

Pig welfare

The Pig Welfare Advisory Group, which represents a cross-section of organizations involved in pig production in the United Kingdom, has been set up to ensure that the results of research and development work on pig welfare are disseminated to the industry. It has now produced a series of useful practical management guidelines which are based on sound commercial experience. The booklets vary in length from four to sixteen pages but they all contain precise, clearly laid out practical advice. The welfare of pigs can but be improved by the application of the ideas and suggestions included in these publications. Titles include:

- No 1 *Introduction of Sows into Groups* (PB1490); 5pp
- No 2 *Non-Straw or Low Straw Systems for Housing Dry Sows* (PB1491); 4pp
- No 3 *Muck Handling for Sows* (PB1492); 4pp
- No 4 *Cubicle and Free-Access Stalls* (PB1493); 9pp
- No 5 *Yards and Individual Feeders* (PB1494); 8pp
- No 6 *Yards or Kennels with Short Stall Feeders (Trickle Feeding or Wet Feed Systems)* (PB1495); 8pp
- No 7 *Yards or Kennels with Floor Feeding* (PB1496); 13pp
- No 8 *Outdoor Sows* (PB1497); 8pp
- No 9 *Electronic Sow Feeders (ESF)* (PB1498); 16pp

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Food animal well-being

In April 1993 the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Purdue University jointly held a conference and workshop in Indianapolis (Indiana) on farm animal well-being. The proceedings have now been published by Purdue University as a 140 page, A5 sized volume. As the following list of contents shows, contributions were given by many of the leading workers in the field of animal welfare in the United States:

Presented papers

- Animal production and the new social ethic for animals. *Bernard E Rollin*
- Animal well-being research priorities: FAIR '95 and some personal observations. *Joy A Mench*
- Animal well-being: some key philosophical, ethical, political, and public issues affecting food animal agriculture. *Andrew N Rowan*
- Assessing animal well-being: common sense, uncommon science. *David Fraser*
- Variations in US animal production systems: current trends and their impacts on animal well-being and the economics of production. *Stanley E Curtis*
- The international (European) perspective on the impacts of the animal welfare movement on food animal production systems. *Gerhard Baumgartner*
- Animal welfare – politics or facts? *James R Moseley*
- Opportunities for science and technology to improve production systems to assure animal well-being and economic viability. *Paul B Siegel*
- Future impact of new science and emerging technologies on animal well-being. *W R Gomes*