

NSIF ON-THE-FARM TESTING COMMITTEE REPORT

December 6-7, 1976

Holiday Inn West

St. Louis, MO

Committee members present:

L. Heidebrecht - IL (Chairman)	L. Olson - MN
C. Christians - MN (Secretary)	E. Peace - MT
W. Ahlschwede - NE	J. Phillips - MN
R. Compart - MN	T. Socha - NE
G. Gibson - ID	M. Williams - ID
F. Haley - GA	S. Miller - IL
D. Hazelett - IN	R. Nelson - IA
S. Kerns - IA	V. Weise - IA
R. Nash - IN	

The following motions were made and approved by the committee:

1. Since the testing procedure outlines the minimum criteria required for breeder participation, the paragraph entitled "participation" should be deleted.
2. Sow productivity record (Page 19) should be listed as an optional part of the program. Since the Reproduction Committee has a subcommittee dealing with sow productivity, a joint committee should outline and standardize this segment of the on-the-farm testing program.
3. A concern was voiced as to the recommended use of age to 230 lbs. (Page 20) rather than 220 lbs. A motion was defeated to reinstate the age at 220 lbs.
4. When publishing post-weaning data, an actual beginning and ending test weight should be reported (addition to Section 4 on Page 20).
5. Re-evaluate adjustment factors for gain (Page 20) and backfat (Page 21) for boars and gilts. Develop separate adjustment factors for sex and trait. Recommendation by the On-The-Farm and Central Test Committees (Page 10) have different adjustment factors.
6. Re-evaluate loin eye area adjustment factors (Page 21) as stated under optional body composition records section.

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- 7. When testing data is reported, a specific description of testing facilities should be described, such as concrete, slots, dirt lots, etc.

Various symposium topics were discussed. Those of key concern were:

- (1) Sow reproductive performance and evaluation.
- (2) Adjustment factors relating to growth, reproduction traits, and carcass composition.

Submitted by,

Larry J. Heidebrecht, Chairman
 Charles J. Christians, Secretary

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