efficiency and economic resilience all play key roles, and that is where the single diet model shows real promise."

For producers, a single diet feeding program that has been properly designed in consultation with a nutritionist has the potential to simplify feed management, improve mill efficiency and deliver tangible savings without sacrificing performance.

In saying this, APRIL cautions that a 'one size fits all' solution does not exist.

Feed ingredients costs, market conditions and genetic lines will all influence whether a single diet approach will deliver desired results and optimal returns.

Still, with Australia's pork sector seeking every opportunity to remain competitive in

a challenging global market, these results offer a valuable path forward.

For more detailed analysis, the final report from each study can be obtained by contacting Dr Charles Rikard-Bell at APRIL on c.rikardbell@april.org.au or downloaded from the APRIL website by scanning the QR code below.

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Twentieth APSA conference a grand success

THE twentieth biennial Australasian Pig Science Association conference was undoubtedly a grand success.

Held in Melbourne recently, 332 delegates enjoyed three jammed-packed days of scientific presentations, networking and opportunities to catch up socially.

APSA prides itself on bringing together the close-knit community of pig scientists and industry personnel, and many delegates commented on how special it was to be part of this.

Eight invited speakers and 73 authors of one-page papers presented their research outcomes and ideas for further thought.

Of these, 23 were students or early career researchers presenting for the first time at an APSA conference.

Thanks to the APSA Committee's student ambassadors Rutu Galea and Paul Bogere, industry-supported students were able to interact with experienced researchers, consultants and producers during the 'Eat with Experts'

lunchtime mentoring session.

This was a fantastic event which will likely become an ongoing feature of the APSA program.

The 2025 APSA annual general meeting saw the incoming committee elected who, under the guidance of president Dr Jess Craig, will no doubt put together another amazing conference in 2027.

APSA is as much about social interaction as it is science, with four social functions for delegates to reacquaint with old friends and make new connections.

The gala dinner, sponsored by Jefe Australia, was the perfect mix of celebration – including for Jefe itself, in its twentieth year of operation in Australia.

Guests were joined by 20 of the 25 APSA fellows, past presidents and Batterham Memorial Award winners, as Professor Paul Hemsworth was made the 2025 APSA Fellow.

Paul's legacy through his membership of the inaugural APSA Committee in 1987 and presidency for 1991 conference, as well as his out-

standing contribution to pig science and welfare research in Australia and around the world, make him a deserving recipient.

The 2025 Batterham Memorial Award, recognising an outstanding early career scientist, was won by Dr Megan Lucas of the University of Melbourne.

Megan is a lecturer in animal welfare and completed her PhD on the influence of early life experiences and housing on pig stress responses and adaptability.

Her ongoing research portfolio includes thermal comfort, farrowing and lactation housing and human-animal interactions.

The final award was the APSA Medal, presented to the best student or early career scientist making their

first presentation at an APSA conference.

The 2025 APSA Medal winner was Rosa Nunez Vela Molina, PhD candidate at the University of Adelaide.

Rosa presented her work on optimisation of a vitrification protocol for in-vitro produced porcine embryos.

Thank you to every presenter, delegate, mentor and partner who attended and helped make the twentieth conference one to remember.

Finally, a huge thank you to principal sponsors Australian Pork Limited and Australasian Pork Research Institute Limited, and the 30 diamond, gold, silver, bronze and supporting sponsors.

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SO concerned and so disgusted with the alarming animal welfare issues a few short months ago at South Australia's Andgar Piggery, a respected colleague and friend of mine took it upon himself to write to Australian Pork Limited, Pork SA and Federal Agriculture Minister Julie Collins, expressing his concerns with how the tragedy came to unfold in the first place and how the industry subsequently acted – or didn't.

I share his disappointment in this instance and have long felt dismay at the way industry bodies, federal and state, behave when it comes to handling – certainly rarely criticising – animal welfare breaches by producers who not only should know better but who have signed up to be better.

One of the obvious problems is inherent with all self-reporting mechanisms and processes.

Without strong independent auditing and, I would argue, necessary prompt public reporting of outcomes (especially poor ones), the few 'baddies' present in every industry will give birth to public distrust and consumer backlash.

This smell then taints the majority of welfare-conscious and diligent producers and ultimately an entire industry suffers economic and supply consequences.

Below is my colleague's September 5 letter to Minister Collins.

Correspondence to Minister Collins

I recently contacted Australian Pork Limited and Pork SA in

their roles as the pork industry advocates regarding the well-documented animal welfare issues at Andgar Piggery here in South Australia.

As yet, I have not received any response, not even an acknowledgement that the email was received.

The systematic failure of industry standards such as APIQ accreditation for production and meat processing standards could have major implications for public health, as well as the future of pork as a source of protein for the nation.

The collapse of the industry here would lead to the need to import fresh pork and the biosecurity implications and subsequent loss of jobs would have a significant impact on the country's economy. The text of the email is below.

To: Australian Pork Limited, Pork SA and relevant industry stakeholders

Subject: Urgent industry response required – Animal cruelty at Andgar Piggery

Dear industry leaders, the recent revelations concerning the conditions at the Andgar Piggery near Dublin, South Australia are deeply disturbing and demand immediate and coordinated action from the pork industry.

Cant Comment by BRENDON CANT



Images and reports published by the Farm Transparency Project and supported by whistleblower testimony detail prolonged and extreme animal suffering – including pigs drowning in wet manure, living in squalor and consuming the remains of deceased littermates.

Despite early warnings, it appears these abuses continued unchecked until activists intervened.

The RSPCA has now confirmed two raids, the euthanasia of 14 pigs and 21 formal animal welfare notices issued, with further legal action pending.

Such a breakdown in animal welfare standards undermines public confidence not only in this facility but across the broader Australian pork sector.

If the industry fails to act transparently and decisively, it risks losing its social license and market trust.

I urge all pork industry bodies to:

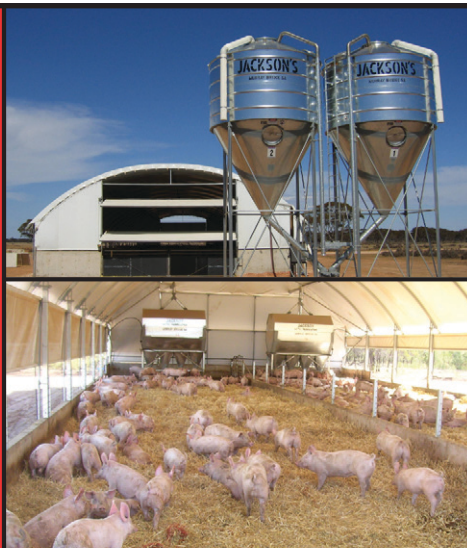
- Publicly condemn the conditions at Andgar Piggery and support prosecution where warranted

- Initiate an independent review of auditing, inspection and enforcement practices within member facilities

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farmers seeking to exit intensive pig production, including investment in sustainable alternatives

• Reinforce mandatory training and compliance requirements for all producers regarding animal welfare.

These events highlight not just a failure of one operator but systemic vulnerabilities in the industry's oversight mechanisms.

Leadership now will help ensure these failures are not repeated.

Response

The Minister's October 8 response is below.

Thank you for your email of September 5, 2025 to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Julie Collins MP concerning pig welfare.

Minister Collins has asked me to thank you for your correspondence and to reply on her behalf.

I acknowledge that the images and reports you refer to are distressing.

The Australian Government takes the welfare of all animals very seriously and understands its importance to the Australian community.

The Australian Government supports strong animal welfare standards and believes all animals should be treated humanely.

Animal welfare regulation is primarily a state and territory responsibility, with each jurisdiction responsible for animal production, welfare laws and their enforcement.

The Commonwealth's role in regulating animal welfare is limited to international trade responsibilities, including animal welfare for livestock exports and at export registered meat processing facilities.

States and territories set and enforce animal welfare standards through administration of legislation for animal welfare or the prevention of animal cruelty, which includes arrangements with enforcement bodies.

As the facility you reference in your correspondence is in South Australia, the issue is a matter for the South Australian Government and RSPCA SA as the enforcement body.

I note that you have contacted Australian Pork Limited and

Pork SA about the matter.

The Australian Government takes a joint leadership approach with states and territories by supporting the development of national animal welfare standards and guidelines for farm animals.

This occurs primarily via the Animal Welfare Task Group, a group of officials from all states and territories and the Commonwealth.

The standards are intended to form the basis of nationally consistent animal welfare regulations for farm animals and be implemented in state and territory legislation.

The development process is designed to be collaborative, evidence-based and considers community attitudes and values.

The development of Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Pigs has been identified on the future workplan of the AWTG.

You may be interested to know that the Australian Government is also working closely with the states and territories to renew the Australian Animal

Welfare Strategy, which has received a funding commitment of \$5 million across 2023-27 from the Australian Government.

A renewed AAWS will provide a framework for a national approach to the welfare of all animals and bring key stakeholders together on animal welfare issues of national significance.

The AAWS will be delivered in 'chapters' across six animal groups and is expected to be finalised in 2027.

Pigs are within scope of the AAWS.

Australia's first National Statement on Animal Welfare, which underpins the renewal of the AAWS, was endorsed in December 2024 by all Australian, state and territory agriculture ministers.

You can find more information at agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/animal-welfare/aaws

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to the Minister's attention.
Leanne Mundy, A/g Assistant Secretary, Animal Welfare and Regulatory Stewardship Branch, DAFF.

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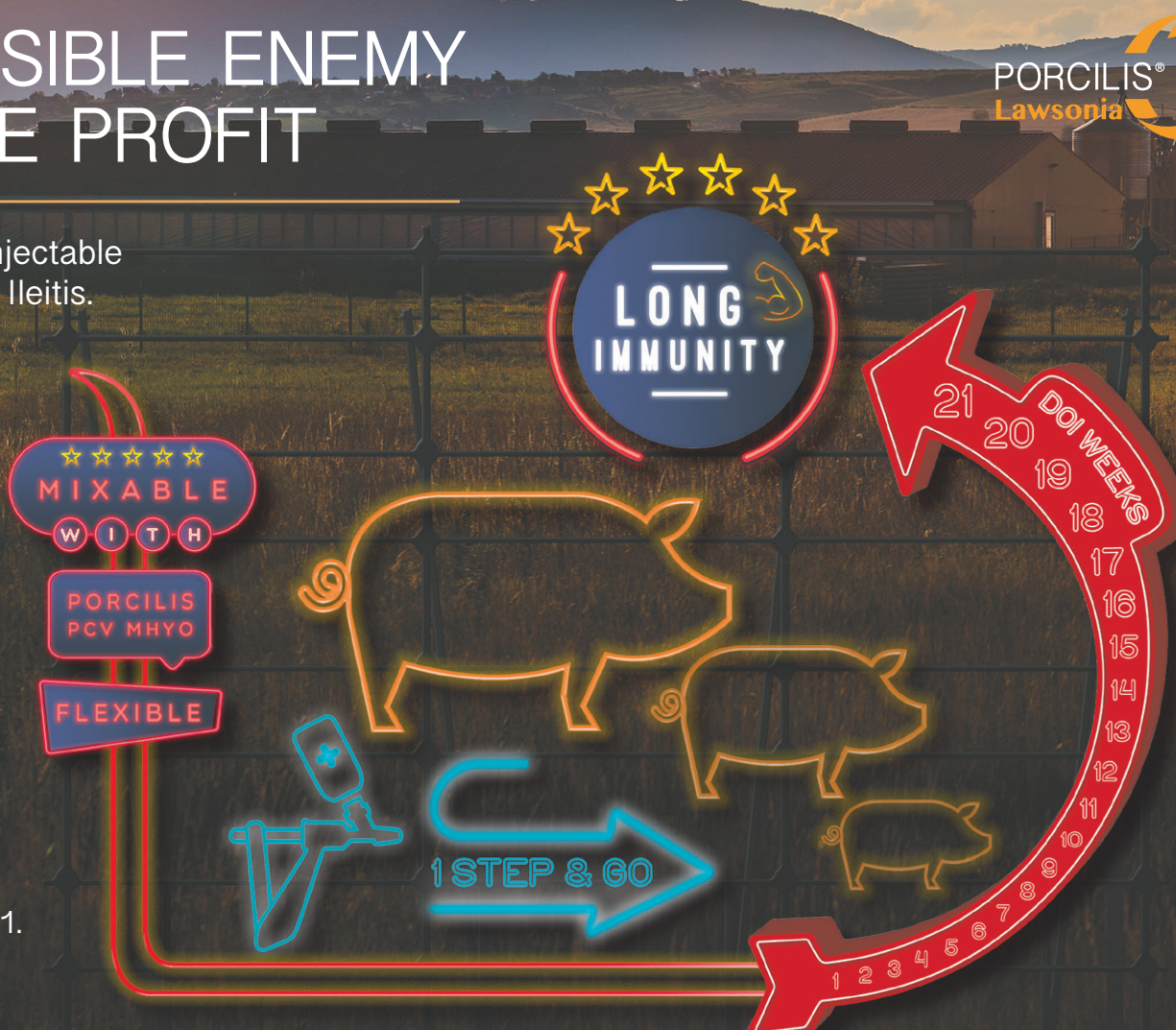
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what's hitting the mark, what could be sharpened and which emerging topics producers want to see front and centre.

APL said real on-farm input was essential to ensuring extension activities stay practical, relevant and genuinely useful.

The survey is open to everyone working in the pork sector, with

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APL is encouraging producers to jump in, have their say and help shape the direction of future extension efforts.

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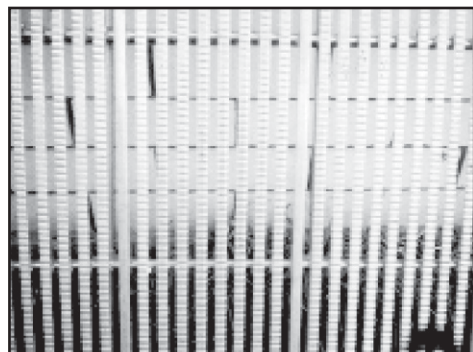
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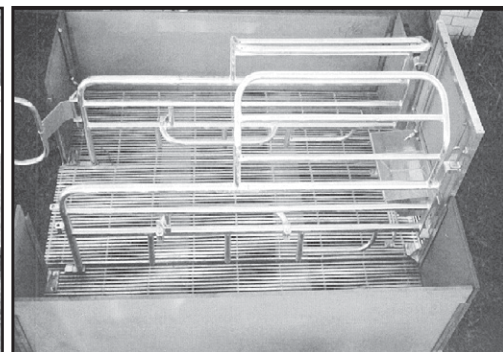
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- Digital visitor biosecurity risk assessment and logging for full visibility
- Peace of mind that their site, livestock and livelihood are protected
- Easy-to-deploy signage tailored to state and industry regulations
- A powerful first line of defence that helps keep threats out.

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JEFO Australia managing director Wayne Bradshaw is proud to announce the appointment of Lawrence Baslote as technical sales representative for monogastrics.

Mr Bradshaw commented that he is honoured to have Lawrence join the Jefo Australia team.

“This is a great appointment for Jefo as this enhances our support for the monogastric sectors in Australia,” Mr Bradshaw said.

“Lawrence is an animal nutritionist and feed additive sales professional who has over a decade of experience specialising in monogastric species.”

Before joining Jefo Australia, Lawrence

worked as a feed additive sales manager, handling key accounts across pig and poultry farms, feed mills and cooperatives.

He later worked as a monogastric researcher and animal nutritionist for the largest broiler integrator in the Philippines, where he led and implemented nutritional strategies that improved livestock performance and optimised feed formulation costs.

Lawrence holds a degree in agricultural biotechnology, specialising in animal biotechnology, from the University of the Philippines Los Baños.

He is deeply passionate about advancing livestock productivity

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