

NSIF CENTRAL TEST STATION COMMITTEE REPORT

December 6-7, 1976

Holiday Inn West

St. Louis, MO

Committee members present:

B. Casey	- IA (Chairman)	E. Hubly	- MN
C. Hirschinger	- WI (Secretary)	K. Leavitt	- MO
G. Benedict	- IN	R. Mandigo	- NE
W. Brown	- SC	L. Norris	- IA
L. Christian	- IA	J. Pontiff	- LA
K. Durrance	- FL	G. Sherritt	- PA
K. Drewry	- IN	W. Yake	- IN
M. Hogberg	- MI	D. Gerdes	- NE

The following motions were made and approved by the committee:

1. Discussion ensued regarding a need for some measure of sow reproductivity and performance information in addition to central test station data. A motion by Ken Drewry and seconded by Lauren Christian that this committee go on record suggesting that 21-day litter weights be taken. Motion carried.
2. In further action, Ken Durrance moved and the motion seconded by Grant Sherritt that this committee recommend that breed associations develop a P.R. litter program. Motion carried.
3. The committee generally agreed that ratios are an improvement over independent culling levels. Ratios should be reported in central test station information and the individual pig compared to its contemporaries. Also, contemporary group determination should be reported in the catalog. This provides necessary information as to whether group determination was made by starting weight and starting date or final weight and final date.
4. Two changes were recommended in the published guidelines. The changes occur on Page 17. Statement number 1 should read: "Independent culling levels will not be used for D.G., B.F., F/G in determining animals accepting in the sale." Statement number 2 should read: "Only boars with an index of 80 or higher will be offered for sale. This will result in approximately 20 percent of all boars being culled."

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5. The committee has suggested that two publications be developed to supplement the "Guidelines." Publication number 1 would be a private or working leaflet for distribution to station managers, specialists, etc., providing examples of mathematics used in computing indexes and procedures recommended for central testing. Publication number 2 would be a central swine test leaflet for general distribution.
6. The Central Swine Test Committee accepted the suggestions listed under the reproduction section on Page 24 for off-test management of young boars.

Submitted by,

- B. Casey, Chairman
- C. Hirschinger, Secretary

Two changes were recommended in the published guidelines. The changes occur on page IX. Statement number 1 should read: "Independent culling levels will not be used for D.R. 8.1. For in determining animals according to the sale." Statement number 2 should read: "Only boars with an index of 80 or higher will be offered for sale. This will result in approximately 20 percent of all boars being culled."